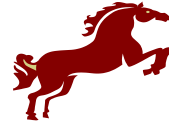


Mustang Monitor



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Principal's Perspective

It looks like the cooler fall and early winter weather is here to stay. Please continue sending your children with appropriate clothing to school. By now, we are well into our second nine-weeks of school and first report cards have gone home. Even though parent-teacher conferences were held in September, always feel free to set up a conference time with your child's teacher if you feel the need to discuss anything.

We hope that all of you are receiving our weekly Monday eNews sent by Mrs. Sharber in the office. You will also start noticing e-mails coming from the new Scales PTO Manager program. We hope these two forms of communication will work cooperatively to keep all Scales families up-to-date on events at the school and in the community.

November and December promise to be busy months here at Scales. Tuesday, November 10th, is our annual "Principal's Coffee" for all parents who want to talk about the "state of the school" and ask me any questions you may have. The week of November 16-20 is probably one of best and busiest of the year: it is Book Fair week and we invite all of you to visit the Library with your child to pick out exciting new books for your children to read. Tuesday the 17th is our annual "Doughnuts with Dads" from 7:30 – 8:20 am. Our 3rd graders will be performing their musical salute to America on Thursday evening, November 19th. And Friday the 20th brings back our always popular "Grandparents Day." Be sure to look for more information about all of these events coming home soon.

Thank you for the continued support of our school and our staff – we could not do the great things we do with out the support and enthusiasm of our parents!

Sincerely,
Rick West
rickw@wcs.edu

November Calendar:

- 1-4 Great Can Contest continues
- 2-6 Food Drive
- 3 Skate Night - 4:30-6:30
- 6 Brentwood Fire Dept. Poster entries due
- 10 Principal's Coffee - 9:00 a.m.
Papa John Pizza Night
- 11 Picture Make Up Day
- 16-20 Book Fair
- 17 Doughnuts for Dads - 7:30 a.m.
- 19 3rd Grade Music Program
- 20 Grandparents Day
- 21 Shred Day - Williamson County
Recycles
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Holidays

Bring your smiles and say cheese!
Make up day for school pictures will be held on Wednesday, November 11th. Questions? e-mail Margie Doyle @ tmdovle626@gmail.com or Jenny Soares @ jennysoares@comcast.net.

Save these Future Dates:

December 15 - Holiday Concert with Chorus and Instrumental and String Ensembles
December 17 - Chorus performs at Chick-Fil-A

Mr. West gets his pizza on the Roof!



A Message From Your PTO President

The month of October has flown by and November has arrived. I hope everyone had a fun Halloween. I just love it when it falls on the weekend and we don't have to worry about homework before trick-or-treating! I hope all of you had a chance to check out the wonderful and creative entries for *Pumpkins and Poems* this year. Congratulations to the winners and kudos to **Margaret Ikard** for coordinating. Special thanks goes to **Mrs. McHugh** for her objective judging. The entries were fabulous, and it was very difficult selecting the winners.

I know you have all heard how well the first *Mustang Closet* went at Warner Elementary. Thanks to overwhelming generosity from our Scales families, we were able to provide as many as six pieces of clothing and a pair of shoes per child! **Cara Finger** and **Leigh Ann Witt** served as co-chairs for this fabulous community event. You may have even seen them on the evening news! The Scales students that helped Warner students "shop" well represented our school and learned a lot about serving others.

Thank you for your patience with the *school directory*. It was distributed a bit later this year after a WCS software change required us to implement PTO Manager in late August. Almost 95% of Scales families entered their data into the system. A big thanks to **Mark Williams** and his staff at **Alphagraphics** for helping layout and print the directory! **Melissa Combs** did a fantastic job coordinating ad sales. I hope that each family received a copy and that you find it useful throughout the rest of the year.

November will be an exciting month at Scales with many fun events for both the children and adults. We begin with our *Annual Food Drive for Graceworks*, coordinated by **Elizabeth Crockett** and **Donna Bayless**. The food drive continues through Nov. 6th. Please bring in those canned goods. A lot of less fortunate folks really depend on donations such as ours.

A big thanks goes to **Allison Pitts** for heading up our *Fall Aluminum Can Drive*, which wraps up on November 4.

The week of November 16th – 20th will be one of the busiest of the year! Our *Fall Book Fair* runs through the entire week, headed up by **Nancy Tirrill**, with help from **Dawn Bart** and **Rebecca Webb**. Don't miss out on a great time to shop for holiday gifts~ everyone loves a good book. Calling all dads...don't miss *Donuts for Dads* on Tuesday, November 17th from 7:30-8:20 am, hosted by our fabulous Hospitality Ladies ~ **Tonya Capeling, Susan Miller and Cathy Fridge**. Dads, please plan to attend and shop the book fair afterwards. On Thursday evening, November 19th will be our annual *3rd Grade Musical* conducted by our very own **Gail Merritt**. By the way, we will have a very short general PTO meeting immediately before the performance ~ Yes, I promise I'll keep it short!

The last event on the November calendar is one of the most cherished events here at Scales. *Grandparent's Day/ Special Friends Day* is on Friday, November 20th. It's a great way for grandparents to come and feel a part of their grandchild's day! Look for more specific information about Grandparent's Day to come home in backpack mail and the weekly e-news.

As you see, November is going to be quite busy and we'll probably all relish our days off for Thanksgiving Break from November 25th through November 29th. I hope everyone has a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday... See you around Scales! **Nikol Wiemer, PTO President**

More Mustang Matters

Papa John's Night!

Congratulations to Ms. Morrison's class for winning Papa John's Night for October! They won a pizza party to celebrate. Papa John's Nights are on the second TUESDAY of each month. Our next one will be November 10. Look for fliers to come home with your child. Be sure to fill in your teacher's name (and place the total sticker on) before giving the flier to the Papa John's delivery or counter person. Scales receives a portion of that night's sales. Eat more pizza!
Wendy Hall

Book Fair

Here's one trip that won't require a school excuse form – it's the Scales Book Fair, "Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World." Be sure not to miss this fall's fair, with hundreds of great titles to choose from, including some of the most popular new releases. The Book Fair will be held November 16-20 from 8:15 to 3:30 (except for Friday, when we'll close at noon). Watch for a book fair schedule, flyer and more information to come home soon. We still need volunteer "travel guides" to work morning or afternoon shifts. Please let one of us know if you can help for just a few hours - Nancy Tirrill at nbtirrill@bellsouth.net or Dawn Bart at dawnbart@bellsouth.net.

Office News

The school received a quarterly check from Publix in the amount of \$485.82. Thank you for using your Publix Scan Card when shopping. Remember to also use your Harris Teeter VIC card attached to #2538, the Target Red card and the school telephone number works at Office Depot. *Sandra Webster*

Counselor's Corner

Hello Scales families! October has been a fun and busy month in Guidance. We wrapped up September with discussions on Respect for ourselves and others and I've seen the students incorporating it into their daily lives at school. It's great to see the strong character of our students as they go about their days! October is all about Responsibility and we've had a special guest in Guidance classes. D.A.R.E. Officer, Sam Bady, from the Brentwood Police department has been here some already and will continue to see each of the Guidance classes throughout the semester. He is talking to the students about making responsible choices when it comes to keeping themselves safe and healthy as it pertains to safe and harmful substances such as medicines and household items. *Katie Lipscomb*

Teacher Appreciation

Thanks to all 4th Grade parents who helped with the Teacher Appreciation luncheon in October. Way to go Christy Irwin for hosting! In November, the teachers and staff will be treated to a Stroud's BBQ lunch on Friday, Nov. 13th. The following week is American Education Week where teachers and staff will be recognized for their commitment to our children and to Scales. They will receive treats all week! *Teacher Appreciation chairs*

Patrol Chat-15 mph

Thanks to those who do a super job going the speed limit even when the flashing lights are malfunctioning. Please get an extra early start during inclement weather. Traffic is begins to get heavy at 8:15. Go slow in the parking lot. Pull up to the end of the sidewalk to drop off and use the car entrance/exit only. Be patient and safe! *Becky Parker-Jewell Wm. Co. Sherrifs' Dept.*

More Mustang Monitor News

2010-2011 PTO Board Nominees

It is already time to be thinking about the open positions for the 2010-2011 PTO Board. According to the Bylaws, the entire Scales parent population has the opportunity to nominate someone he or she thinks is a good candidate for that particular available position. In the 2010-2011 school years, the positions on the PTO Board available are as follows:

2nd Vice President – This is a three year commitment, which includes monthly meetings working with the current 1st Vice President and Principal. This person must be able to serve as 1st VP and then take on the role of President of the PTO Board the following year.

Assist Invest Coordinator – This is a two year position which includes assisting the Invest coordinator with fund raising, organizing the Invest silent auction and various other jobs. This position requires a highly organized person. This person must also be willing to serve the next year as Invest Coordinator.

Assistant Volunteer Coordinator – This is a two year commitment, which includes assisting the Volunteer Coordinator with acquiring volunteers for various school functions such as ice cream sales, Bookstore in the fall, Welcome Desk and Kindergarten registration.

Corresponding Secretary-This is a three year commitment, which includes updating the sign in front of the school, communicating information within the PTO board via email, writing thank you notes as necessary on behalf of the PTO board, and sending birthday cards to teachers.

Treasurer – This is a two year position. This person must have a good knowledge of accounting skills and be able to report the budget at the scheduled monthly meetings.

If you feel that there is a qualified person for any of the upcoming open positions, please contact me by November 10th.

Thanks for making Scales a great school!

Deb Papiez , papiezfamly@comcast.net or (615) 309-0109

PTO Board, Volunteer Coordinator

Mustang Closet

The inaugural Mustang Closet Clothing Drive was a HUGE success! Scales families donated over 12,000 items of clothing, 200 coats, 500 pairs of shoes, and countless scarves, mittens, belts, and hats. Each Warner Elementary student received a pair of shoes and several outfits for the winter season. Members of the fourth and fifth grade leadership teams helped sort and collect clothing each day, made posters for the car line and participated in the clothing fair at Warner with their parents. Girl Scout Troop 1948 was essential in the success of the drive as they made reminder stickers for all the Scales students, made posters and signs, and worked diligently each day before and after school. Many of the troop members participated in the clothing fair at Warner, as well. The Mustang Closet would not have been nearly as successful without the help of these students and parents, as well as the amazing moms who gave up so much of their time to give back to our partner school. Over 80 people volunteered their time to make a difference! The most rewarding part of this effort was at the clothing fair at Warner. The faculty and staff were so excited by what Scales was able to provide for their students. The Warner students were completely grateful and appreciative of each item they received. One boy exclaiming that it was "just like getting Christmas presents!" To see the joy on the children's faces was so gratifying and humbling. *Leigh Ann Whitt and Cara Finger*