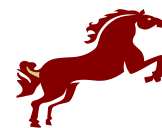


Mustang Monitor



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Principal's Perspective

Amazing. That is the best word I can think of to describe my thoughts after another very successful "Invest In Your Child" campaign for our PTO this year. Thank you to everyone in the school for helping to make the invest campaign ultra-successful and the "Invest Fest" one of our best nights ever! Special thanks to Henry Cho for serving as our guest emcee and to all of the ladies on the Invest committee that worked hard for months leading up to this event. I can tell you that the PTO has already allocated a portion of the money raised to be spent on your students this month.

The response to our first-ever Mustang Closet clothing drive for Warner Elementary has also been overwhelming. Thank you for donating your gently used clothing to help students at our partner school who may not be as fortunate as we are. I also thank you for discussing the very act of giving to those less fortunate with your children as it definitely teaches them a life lesson.

Recently the state of Tennessee presented the Principal of the Year award... and although I did not win, it was quite an honor to be a state finalist. I appreciate all the well-wishes and words of encouragement. It is extremely gratifying to serve the families at Scales Elementary. I truly feel I have the best teachers, staff, students and parents and am honored to serve as your principal.

Thanks for your support of all the opportunities we have at school - the next few months are full of great events for students and families alike. I look forward to seeing you at some of them. And don't forget we have Fall Break October 19-20.

Sincerely,
Rick West
rickw@wcs.edu

October Calendar:

13 - Papa John Pizza Night
14 - End 1st 9 weeks
19 & 20 - Fall Break
21 - Report Cards
23-Nov. 4- Great Can Contest
28 & 29 - Pumpkins & Poems Contest
30 - Harvest Parties 2:20-3:30

Community Partners

Our community partner, Target, has sent a check for \$411.60 for your patronage and use of the Target Red Card. Thanks to all that participate. Remember to continue using your Publix card, VIC card attached to #2538, Office Depot and Target.

Classroom and Specials News

Be sure to check out teacher web sites periodically. Teachers have classroom information, pictures, calendars, and other interesting information. Visit <http://www.wcs.edu/ses/staff.htm>.

Save these Future Dates:

Oct. 25 - Nov. 4 - Aluminum Can Drive
November 3- Skate Night
November 17 - Donuts for Dads
November 19 - Third Grade Musical Performance
November 20 - Grandparents Day
December 15 - Holiday Concert with Chorus and Instrumental and String Ensembles
December 17 - Chorus performs at Chick-Fil-A
December 17- Registration Deadline for Music City Marathon
February 4 - Muffins for Moms
April 23—Music City Marathon

Thank You for Investing!

INVEST IN YOUR CHILD

THANK YOU!!...to all parents and grandparents of Scales Elementary. We had an incredible response to our week of fundraising! We surpassed our Invest goal this year, despite the economy, so an extra special thank you for your generosity. Every dollar you gave will benefit Scales and your children. We had a record number of pink Invest cards sent in, so even though we didn't quite reach 100%, Mr. West is still going to sleep on the roof of the school – because it was such a great effort. Between the Invest In Your Child Campaign and the Invest Celebration Auctions, we raised almost **\$80,000!**

Amy Brothers did a great job organizing an exciting Spirit Week for the students. From the Pep Rally (led by the Brentwood Middle School cheerleaders) on Blue and White Monday...to the crazy outfits on Tacky Tuesday...to the "Find the Mustangs" game and cowboy hats on Western Wednesday...to the bright and colorful Tie Dye Thursday and the "Candy Count" game at lunchtime...to Team Day Friday and the Ice Cream Party with Mr. West for the winners of the pink card drawings...it was a fantastic, fun-filled week for the kids. Thank you Amy!

The Invest Celebration was better than ever! Thank you to **Natasha Brazil** for planning such a festive party. Kids danced and played in the gym to the music spun by DJ Dan, and they also enjoyed Magic Man Skip Cain. Special thanks to Scales parent and comedian **Henry Cho** for donating his time and talent to emcee the evening – inspiring the bidders to aim high for the many great items up for auction. A huge thank you to two amazing people. **Cara Finger** worked for months to coordinate the individual silent auction items. **Kristy Oldham** coordinated the classroom baskets, which were absolutely fantastic this year! And much appreciation and sincere thanks to all the parents who volunteered to be Basket Collectors for their time and effort collecting the basket items and displaying them so beautifully. They looked like they were done professionally!

We cannot forget the generosity of our daring **Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Thomson, Mr. Oakley, and Mr. West** who all took pies-in-the-faces...and **Ms. Scott** – who patiently waited while students taped her to the wall. What school spirit!! And to PTO President, **Nikol Weimer, Margaret Ikard, Lacy Janssen**, and the rest of the **Scales PTO Board**. Thank you all!

Also, special thanks to so many local individuals and businesses: Publix; Chick-Fil-A; Scales parent, **Angela Tobias** and Fifth Third Bank for the cookies and drinks at the celebration; the **Sanders** family for their Center Hill lake house; the **Bonnaire** family for their Panama City Beach condo; the **Windley** family for their Bonita Springs beach condo; the **Miller** family for their Breckenridge condo; the **Cuthbertson** family and Eyedentity; the **Thayer** family for UT tickets; the **Stallings** family for Vandy season tickets; the **Horrar** family for the Titans tickets; **Rodney Atkins** and his management company for music items; **David Clo** for the guitar lessons; the **Hamlin** family for the CMT Music Award tickets; the **Lipa** family for the Ritz-Carlton gift basket; the **Gilreath** family for the Great Clips basket; the **Smoot** family for the Retreat of Brentwood basket; **Ms. McHugh** for the art lesson; **Mrs. Lopacinski** for the science lesson; **Mrs. Bancroft** for the Archie and VeggieTales original artwork; **Mrs. Merritt** for the keyboard; the **Jeff Teeple** for the heaters and circular saw; **Bernadette Glasgow** for the dessert-a-month; **Tom Tunnicliffe** and **Rob Lineberger** for the low country shrimp boil; Cheryl Dawn Photography; Ann Marie Hensley; Bari Jacobs; Wild Iris; Sportsman's Grille; Gerst Haus; Melrose Billiards; Mere Bulles; Bricks; Baskin-Robbins; Cheesecake Factory; Family Fun Center; Wildwood; Zumba; Holy Mud Facials; Skin Bar; Gabriel's Garden; Oreck Vacuum; Bounce U, Pump-It-Up; Glow Galaxy; Camp Wonderfully Made; Holiday World; Dollywood; Ripley's Aquarium; and to Spruce for all the discounted and donated items to the baskets. Please forgive me if I left anyone or any business out – Scales so appreciates your support!

And, finally, thank you so very much to all Scales faculty, staff, the Scales Student Leadership Council, and to all the parents who volunteer their time and resources to make this school the extraordinary place that it is. Thank you for INVESTING!! *Jamie Hopson, Invest Coordinator*

Invest Celebration

BIG thank you's for all the help and assistance this year to make the Invest Celebration a success! Thank you to Angela Tobias and Fifth Third Bank for generously donating all of all the refreshments. Thank you to Melissa Combs, an always willing helper. Also, thank you to Rebecca Webb, Camille Patterson, Melissa Davis, Mandi Patton, and Pamela Farrell for their help decorating and setting up. Thank you also to the Student Leadership Team for all their hard work pouring soda and serving cookies, thank you to all of them. *Natasha Brazil, Invest Celebration Chair*

More Mustang Matters

Library

We are looking for volunteers for the Winter and Spring to help Mrs. Bowen and Mrs. Boyd reshelv and organize items in the library. Contact Christie Wilson at christie.a.s.wilson@gmail.com for more information. *Christie Wilson*

Book Fair

Want to do a little traveling this fall? Then take a journey around the world with the 2009 book fair – “Destination Book Fair: Read Around the World!” Scales will present its fall Book Fair November 16-20 and, as always, it will be a great time to see lots of exciting new titles and stock up on some good reads for the cold winter months. Of course, our Book Fair could never happen without a host of volunteers. There are volunteer shifts available from Friday, November 13 through Friday, November 20 in the mornings, afternoons and even one evening. If you can spare just three hours to help in the Book Fair, please email Nancy Tirrill at nbtirrill@bellsouth.net or Dawn Bart at dawnbart@bellsouth.net.

Patrol Chat-15 mph

Please go the speed limit regardless of whether or not the lights are flashing - it is a school zone. As always, signal your intentions as soon as possible. If I don't see a signal, I don't know your intentions and that could mean a delay for you as well as the buses. Your signals help the flow of traffic. Stay in line with the others and pull to the end of the sidewalk to drop off. We get backed up in the street if you don't. Please remember to be patient, drive slowly and be courteous to other drivers. Only use car entrance/exit. *Becky Parker-Jewell Wm. Co. Sherrifs' Dept.*

Recycling

I am pleased to report that this year Scales earned \$1,695 from Keep Williamson Beautiful for our recycling efforts last year. **The 2009 Fall Aluminum Can Drive will begin Friday, October 23 and run through Wednesday, November 4th.** I encourage you to help me reach a new goal of \$2,500 for the 2009-2010 school year. I believe we can reach this goal with increased participation in two specific areas. Here's how you can help:

1. Use the Wilson Pike Drop Off location for your personal household recycling. Scales benefits from revenue generated at this particular location. If you already recycle at home, I encourage you to use this drop off location. If you are not in the habit of recycling, consider starting and help Scales while also helping the environment!

2. Participate in aluminum can drives at Scales. Held twice a year, fall and spring. Bring cans to the drop off bins located in the Scales parking lot and send Mrs.. Webster a note with the amount donated. This event earns easy cash for Scales! This year there will be a classroom winner in each grade level, and the winning classes will receive a special treat following the campaign!

I welcome anyone to join the PTO Recycling committee. I need volunteers to help with classroom parties, distributing flyers and other small tasks. Very little time commitment, so if you are into recycling there is a place for you on this committee! Please contact me by email at b.apitts@comcast.net. Remember to start saving those cans now...and mark your calendars for the fall aluminum can drive which will be held **October 23rd through November 4th.** *Allison Pitts*

Mustang Monitor News

The Book Nuts Challenge **Read at Least 20 Minutes a Day!** **Why?**

Let's figure it out—mathematically!

Student A reads 20 minutes a night X 5 times each week.
Student B reads 4 minutes a night or not at all.

Step 1: Multiply minutes a night X 5 times each week.

Student A reads 20 minutes X 5 times a week = 100 min./week.
Student B reads 4 minutes X 5 times a week = 20 min./week.

Step 2: Multiply minutes a week X 4 weeks each month.

Student A reads 400 minutes a month.
Student B reads 80 minutes a month.

Step 3: Multiply minutes a month X 9 months/school year.

Student A reads 36,000 minutes in a school year.
Student B reads 720 minutes in a school year.
Student A practices the equivalent of ten school days a year.
Student B gets the equivalent of only two school days of reading practice.

By the end of 6th grade, if Student A and Student B maintain these same reading habits, Student A will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student B will have read the equivalent of only 12 school days.

One would expect the gap of information retained will have widened considerably and so, undoubtedly, will school performance. How do you think Student B will feel about him/herself as a student?

Some questions to ponder:

- Which student would you expect to read better?
- Which student would you expect to know more?
- Which student would you expect to write better?
- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to be more successful in school... and life?

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