

Gifted and Talented Information

Is your child exceptionally bright and do they seem far more advanced when you compare them to their peers? Consider referring your child for testing to see if they will qualify for the FBISD Gifted and Talented Program. FBISD is accepting GT referrals online from **August 17th - September 30th**.

Please click the link below to refer your child.

<https://GT.fortbendisd.com>
All referrals must be submitted online by 9/30/2020.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 1st: Virtual Waves and High Fives!

Start your day off with showing each other a high five or a positive note with a message written on your hand or a sticky note!

Tuesday, September 8th: International Hello Day!

Start your day with a simple sign of a hello in a language you speak or are interested in learning.

Tuesday, September 15th: International Dot Day!

Wear polka dots and jot down how you are going to leave your mark on your class, Neill or your community.

Tuesday, September 22nd:

Be "purple" proud to show kindness the Longhorn way!

Wear purple and show kindness to all those around you.

Tuesday, September 29th: Send a Smile Day! Share notes of kindness with your classmates. (You may even want to do this at home by posting your notes on your refrigerator!)



Counselors' Connection

James C. Neill Elementary

September 2020

Start with Hello Month

Howdy Longhorn Families! This month our counseling theme is **friendship**. We will focus on how to use our actions and words to show others we care. During this virtual education time it can be difficult for some students to feel connected to their peers, so we've decided to have themed days every Tuesday of this month to help with forming bonds and feeling connected.

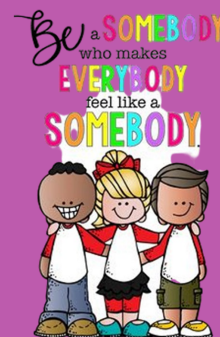
Here are some ways we can encourage our students to be a good friend: listening to teach other, sharing, taking turns, sticking up for each other, using kind words, showing that we care by being respectful and understanding that we are all different. We will also have activities students can also complete in our virtual classroom to help them with learning friendship skills.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns, we will be happy to help!

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All Smiles,

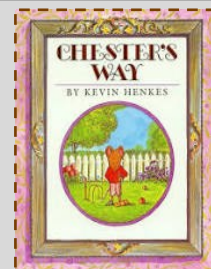
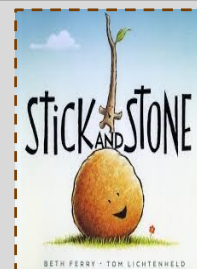
Ms. Parks & Mrs. Rodriguez



Scan code for a meeting

Books that Illustrate Friendship

Check out *Stick & Stone* by: Beth Ferry and *Chester's Way* by Kevin Henkes~ these stories illustrate how to be a great friend! Please click on the picture to go to the YouTube video!



FRIENDSHIP

Using your words and actions
to show others you care

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As educators, we understand student mental health plays a key role in their ability to succeed in school. Fort Bend ISD is committed to working with you, not only in the academic education of your child, but also to ensure students reach their full potential socially and emotionally.

Each year, we provide 3rd-5th grade students an opportunity to share their thoughts, feelings and social/emotional needs using a Needs Assessment. It is our priority to ensure students have timely, responsive, and effective social and emotional support continuously throughout the school year. The Needs Assessment allows us recognize and respond to student's social/emotional needs as well as promote wellness and development all students.

The Needs Assessment addresses the following areas:

- Social/Emotional supports
- Sense of belonging
- Safety
- Post-secondary readiness
- Mental health stressors
- Thoughts of harm (self and others)

The Needs Assessment may pinpoint a concern, offering us the ability to secure additional assistance for students. This means that the assessment results may be shared with targeted campus and district staff if the assessment results reveal a potential concern. All assessment results will be kept confidential, stored separately from academic records.

Neill Elementary will make the Needs Assessment available to students using a Microsoft Form Link from September 28th to October 9th. Prior to its release, students will receive information about the Needs Assessment from their school counseling staff.

If you desire to **opt-out** of your child completing the needs assessment, please use this link: [Opt-Out Form](#)

Thank you for your continued partnership as we address the needs of all students.

Sincerely,

Ms. Parks & Mrs. Rodriguez
School Counselors