

**Settlers Way
Elementary**

Explorer News

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From The Principal

Great things continue to happen at Settlers Way every day. Our students and teachers are working very hard and are tackling the last few months of school with great willingness and enthusiasm.

Our students in third, fourth and fifth grades just completed the first round of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) tests. We will have additional STAAR testing in third, fourth, and fifth grades during the week of May 8th. Please check your child's Tuesday folder and your email because we will send out more information as these test dates get closer.

As spring arrives, I also want to ask for your continued support in a few different areas. We are having children dropped off and left unsupervised before 7:30 a.m. Please do not drop off students before 7:30 a.m. as there is no supervision or staff on duty before this time. Also, if your child participates in after-school events, it is imperative that they be picked up on time. It's also very important that you continue to check your child's backpack daily for important information from school and to remind your children to turn in their homework on time. When parents are involved in their children's education at home, their children do better in school.

In addition to our parents, the Settlers Way PTA plays a very important role in our students' success. Unlike many other elementary campuses, our PTA helps us to fund two PTA-sponsored field trips per year - at no cost to each student - and they provide financial assistance to purchase added instructional items that benefit our teachers and students each day. We are very appreciative for a wonderful, very supportive PTA board and membership. Our PTA is currently looking to fill vacancies on the PTA board for the next school year too. If you would like to participate on the PTA Board for the 2017-2018 school year, please call me at (281) 634-4360 or email me at rachel.rosier@fortbendis.com. There are positions open with a wide range of involvement needed. Whether you have a full time job or are a stay-at-home parent, we have a position for you.

We would love to have you as a member of the Settlers Way PTA Board! Thank you for all of the time, energy, and support that you give SWE. Our school's success is due in large part to your generous help and continued enthusiasm!

Rachel Rosier



PTA Press Release



Letter From The President

It's been an exciting year so far for Settlers Way! Explorer Round-Up was a great success! It was a wonderful fun-filled family event. I think the kids enjoyed dunking their teachers and smashing confetti eggs on each other's heads!

Thank you so much to Monique Crowley and her team for putting in the hours needed to pull off such a wonderful event. Great Job!!! I would also like to thank all the parents and volunteers who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success.

All these wonderful events are sponsored by the SWE PTA and require the time and effort of many volunteer parents and teachers. As a parent, volunteering is a wonderful way to give back to the community and it sets a great example for our children. If you are interested in volunteering for Explorer Round-Up or any of the other SWE PTA committees or positions next year, we would love to welcome you on board.

Some of these positions require more time, while others require less, but all are important. Make a difference and volunteer, it's worth every minute of your time. Please contact me at jeffgricar@gmail.com if you're interested in volunteer opportunities.

Lastly, we are currently in the final stages of approval by the school district for our new playground. Our goal is to break ground by May so that a wonderful new playground will be ready to welcome students in the upcoming school year.

Sincerely,
Jeff Gricar
President



VIPS

Hello wonderful VIPS!

Here we are rounding the corner to the end of another great school year. Can you believe it? What a great year we are having. Lets keep it up and finish strong!

VIPS of the Month:

- **January: Jamie Rodriguez**

Jamie has a 4th grader at Settlers Way. She stays very busy helping with class parties, classroom activities, serving as a room parent and is also our PTA Treasurer. Thank you Jamie for ALL you do!

- **February: Brooke Day**

Brooke has a 5th grader and has been a big help in this grade level this year. She can be counted on to help with all types of activities, from the class parties to the big end-of-year 5th grade pool party. Thank you Brooke for all you do!

- **March: Diana Herrera and Letty Munoz**

Ms. Diana and Ms. Letty are very well-known around campus attending to each and every need. Ms. Diana is our campus Lead Custodian and Ms. Letty is our Asst. Custodian. They take such pride in our school and work diligently at keeping everything so clean and well maintained. This recognition is long-overdue for these two helpers and we appreciate everything they do each and every day!

Thank you to all our families, our teachers and our students for all your support of SWE!

Kristie Crandall
VIPS Coordinator





News From The Library

The library has been a busy place this year and I want to give a special thanks to all of our wonderful library volunteers who help out...Thank you, you are ALL amazing!!!

Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have been busy reading and voting for their favorite Bluebonnet books in the library. SWE students who read 5 or more of the 20 nominated Bluebonnet books voted for their favorite book this January. SWE students were part of 150,094 students in the state of Texas that participated in choosing this year's award winning book. And....This year's winner is ***Roller Girl by Victoria Jamieson*** with 18,481 votes. This book also won the Newbery Book Honor Award in 2016.

Texas Reader's Club is also in full swing. Students need to continue reading and completing projects for eligibility. Please check with your child's teacher for grade level requirements. Remember all books need to be read and recorded in the Texas Readers Folder by the first Friday in May.

The different grade levels are also busy learning in the library. Here is just a small look at some of the things we are learning.

- **Kindergarten** students are learning how to choose books and they are also listening to quality literature. **First** graders have been learning about the features of fiction and non-fiction books and pairing fiction with non-fiction books with the same topics.
- **Second** grade students have learned how to use the catalog and put books on hold.
- Our **3rd, 4th, and 5th** grade students have been busy reading Bluebonnet nominated books and other award winning books as well as going to library stations.

Our fall *Scholastic Premiere Book Fair* was such a hit, that we will be having another *Premier Book Fair* in May. We will have several days to purchase books and many opportunities to volunteer. Keep an eye out for more announcements!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Sackllah



News From The Counselor's Corner

Explorers Let's SOAR!

We are focusing on our Core Essentials Character Education. For the remainder of the year we will take a look at forgiveness, humility, and determination.

Girls Club & Boys Club: The Gentlemen of SWE and Leading Ladies will participate in activities that strengthen leadership skills, build self-esteem, and encourage community service.

Lunch Bunches: Students will be selected to eat lunch with the counselor. This time with the counselor will be used to spotlight different strategies that students can utilize to enhance their educational experience. The guidance lessons for lunch bunch will come from the book, "Hunter and the Amazing Remote Control."

Activities to look forward to:

Career Day

K-5th grade students will participate in activities and small talks with professionals in a variety of different careers.

STAAR Testing Season:

Please read the brief article on tips for testing from the March 2017 Home School Connection newsletter.

Tips for test day

Good news: Everyday strategies your youngster uses in reading and math will come in handy on standardized tests. Here's how:

- Help your child prepare for sections where she has to read paragraphs, answer questions, and give supporting details. When you read to her at home, talk about the book, and ask her to show you *evidence* to back up her ideas and opinions.
- Your youngster may be asked to show how she solves math problems during the test, just like she does on regular assignments. Tell her that it's better to write too much rather than not enough, especially if the test isn't timed. She might also include drawings, such as a sketch showing how she found the area of a trapezoid.♥



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PRO Award and Writer's Club Winners

PRO Award Winners

Milstead am	Andrew L.	Swaraa K.
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Coffman		Victoria M.
McGee	Ahmad B.	
Kirby	Evelyn O.	Nini N.
Nommensen	Blake O.	
Williams		Noor Q.
Jaggi	Sudharshan S.	Aaliyah A.
Crowley	Roy D.	Alizeh T.
Malder		Juli G.
Johannessen	Aaron F.	Eowyn C.
Taylor	Vivaan D.	Hailey D.
Mani	Aaron A.	Isabelle B.
Fanian	Joseph M.	Faith D.
Dawson	Jacob B.	Boya P.
Elson	Vansh P.	Tisya V.
Lott	Arad M.	Leyla J.
Bergerson	Benjamin W.	Lucy C.
Honsberger	Abhieram T.	Maliya C.
Borque	Ryder G.	Parmida H.
Vest	Christopher M.	Lacey K.
Ellefson	Anirudh H.	Ayla C.
Baker	Jamal R.	Arushi M.
O'Brien	Hamza H.	Sofia M.
Yee	Darren M.	Anchal M.
Guest	Aiden T.	Shiza M.
Faulkner	Brenden D.	Bailey S.
DeMont	Dwyane S.	Vanessa V.
Guzman	Aniq R.	Kim F.
Blasdell	Christian G.	Alexa M.
Robichau	Moosa K.	Saniya M.

Writers Club

Coffman	Kevin R.
McGee	Omoshola A.
Nommensen	Erika M.
Williams	Alexis M.
Jaggi	Bryson F.
Crowley	Seif S.
Malder	Jenny G.
Johannessen	Emily G.
Taylor	Louis L.
Mani	Amy F.
Fanian	Laxmi K.
Dawson	Henry Z.
Elson	Sasha K.
Lott	Rebecca Z.
Bergerson	Arya A.
Honsberger	Ibrahim A.
Borque	Laurissa L.
Vest	Lacey K.
Ellefson	Adriana T.
Baker	Kiley S.
O'Brien	Amanda I.
Yee	Ishaan C.
Guest	Logan M.
Faulkner	Jayden S.
DeMont	Reet S.
Guzman	Shamara M.
Blasdell	Crystal F.
Robichau	Leyi G.

Culture Day



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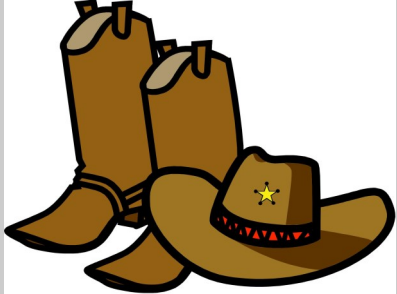
Culture Day



100th Day



Explorer Round Up





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SETTLERS WAY ELEMENTARY

Shoots for the Stars

Settlers Way PTA Board

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

Calendar of Events

- April 3rd-7th - Pennies for Patients Drive
- April 3rd - Online Registration opens for 2017-18 kindergarten students
- April 4th - PTA Board Meeting 9:30 am
- April 4th - Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night
- April 5th - CBLT Meeting, 3:45 pm
- April 10th - Campus appointments window opens for 2017-18 kindergarten students
- April 11th - Evening appointments available from 5-7 pm for 2017-18 kindergarten students
- April 13th - **FIELD DAY**
- April 14th - School Holiday
- April 18th - Field Trips for 1st grade and 5th grade
- April 19th - Skeeters Grill Spirit Night, 4-10 pm
- April 24th-28th - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- April 24th - Online registration opens for 2017-18 Pre-K students
- April 25th - Volunteer Appreciation Reception 9 am
- May 1st - Campus appointments window opens for 2017-18 Pre-K students
- May 2nd - PTA Board Meeting 9:30 am
- May 8th-10th - STAAR Testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students - **NO VISITORS ALLOWED**
- May 15th - 19th - Book Fair
- May 25th - Career Day

