

**Settlers Way
Elementary**

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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 for my first year here. 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.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for all that you do to make SWE an exceptional school. Please remember that any and all parents are welcome to volunteer at SWE! That has never changed and never will! I understand in speaking to some parents that there was some miscommunication/misinformation shared about volunteers this year by parents who were not clear on expectations. I want to assure you that although sign-in procedures/schedules were added this year for safety and confidentiality reasons, we have always welcomed parents to join us and always will! If you have any specific questions about volunteering or feel you have been misinformed about the procedures or processes put in place, please call or come see me directly as I would be more than happy to discuss volunteering with you. My door is open to you all.

I 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@fortbendisd.com.

Sincerely,
Rachel Rosier



PTA Press Release



Letter From The President

What an incredible year this has been to be PTA President for the BEST elementary school in FBISD! I have so enjoyed working with all of you. I'd heard it before and it's true that the families, staff, and students make representing SWE a very rewarding experience.

It was a long and challenging road to get district approval, but we finally did it. We have received final approval and the new playground has been ordered. YIPPEE!!!! It is expected to be installed sometime in July and will be ready for use when the students come back to school in August. I want to especially thank SWE's Executive Assistant, Lesa Wagner. Without her tireless work and follow-up, we would still be waiting for playground approval. Lesa is a true SWE gem. Thank you Lesa!

Veronica Lorine will be your new PTA president for the 2017-2018 school year and I am looking forward to helping her in any way that I can. I have no doubt it will be a win-win PTA combination having both new and experienced board members all working toward a common goal of making SWE great for another year.

Volunteers are what make SWE's PTA the great organization that it is. Without dedicated and devoted volunteers, the PTA could not do all the good work and provide the wonderful and enriching experiences that it does for students, teachers, and staff. Thank you to all who volunteered to make this year a great success. Your hard work is appreciated and the smiles on our student's faces speak volumes to how big a difference you make for our school.

Keep in mind your help will be needed right away in August so please make sure you complete a new background check after July 1st. You'll be ready and we'll need a lot of "2017-2018 approved" helping hands.

Have a fantastic summer and thank you again for all your help this year!

Sincerely,
Jeff Gricar



VIPS

Wow! Can you believe another school year is coming to a close? It seems like it was just winter break! Thank you for all your hard work and many hours of volunteering. From working with our students, covering jobs in the VIPS room to helping our teachers with all sorts of things, job well done!

I also want to note our final **VIPS of the Month** and our **VIPS of the Year**:

April

Kristie Crandall

She is mom to a 5th grader and a 2nd grader this year at SWE and has served as the VIPS Coordinator, Hospitality Chairperson, Grade Coordinator and Room Parent for both of her children's grade levels. Thank you so much for all you've done!

Kassidy Nguyen

She has earned her VIPS of the Month recognition while also attending high school! Kassidy coordinates our marquee and works tirelessly to change our weekly messages through the rain, heat and cold. She has earned her YES hours through this endeavor and we deeply appreciate her dependability and flexibility. Thank you, Kassidy Nguyen!

May

Ann Velasco

She has served as our Yearbook Coordinator for several years and does an amazing job at producing beautiful memory books. Ann has been a long-time volunteer at SWE and has lovingly watched several of her grandchildren attend our school. Thanks for all you do all year!

Keith Marrero

He co-coordinated the yearbook with Ann this year and has been a huge help assisting with layout and photography. Keith has a son in kindergarten this year. A big thank you, Keith, for your help this year.

It's been a great year and SWE is a wonderful school. Thanks again for your commitment to SWE.

See you back in August,
Kristie Crandall



VIPS

Drumroll please...

2016-17 VIPS of the Year: Monique Crowley

Monique had a full plate this year serving as the 1st Grade Coordinator, coordinating our SVE t-shirt sales all year AND serving as the Ways and Means Explorer Round-Up Coordinator. She has a 1st grade son attending SVE. Thank you so much for an awesome year. This award recognition is much deserved!!



Settlers Way Elementary

COMING SOON



News From The Library

It's been a great year at the SWE library! Here are just a few things we did this year:

- Texas Readers Club and discovering different genres of literature
- Bluebonnet-book reading and voting
- Library book check-out
- Two Scholastic *Premier Book Fairs*
- Provided two author visits: in September, we had Bluebonnet nominated author Chris Barton speak to our 2nd- 5th grade students and in April we had author Woody Kuon speak to our K - 2nd grade students
- Had *The Texas Sugar Land Heritage Society* visit our 3rd and 4th grade students
- Had the Fort Bend Public librarian speak to all grade levels about summer reading
- Updated our book collection

Additionally this year, the students learned about several different authors, how to choose quality literature, and how to use the Internet with a new Internet Safety lesson every nine weeks. They are on their way to becoming lifelong learners.

TYPE!!! I've also been encouraging the students to develop correct typing skills; especially with regard to the proper placement of their hands on the keys. They know this is something I personally struggle with! I have found a site that I've for a few weeks and wanted to share it with you: <http://www.typinggames.zone/>. Please know this is not a district site, but rather one I use from the Internet, so be sure to monitor it for advertising (as of now, I've not encountered them.)

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 look forward to seeing those returning to SWE next fall and wish those moving to new schools the best!

See my suggestions for summer reading on the next page!





Summer Reading

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

A great place to get books is the public library. They have a great summer reading program! I have included two links to a summary of their reading programs. Here is the elementary link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zX2Y0IAZZv0> and here is the middle school link for our exiting 5th grade students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UW6XIJ82Iyc>. Be sure to stop by there!

Looking for more great books? Start reading the 2017-2018 Bluebonnet nominees. You can find the list of 2017-2018 Bluebonnet books as well as other TLA recommended lists at: <http://www.txla.org/reading-lists>

How about 50 books that are recommended for a typical 11 year-old? Try this list: http://www.abebbooks.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>.

Also, several of you bought some fantastic books at our book fair so be sure to read those over the summer.

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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PRO Award and Writers Club Winners

PRO Award Winners

Milstead am	Michael K.	Insiya A.
Milstead pm	Galo A.	Olivia A.
Coffman	Diego G.	
McGee	Shola A.	
Kirby	Carlos S.	
Nommensen	Robbee M.	
Williams	Alex A.	
Jaggi	Elliot B.	Lana N.
Crowley	Rishita K.	Hannah C.
Maler	Arya A.	Lydia R.
Johannessen	Logan W.	Riley D.
Taylor	Louis L.	Parnika T.
Mani	Zayan S.	Rika F.
Fanian	Bradley P.	Aila R.
Dawson	Sameeha M.	Matthew S.
Elson	Avishaan S.	Ximin L.
Lott	Clement G.	Ava M.
Bergerson	Chikezie O.	Abigail D.
Honsberger	Ibrahim A.	Reagan S.
Borque	Nathan T.	Lyra G.
Vest	David M.	Camila V.
Ellefson	Daniel D.	Niharika M.
Baker	Souhityo S.	Sofia B.
O'Brien	Nikhil A.	Sadaf N.
Yee	Daniel M.	Rebecca K.
Guest	Matthew K.	Angelina S.
Faulkner	Vishal S.	Purnima S.
DeMont	Cole C.	Farah A.
Guzman	Nathan P.	Shamara M.
Blasdell	Austin T.	Aruba H.
Robichau	Joshua W.	Bianca L.

Writers Club

Coffman	Khajae C.
McGee	Caleb E.
Kirby	Evelyn O.
Nommensen	Langston M.
Williams	Deonc B.
Jaggi	Zalen W.
Crowley	Shelby K.
Maler	Trisha S.
Johannessen	Avery L.
Taylor	Edward J.
Mani	Alex T.
Fanian	Alice W.
Dawson	Andria R.
Elson	Srivisini P.
Lott	Kartikeya L.
Bergerson	Jessie C.
Honsberger	John E.
Borque	Leon P.
Vest	Kelly R.
Ellefson	Ethan M.
Baker	Naoly I.
O'Brien	Natalia C.
Yee	Casandra P.
Guest	Maryam I.
Faulkner	Jason G.
DeMont	Gracie W.
Guzman	Emma H.
Blasdell	Gracie F.
Robichau	Alex J.

Field Trip Fun



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Fun during Library Stations





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Shoots for the Stars

Settlers Way PTA Board

President	Jeff Gricar
Vice President	Veronica Lorine
Treasurer	Jamie Rodriguez
Secretary	Melissa Squires
Parliamentarian	Colleen Martin

Have an
awesome
Summer!



Construction will take place around our campus throughout the summer months. At times, the front entrance may be inaccessible. If you need to enter the school, please call the front office for access.



Our summer office hours, beginning the week of June 5th, will be

Monday- Thursday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Our campus phone number is 281-634-4360.



Parmida is ready for the summer in her Fun Friday Hawaiian Day dress, especially after winning the Book Fair basket of books!