

**Settlers Way
Elementary**

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From The Principal

Dear Parents,

What a great fall semester we've had! It's been so impressive to see our students progress both academically and socially. Thank you for your continued support and involvement at SWE. We are so fortunate to have such loving and caring parents.

As we begin this spring semester, I also want to pass on a few gentle reminders:

- *Students should not be dropped off to campus before 7:30 a.m. as there is no supervision on campus grounds.*
- *Please use caution and drive slowly when pulling through the carpool lane.*
- *All students should have an established, routine way to go home every day. Changes should only be made in the event of an emergency and should not be required on a frequent basis.*
- *Calls to change your child's way home will not be accepted after 3:00 p.m.*
- *Make sure your child knows his/her severe weather dismissal plan. Students noted as walkers and bikers must have a "Severe Weather/Rainy Day Plan" on file with the homeroom teacher in the event our usual dismissal routine cannot be followed.*

I'm looking forward to this next semester and thank you for all you do for the students and staff of Settlers Way Elementary. Have a wonderful winter break!

Rachel Rosier



PTA Press Release

Letter From the President

Hello SWE Parents!



Thank you to all the students, teachers, parents, friends and family that pledged their money and time to Boosterthon this year. The students had a great time and thanks to your generosity, it was a huge success! SWE collected about \$15,000 from this big fall fundraiser! I also want to thank Jennifer and Nathan Wright for their volunteer time and energy to make it all happen. You are an amazing team!

Mark your calendars for:

Explorer Round-Up – On **Saturday March 3, 2018** we'll host our annual Explorer Round-Up! This will be a fun-filled family event with food, games, bounce houses, silent auction and lots of other activities! This is a great event but takes many volunteer hours to coordinate. Please consider volunteering! If you would like to volunteer or donate auction items for Explorer Round-Up, you can email Allison Rutledge at allisonrutledge1@gmail.com or Vasu Santhanam at vasusanthanam@yahoo.com.

Many thanks to our students and families that also support our school and community service projects. Whether you've helped with supporting food drives, donation drives for our troops and veterans, you make a difference and make us all proud.

Finally, thank you to our PTA Board and Committee Members who have worked so hard for us all and to our new parents who have been quick to step up to volunteering! If anyone else might be interested in volunteering, we would love to have you help out!

Veronica Lorine, President

VIPS News

Happy New Year Settlers Way Parents!

Can you believe another year has come and gone? Hello 2018! I know with your help, 2018 will be the best year yet at SWE! Thank you to all the wonderful VIPS who helped out with Boosterthon, book fair, Reflections, field trips and winter class parties. We could not have done it without you. Valentine's Day parties will be here before you know it. Mark your calendars and come join in the fun with our children. As always there are many volunteer opportunities available. If you are interested in helping out, please don't hesitate to contact me. All volunteer efforts are truly appreciated.

The VIPS of the Month for October is Jennifer Wright. Jennifer is a parent and the Reading Specialist here at Settlers Way Elementary. Even with Jennifer's work schedule, she managed to organize and plan our Boosterthon fundraiser. Thank you, Jennifer, for all you do!

The VIPS of the Month for November is Allison Rutledge. Allison has been working hard organizing and scheduling our fabulous spirit nights. Spirit nights are a great way to meet new friends and support SWE. Allison has also gained numerous sponsorships and donations for Explorer Round-Up. Thank you, Allison, for all you do!

Angela Pena, SWE VIPS coordinator
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SWE Explorer Round-Up is coming soon



**To be held on
Saturday, March 3rd 2018
from 11 am to 3 pm**



It will be a fun filled day with Carnival Games, Food and Silent Auction

This is our major Spring Fundraiser and we need all your help!!

We are still collecting sponsorship/donations from local businesses for silent auction

Upcoming dates:

January 2018: collection begins for grade level donation for silent auction

February 2018: collection begins for food items for concession sale

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News From The Library

The SWE library is a very busy place. We had a very successful November book fair, and our success is largely due to wonderful parent and student volunteers. Although book fair only runs for one week, it takes several weeks to prepare, and I want to thank all those who helped make our fair so successful, especially our book fair volunteers and the 5th grade VISA student helpers! Our second book fair this school year will be the week of March 5th-9th with set-up on March 1st.

In December the library hosted author Hal Evans and the students were treated to a day of hearing him perform and discuss poetry. The students enjoyed his first book of poetry, *If I Weren't Me*.

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 during library classes. All students learn about internet safety in the library and participate in various library stations. Some of the various library stations are research, geography, Bluebonnet book reading, and puzzles & patterns. Specifically, the kindergarten students are learning how to choose books, and are listening to quality literature. First grade students are accessing Tumblebooks and PebbleGo, two of the District's digital resources, where they are listening to and reading books on the computer as well as learning about research. They are also learning about the features of non-fiction books and comparing fiction and non-fiction. Second grade students are learning how a library works and are learning how to search and read an online database using the library catalog. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students have been listening to book talks, using the online catalog, participating in library stations and learning about the internet.

In addition to preparing for and having a successful book fair, learning about databases, and the internet, over 10,000 books have been circulated in our library this year. Wow...we have great readers!!

We have a lot to look forward to over the next few months. The 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are busy reading Bluebonnet nominated books and the students in those grades who read five or more of the 20 nominated books will be eligible to vote for the state's winner at the end of January. Voting will take place in the library and we will announce the winner as soon as we know!

As a reminder, your child participates in one of the following 55 minute outclasses everyday: PE, Art, Library, or Music. Students are on a four-day rotation which means they go to a different outclass every 4 days. Since students do not have an assigned day for library, it is important to have a system in place so that their library books are at school on library day. One way to help remember the outclass order is to learn the acronym: P.A.L.M. (PE, ART, Library, Music). Another suggestion is to have students keep library books in their backpack when they are not reading them so that they will always have them at school to read or return. SWE students should be checking out books every time they come to library and returning them on time so others can enjoy them too. Thanks for everything you do to encourage reading at home and school!

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Sackllah



News From The Counselor's Corner

Hello Explorers!

January

Character Focus: Commitment

What does commitment mean? What does it look like in our society? What are my commitments? Students will participate in activities and lessons that will guide them to the answers for these questions.

February

Character Focus: Kindness

Students will participate in a book study "Each Kindness" by Jacqueline Woodson. Students will learn how to be kind to one another through their words and actions. SWE will create a mail center for receiving kind notes from family, teachers, and friends.

March

Character Focus: Patience

What is patience? Why is patience important? Have you had to be patient? When? Why? Students will participate in activities and lessons that will give them a better understanding about the character trait patience.

What is Coming Up!

- Adult English Classes scheduled to start in January 2018!
- Lunch with the Counselor scheduled to start in January 2018!
- Gifted and Talented notification letters scheduled to be mailed on February 7, 2018.
- SWE Multicultural Celebration scheduled for March 8, 2018!
- SWE Career Day – Call for Presenters! If you are interested in presenting at SWE Career Day, please contact the school counselor. SWE Career Day is scheduled for May 22, 2018.

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First Nine Week Award Winners

PRO Award Winners

Milstead am	Ian M.	Kristin T.
Milstead pm	Orhan A.	Brianna K.
Cochran	Luke L.	Rafael S.
Zachary	Yussef B.	Victoria M.
Kirby	Ernesto R.	Muen M.
Payne/Myers/ Williams	Langston M.	
Maler	Bosworth S.	Eliana P.
Crowley	Brandon W.	Harper M.
Munoz	Ayaan D.	Kendall K.
Mehta	Nanden B.	Elyse D.
Taylor	Elliot B.	Ella M.
Fanian	Tobenna O.	Julieta G.
Mani	Zalen W.	Audrey J.
Hsu	Edward D.	Trisha S.
Bergerson	Rudman M.	Olivia T.
Honsberger	Jasper F.	Leah Z.
Lott	Davin W.	Tianhui Z.
Mercedes	Jeffrey F.	Emma H.
Borque	Nicholas M.	Meagan S.
Roberts	Yawar R.	Payton M.
Baker	Arnold C.	Janet M.
Gutierrez	Jeremiah B.	Brooklyn M.
Ellefson	Jacob B.	Cameron S.
Roberson	Ronald R.	Kaitlyn B.
Guest	Do'ron S.	Camila V.
Edwards	Max G.	Kayla O.
Vest	Gavin V.	Karla Z.
Chowdhury	Abraham S.	Izza R.
Gaskamp	Adrian C.	Parmida H.
DeMont	Luke H.	Amber H.
Blasdell	Mohammad I.	Aaliyah B.
Guzman	Razin M.	Aaminah A.
Outen	Ayan K.	Shiza M.

Writers Club Winners

Kirby	Josue S.
Payne/Myers/ Williams	Erika M.
Maler	Saithanvi R.
Crowley	Caden R.
Munoz	Charlotte B.
Mehta	Julian B.
Taylor	Nandini P.
Fanian	Vaanya G.
Mani	Jillian G.
Hsu	Liam C.
Bergerson	Sophia A.
Honsberger	Alex T.
Lott	Faith D.
Mercedes	Niyati P.
Borque	Sana S.
Roberts	Ximin L.
Baker	Tisya V.
Gutierrez	Lilia A.
Ellefson	Srivasini P.
Roberson	Mohammad A.
Guest	Mauro L.
Edwards	Carmen V.
Vest	Gabriel A.
Chowdhury	Jastine E.
Gaskamp	Anthony S.
DeMont	Peyton L.
Blasdell	Grace M.
Guzman	Santiago Z.
Outen	Natalia C.

Second Nine Week Award Winners

PRO Award Winners

Milstead am	Juan N.	Zoey Z.
Milstead pm	Ahmed S.	Ava C.
Cochran	Wali K.	Johan K.
Smith	Theresa K.	
Zachary	Victoria M.	
Kirby	Ethan M.	
Payne/Myers/ Williams	Blake O.	
Maler	Charan Vijaya B.	Isabella V.
Crowley	Niko M.	Bleu R.
Munoz	Jaxson F.	Michelle S.
Mehta	Max A.	Munevver
Taylor	Bryson F.	Sofia C.
Fanian	Aditya V.	Ja'Liyah B.
Mani	Nicolai T.	Shelby K.
Hsu	Alejandro S.	Zimal B.
Bergerson	Cameron S.	Jaini B.
Honsberger	Hammad H.	Amy F.
Lott	Ryan H.	Rika F.
Mercedes	Dany J.	Parnika T.
Borque	Arad Mahani G.	Kathleen A.
Roberts	Benjamin V.	Natalie B.
Baker	Aryan G.	Sasha K.
Gutierrez	Kartikeya L.	My N.
Ellefson	Ethan L.	Sri P.
Roberson	Mohammad A.	Cameron K.
Guest	Rayaan M.	Jana J.
Edwards	Leon M.	Sofia B.
Vest	Gabriel A.	Suha M.
Chowdhury	Payton M.	Ava M.
Gaskamp	Anirudh H.	Arisha A.
DeMont	Brendan D.	Rebecca Y.
Blasdell	Preston D.	Maya R.
Guzman	Mauricio Canedo M.	Purnima S.
Outen	Kirby O.	Keyla U.

Writers Club Winners

Payne/Myers/ Williams	Langston M.
Maler	Kaitlyn C.
Crowley	Vaishnavi R.
Munoz	Landon L.
Mehta	Zachary P.
Taylor	Brianna M.
Fanian	James C.
Mani	Helena S.
Hsu	Edward D.
Bergerson	Ryo K.
Honsberger	Harper K.
Lott	Rika F.
Mercedes	Samuel G.
Borque	Emil M.
Roberts	Da'Lan S.
Baker	Zayna W.
Gutierrez	Ben C.
Ellefson	Destanie F.
Roberson	Iman T.
Guest	Balaj F.
Edwards	Harini B.
Vest	Aiden B.
Chowdhury	Adriana T.
Gaskamp	Trisha V.
DeMont	Rania F.
Blasdell	Seth G.
Guzman	Sophia M.
Outen	Kirby O.



Boosterthon Fun





SWE Teacher of the Year Joan Schiller



Good times at SWE





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**SETTLERS WAY
ELEMENTARY**

Shoots for the Stars

Settlers Way PTA Board

President	Veronica Lorine
Vice President	Jamie Rodriguez
Treasurer	Veronica Najara
Secretary	Vasu Santhanam
Parliamentarian	Kristie Crandall

Calendar of Events

- January 11 - Geography Bee, 8:30 am
- January 15 - School Holiday, MLK Holiday
- January 23 - Chipotle Spirit Night
- January 24 - Third grade field trip to Fort Bend Discovery Center
- January 25 - Fourth grade field trip to Fort Bend Museum

- February 1 - Spring Creek Spirit Night
- February 5 - 100th Day of School
- February 6 - PTA Board Meeting, 9:30 am
- February 14 - Valentines Day, class party day
- February 16 - Early Release Day at 12:10 pm for parent conferences
- February 19 - School Holiday, President's Day
- February 22 - PTA Meeting and Math Night

.....more to come!