

**Settlers Way  
Elementary**

# Explorer News

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## From The Principal

The end of the school year is a great time for our faculty, students and families. It's a time when we get to see the growth and maturity of our students, who are now more responsible, mature, and compassionate. It is also a time to reflect back on our successes and plan for a positive future. We have had such a wonderful year of learning!

I want to thank each and every one of you for entrusting me with your children. Your kindness and support mean more than you can imagine. I am honored and feel so fortunate to have been given the opportunity to be part of the Settlers Way community. I have made so many wonderful memories this year and look forward to making many more in the years to come.

As we end this school year, I want to thank our PTA Board. They are an awesome group of dedicated volunteers and, because of their continuous help behind the scenes, our school benefits in many ways. The field trips, student programs, classroom supplies, and technology items have been a result of their hard work and fundraising efforts.

I am very sad to lose our two retirees this year: Brenda Perkins and Sherry DeMont. I feel so blessed to have worked with both of them! We will miss Mrs. Perkins and Ms. DeMont greatly, but will always treasure and respect their time and hard work with all SWE stakeholders. We wish you all the best Mrs. Perkins and Ms. DeMont!

I also wish all the best to the students and families of Settlers Way Elementary this summer. It's because of you and the staff that I know Settlers Way will continue to be the very best of the best. If there is anything I can do for you over the summer, please email me at [rachel.rosier@fortbendis.com](mailto:rachel.rosier@fortbendis.com).

Sincerely,  
Rachel Rosier



# PTA Press Release



## Letter From The President

SWE families,

Can you believe that we are already at the end of this school year? Each year seems to go by more quickly than years past. With our Boosterthon Fun-Run, the Explorer Round-Up, class parties, and various activities, this school year has been wonderful!

The PTA is already planning for the 2018-2019 school year and can really use your help. We have several committee positions available.

Whether you're a stay-at-home parent or not, there are many opportunities to volunteer. Some of the open committee positions are:

**VIPS** (coordinate and organize volunteer help when needed)

**Reflections** (coordinate PTA's art contest for students)

**T-shirts** (coordinate sale of shirts)

**Explorer Round-Up** (plan and organize committees for carnival)

**Shared Dreams** (assist with district program for families in need)

**Care** (assist with SWE families in need)

Other information regarding these positions should have been sent home already, but please contact any of the PTA board members (or call the front office at 281-634-4360) if you have any questions or need additional information.

The PTA board officers for 2018-2019 are:

President: Veronica Lorine

Vice-President: Veronica Najera

**Treasurer: (open) Please contact PTA if you can help!**

Secretary: Dalia Abouzeid

Parliamentarian: Kristie Crandall



Thank you for the opportunity to work with your children and for your children. I'm looking forward to another fantastic year as your PTA president, and I truly hope to work with you throughout the year. Please don't hesitate to get involved with your PTA. Have a safe and restful summer!

Veronica Lorine  
[vlorine36@gmail.com](mailto:vlorine36@gmail.com)

# VIPS

**Congratulations to our  
April VIPS  
*Veronica Lorine***

Veronica is our PTA president and has put in numerous hours planning, organizing and working to make the SWE PTA the best PTA around!

She has a daughter attending SWE and a son at First Colony Middle School.

Thanks Veronica for all that you do!

**Congratulations to our  
May VIPS  
*Veronica Najera***

Veronica is our PTA treasurer. She stepped into this position and has handled the PTA finances awesomely!

She has a daughter attending SWE .

Thanks Veronica for all that you do!

## Great Volunteers = A Great School!!

Just a few of our fabulous volunteers that were able to make it to the VIPS Appreciation Reception. SWE is a great school because we have some GREAT volunteers! Thanks to everyone, pictured and not pictured, that put time and effort into make SWE the best!



# VIPS

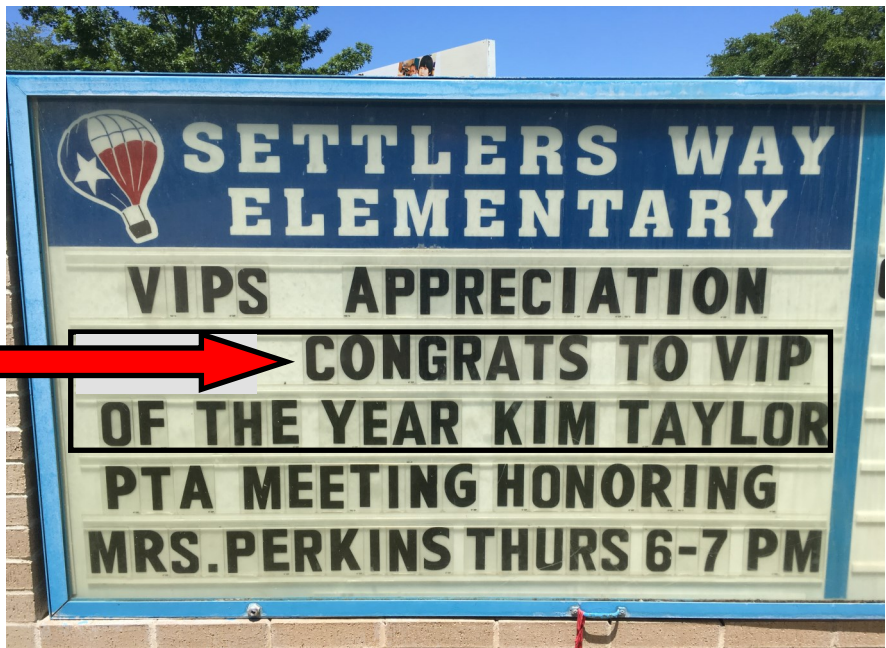


Drumroll please...

## 2017-2018 SWE's VIPS of the Year: Kim Taylor

Kim Taylor was selected as the 2017-2018 SWE VIPS of the Year. Kim is a long-time, very dedicated volunteer and a SWE first grade teacher and team leader. She has chaired the PTA membership committee for several years and has always stepped in to help with any and all PTA needs. She's organized, resourceful, supportive and positive with everyone!

She loves what she does and we love her! Thanks, Kim, for everything you do for SWE!



### MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Mrs. Fanian's first grade class won a free popsicle party for having the highest percentage of family memberships in their class during the 2017-2018 membership drive.

Join next year for your child to have a have a chance to enjoy this fun treat! Yum!



# News From The Library

It's been a great year at the SWE library and we've had many fun activities in addition to our regular classes.

**Houston Rockets Read Nation Reading Program:** I'm very happy to announce that Settlers Way won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in the *Houston Rockets Read Nation Reading Program*!!! We competed with surrounding schools and school districts to see which school could read the most minutes in a designated month. Thanks to all the students who participated. It takes teamwork and Explorers excel at that!

Here are the results for the top three winning schools:

1<sup>st</sup> place – Turner Elementary, Pasadena ISD - 265,690 total minutes

**2<sup>nd</sup> place - Settlers Way Elementary, Fort Bend ISD - 165,481 total minutes**

3<sup>rd</sup> place - Highlands Elementary, Goose Creek CISD - 164,613 total minutes

I also want to give a shout-out to the Settlers Way top readers for each grade level in the Houston Rockets Read Nation Reading Program.

### Settlers Way Top Readers Per Grade Level:

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Tobe O.	1,605 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Edward J.	2,007 minutes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	Jessie C.	3,102 minutes
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Humza B.	1,980 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Wendy W.	11,766 minutes

**Book Fairs:** The library organized and conducted two fantastic book fairs this year. During each book fair, there was a book fair "Book Basket" winner. In November, the "Book Basket" winner was Sophia F. in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and in March, the "Book Basket" winner was Chloe J. in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Congratulations to both of these lucky students!

**Author Visit:** Another special event that the library sponsored was to host the storyteller and author Hal Evans. Hal is the author of a book of poetry called *If I Weren't Me*, and his presentation was very entertaining and informative.

**THANK YOU!!!** I would like to thank all the parents who volunteered their time to make our library program so successful. I also want to commend the fifth grade VISA students who helped me with a long list of tasks this year and to thank them for being such dedicated helpers all year.

This has been a wonderful year for me as your librarian, and I will miss seeing all of your smiling faces!

Mrs. Sackllah



2017-2018 VISA students



## Summer Reading

### Read!!!

I hope that you all continue to read all summer and find your next favorite book!

~ Try the public library; they have a great summer reading program! <http://www.fortbend.lib.tx.us/>

~ Looking for more great books? Start reading the 2018-2019 Bluebonnet nominees. You can find the list of 2018-2019 Bluebonnet books as well as other TLA recommended lists at: <http://www.tla.org/reading-lists>

~ How about 50 books that are recommended for a typical 11-year-old? Try this list: [http://www.abebooks.com/books/children-reading-lists-parents-teachers/50-books-children.shtml?cm\\_mmc=nl-\\_-nl-\\_-110526-h00-kidbooksA-\\_-01cta](http://www.abebooks.com/books/children-reading-lists-parents-teachers/50-books-children.shtml?cm_mmc=nl-_-nl-_-110526-h00-kidbooksA-_-01cta)

Some of these books can be read at a much younger age while others are verging on the young adult genre. Some are ageless classics while others are modern. Some are better for boys and others are better for girls. Some are sets or series, so you are actually receiving more than 50 recommendations.

~Want the latest award winning and notable books? Go to the Newbery site at:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal>

and the Children's Notable lists at:

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/notalists>.

Have a great summer and happy reading,  
Mrs. Sackllah



# News From The Counselor's Corner

## Explorers Let's SOAR!

I cannot believe that we are at the end of the school year. This year has been a whirlwind of learning and fun! Take some time this summer to read, try something new, and spend time with family.

As we leave for the summer, remember your guidelines for success. You should always

**Show that you care**  
**Only give your best**  
**Accept responsibility**  
**Respect others**



These are character traits that can be used inside and outside of school.

I wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy summer vacation!

Mrs. Woodard

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## Hugs from Mrs. Perkins

*Settlers Way Family-*

*As I sit here trying to put into words what you have meant to me over the last twelve years, it just seems "too big" to fully express. Thoughts of gratitude and love come to mind first.*

*From day one, Kristi Durham and the entire Settlers Way faculty and staff, parents and children, welcomed me! I remember that feeling of, "Oh, no, what have I done?" as I walked the empty halls with Mrs. Durham. But starting that first day, every person I met welcomed me and offered their help and tips! It never stopped. Mrs. Rosier has come to SWE and taken that love and care known as SWE and expanded on it in a beautiful way. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't hear the faculty and staff sharing tips or offering help and support to each other. We are a close group who shares and helps one another. I couldn't be happier or more proud to have been a part of this and I know the students have benefitted from it.*

*It is my greatest hope that you will continue to connect with your children. Make time every single day to look them in the eye, put away all devices, and talk. Listen to what their favorite thing of the day was. Help them grow up to be positive, caring and hard working adults. It takes a LOT of time and effort, but what an amazing gift these children are!*

*And now I have started to say my goodbyes, that same thought, "Oh, no, what have I done?" goes through my mind again. I will miss the hugs from the students and their beautiful smiles. I will miss the friendly parents who entrusted their children to our care. I will miss the daily camaraderie with the faculty and staff. I do know, though, that God has a plan for me and that everything will be as it should. Plus, I'm not going to be a stranger to SWE! I hope to return to read to students and give some more hugs!*

*With love, hugs and smiles-*

*Brenda Perkins*







We  
will  
miss  
you,  
Mrs.  
Perkins!



# Pennies for Patients Collection Drive



Over \$7,663 was collected to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



Azeem Khan donated \$500 of his birthday gift money to Pennies for Patients.  
What a guy!!

← Mrs. Borque's class with Mrs. Perkins! →



# your 20+ MEMBERPERKS

**PTA Members can take advantage of these discounts and many more. If you joined PTA this year, visit [www.txpta.org/member-perks](http://www.txpta.org/member-perks)**

**If you didn't join PTA, be sure to join in the fall for your perks!**



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Enterprise rent-a-car extends a discount of 5% to 10% all Texas PTA members on all rentals across the nation.



Receive \$5 off your registration through November 13, 2017 when you use the code found on the Member Benefits page of the Texas PTA website. A new coupon will be available for Spring 2018!



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Contact your local Nationwide agent to ask about your "Texas PTA Affinity Discount."



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## Fourth Nine Week Award Winners

### PRO Award Winners

Milstead am	Ashraaf U.	Chelsea S.
Milstead pm	Arslan Z.	Isabel R.
Cochran	Sathwik P.	Adediwura A.
Smith	Christopher A.	
Zachary	Victoria S.	
Kirby	Muen M.	
Payne/Myers	Deinon L.	Oluseyi A.
Maler	Azlan R.	Swaraa K.
Crowley	Saahil P.	Catherine L.
Munoz	Blazin C.	Charlotte B.
Mehta	Leevi P.	Aisha H.
Taylor	Corinne K.	
Fanian	Conrad S.	Lilian H.
Mani	Rayyan M.	Khloe C.
Hsu	Avneesh J.	Kuvira G.
Bergerson	Bradley P.	Ritika C.
Honsberger	Arnav C.	Avery L.
Lott	Ayan K.	Kamille C.
Mercedes	Carlos A.	Isabelle B.
Borque	Isaiah A.	Azra K.
Roberts	Camryn L.	Stefanie M.
Baker	Shaan S.	Abigail D.
Gutierrez	Chikezie O.	Atifa A.
Ellefson	Oliver M.	Ariel N.
Roberson	Christian S.	Devon W.
Guest	Amogh P.	Kylie S.
Edwards	Ryder G.	Kelly R.
Vest	Nathan T.	Paula G.
Chowdhury	Jovian M.	Mia Z.
Gaskamp	Daniel D.	Caitlyn G.
DeMont	Sanith G.	Shruthi A.
Blasdell	Roark M.	Hallie H.
Guzman	Manthan P.	Maryam I.
Outen	Anthony H.	Sofia M.

### Writers Club

Smith	Khajae C.
Kirby	Ernesto R.
Payne/Myers	Langston M.
Maler	Preston S.
Crowley	Maryam G.
Munoz	Karis L.
Mehta	Daasya P.
Taylor	Greta G.
Fanian	Abigail A.
Mani	Shelby K.
Hsu	Aaliyah A.
Bergerson	Aashritha C.
Honsberger	Anika C.
Lott	Davin W.
Mercedes	Violet M.
Borque	Abhi T.
Roberts	Madeline A.
Baker	Elizabeth H.
Gutierrez	Jessie C.
Ellefson	Cameron S.
Roberson	Ethan C.
Guest	Rachel O.
Edwards	Christopher M.
Vest	Kevin J.
Chowdhury	Harsha S.
Gaskamp	Madison N.
DeMont	Valerie H.
Blasdell	Shlok P.
Guzman	Ammaarah H.
Outen	Zaarah H.

## Field Trip Fun

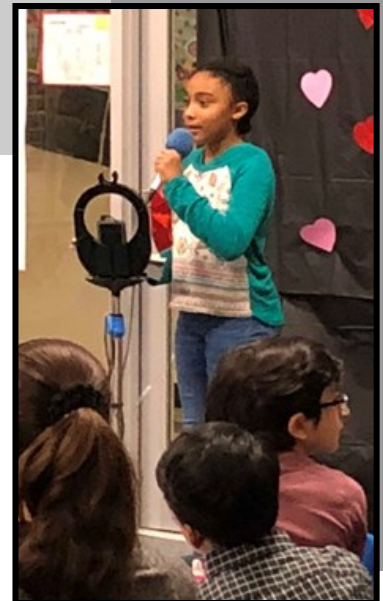
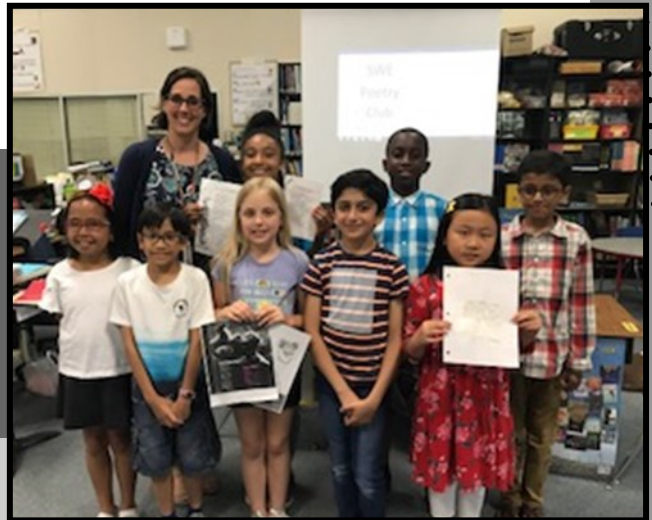


## PTA's BMX Bike Program

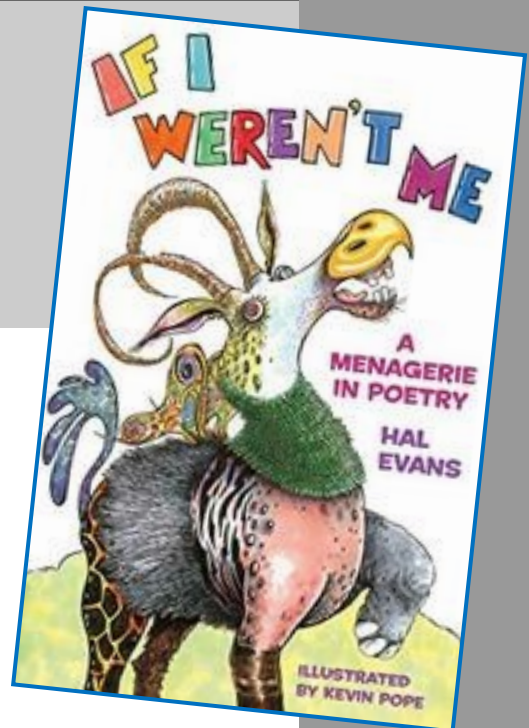


## Poetry Club Fun

The Settlers Way Poetry Club had their first official Poetry Café the evening of Thursday, February 15, 2018, and their end of the year poetry café Thursday, May 3, 2018. Teachers and family members were invited to gather in the tradition of a poetry reading. The library was set up like a café with small tables adorned with tablecloths and flickering candles. Guests enjoyed snacks and punch while listening to students share original poems as well as admired poems from other poets. At the end, parents and guests were invited to share a few of their favorite poems as well. As each poet recited their poetry, the audience “snapped” their appreciation. Mrs. Wright will be offering Poetry Club again next year for any young budding poets in grades 3-5.



# Library Fun





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## SETTLERS WAY ELEMENTARY

*Shoots for the Stars*

## Settlers Way PTA Board

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Vice President	Jamie Rodriguez
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Secretary	
Parliamentarian	Kristie Crandall

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and back to school needs!

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Some minor construction will take place around our campus throughout the summer months. At times, the front entrance may be temporarily closed. If you need to enter the school, please access the side doors with a card key or call the front office for access.

Our summer office hours, beginning the week of June 4th, will be Monday – Thursday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Our campus phone number is 281-634-4360.

