

WOLF CALL

Terrace Elementary Newsletter



From the Principal

Happy Fall!

I would like to start with a big shout out to our wonderful PTA board, volunteers, teachers, and staff for a great Fall Festival! It takes a lot of teamwork and organization to make it all come together successfully. Thank you to all of those who donated their time, goods, or funds to make it a success!

Our school has been buzzing with sounds of learning this semester. Teachers and students are on a learning journey together as we implement many new systems and frameworks to support instruction. We have set growth goals for each child and are working collaboratively to find differentiated ways to meet those goals. I am so proud of our teachers for learning and growing in order to better meet the needs of our students. I am so proud of our students for giving their best effort every day. Thank you for continuing to support our work by ensuring that your child arrives to school on time and is ready to learn.

We have many campus events and activities taking place over the next 2 months. Please mark your calendars and join us for the fun and festivities!

Mrs. Blanco



BOND INFORMATION

Parents and community members are invited to join Dr. Scott Muri, Superintendent of Schools, at Terrace on November 2nd at 6:30pm in the multipurpose room for a bond information meeting.

The SBISD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to call an \$898.4 million bond election for Tuesday, Nov. 7. The bond proposal was developed by Trustees over the summer based on recommendations from a [Bond Advisory Committee](#). The district does not expect any tax rate increase as a result of this bond election, if passed by voters.

The bond proposal impacts every school and Every Child in SBISD as follows:

- Replace remaining 9 oldest elementary schools and 1 middle school (listed below*)
- Add a new classroom building at MHS and at NHS, replace auditorium at SHS and renovate cafeteria/library at SWHS

- Add a classroom wing at Cedar Brook Elementary
- Upgrade safety and security, building systems and technology at all campuses, including classroom furniture for secondary schools
- Replace Career & Technical Education classroom equipment
- Replace aged musical instruments and uniforms
- Upgrade athletics, including 4 turf fields (MHS, NHS, SHS and SWHS)
- Replace older buses

Questions may be directed to bond@springbranchisd.com

**2017 Bond Package Schools to be Rebuilt:*

Bunker Hill Elementary

Hunters Creek Elementary

Memorial Drive Elementary

Nottingham Elementary

Sherwood Elementary

Spring Shadows Elementary

Terrace Elementary

Thornwood Elementary

Woodview Elementary

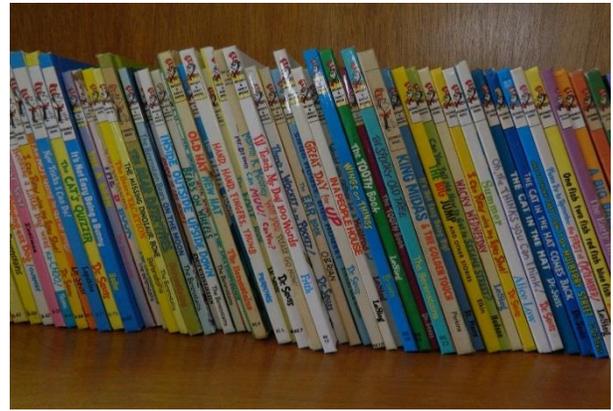
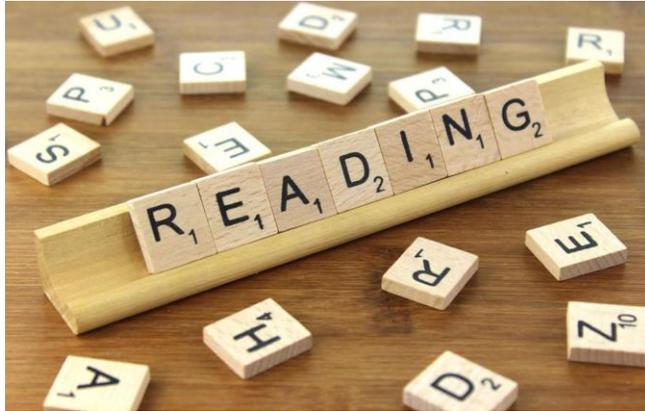
Landrum Middle School



November/December At a Glance

Nov. 8 – Children’s Museum Night Math Moments 5:30 PM	Dec. 4 – 8 – PTA Penguin Patch
Nov. 9 – Veterans Day Program, 6 PM	Dec. 11 – 3 rd Gr Field Trip, Zoo
Nov. 10 – Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM	Dec. 13 – Spelling Bee
Nov. 20 – 24 – Holiday	Dec. 14 – Winter Party Kinder 12:15
Nov. 30 – Family Fitness Night, 6 PM	All other grades 1:40
	Dec. 14 – 5 th Grade Winter Program, 6 PM
	Dec. 15 – K-2 nd Sing-along, 8AM 3-5 th Sing-along, 9AM
	Dec. 15 – Early Dismissal, 11:30 AM for Winter Break

From the Library



I have enjoyed getting to see your children on a regular basis. Time is flying by! Over 1,200 books were checked out this past month. Yay! Ask your children about the books they are reading or set aside some time to read as a family. What better example to show your children the importance of reading than having them see you read!

November 1st is National Family Literacy Day! Get together with your family and read a book to celebrate!

Tech Tidbit: The following web address takes you to our library Symbaloo page that has direct links to educational resources. If you ever need a password, please email me or call me in the library and I would be more than happy to provide you with that information. The web address is: www.tcelib.com . It needs to be typed in the address bar, not a browser search engine. If you search for it, it will not show up. Any questions, please ask! We want these resources being used.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
Student A Reads	Student B Reads	Student C Reads
❖ 20 minutes per day.	❖ 5 minutes per day.	❖ 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year.
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 th percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 th percentile on standardized tests.
<p>If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6th grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 school days, and Student C will have read for 3.</p> <p><small>(Gray and Herman, 1987.)</small></p>		
<p>WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.</p>		



From the Nurse

Continue to say “BOO” to the Flu! – This year, the Centers for Disease Control advise everyone 6 months of age and older to get a flu shot during the months of October and November. Talk to your doctor.

Please keep all sick children home from school especially if they have fever or vomiting the night before school or the morning of school. Keeping your sick child home prevents their classmates & teachers from being exposed to illness. If you are unsure – stay home and call your health care provider or school nurse for advice.

Washing hands and keeping hands away from the face also helps in preventing illness. We can protect and strengthen our own immunity by eating nutritious foods, taking daily walks, sleeping 8 –10 hours a night, reducing stress, and smiling daily :)

A little information about sports drinks and children. The truth is, whether for sports or recreational activity, most kids don't need sports drinks. They provide few nutrients and leave less room in the diet for healthy foods and beverages. They also contribute to tooth decay and erosion of tooth enamel. The American Academy of Pediatrics says that while small amounts may be appropriate for children who participate in vigorous physical activity in hot, humid conditions for more than one hour, most kids who engage in routine physical activity for less than three hours in normal weather need only water. The Centers for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI) also says sports drinks, which (like soda) are primarily sugar water, are not appropriate for school-age kids. The CSPI also notes these drinks provide added sodium—something many children over consume—and questionable ingredients such as artificial flavors. They are also expensive compared with water!



From the G Team

Play = Learning

Many times, we wonder about how much time our children are spending on play. Much research has been done on this. The following is taken from an article on the Learning Works for Kids website.

“Children learn from their play. From playing their first game of peek-a-boo with their parents to learning the rules of a simple game like tic-tac-toe, play provides children with opportunities for exploring and testing their thoughts about the world. Play helps to teach about relationships, cooperation, and problem-solving. Play allows them to imitate adults, care for others, and teach and share what they have learned. Play facilitates learning how to handle disappointments and successes, develop imagination and creativity, and to practice planning, prioritization, and thinking about the future.

Kids play because playing is fun, but research has shown that play also provides children with opportunities to practice important skills that they will need as older children and adults such as:

- A chance to take on different adult roles in creative activities, such as playing house or school.
- An occasion to learn skills for defending or feeding oneself and for establishing oneself in a hierarchy as seen in the animal kingdom.
- In many societies, early play remains an opportunity to apprentice and practice the skills necessary for one's future roles, whether that be as a caretaker of a household, or as a farmer, hunter, or builder.

Play in the digital age continues to serve as preparation for children's future roles in adulthood. As demands in the work setting become more contingent upon electronic and computer-based skills, children who have strengths in these areas are more likely to become successful and acclimate to the demands of the digital work world."

[\(http://learningworksforkids.com/the-science-of-lwk/science-of-play-2/\)](http://learningworksforkids.com/the-science-of-lwk/science-of-play-2/)

The best news is that even as adults, play continues to build and maintain skills. As with all things, keep moderation in mind. We should be careful that play is not used as an excuse to avoid responsibilities.

Holiday season resources: As the holiday season approaches please be aware that there are resources available for those in need. East Spring Branch Food Bank is here to help for Thanksgiving. Please contact Gladys Guevara (ext. 7203) or Emilio Gonzalez (ext. 7257) if you have any questions.

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From the Terrace PTA

We had an amazing and successful Fall Festival last week! Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and staff who put in countless hours organizing the festival. Thank you to all those who volunteered with set up, manning a booth, cooking food, and cleaning up. We couldn't do this without your donations and support. Terrace is a great school with great families. Thank you!