

Parent/Student Newsletter

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WE ARE TEXANS

CAR RIDERS

INFORMATION

Teachers will **NOT** open and close car doors due to COVID19 and Delta Variant.

Car rider tags are required for all students.

Parent/Guardian ID Required

Parents/Guardians visiting the campus, picking up a student prior to the end of the school day or picking up a student without the car rider tag **must show a valid government-issued photo identification** at all times.

Please send your students to school with all of his/her school items we are not taking dropped-off items at the front desk to help prevent the spread of COVID19.

Each year, Americans observe National **Hispanic Heritage Month** from September 15 to October 15, by **celebrating** the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.



Friday, October 29, 2021

The parade will start at 8:30 AM

Students who arrive late during the parade will be seated in the main office until the end of the parade.

Parents can stand outside using social distance to see the students walk in their costumes.

Students can wear kid friendly costumes ONLY.

Don't Forget!

Wednesday, October 6

- End of the First Nine Weeks
- All Grades Due in SKYWARD

Thursday, October 7

- No School for Students

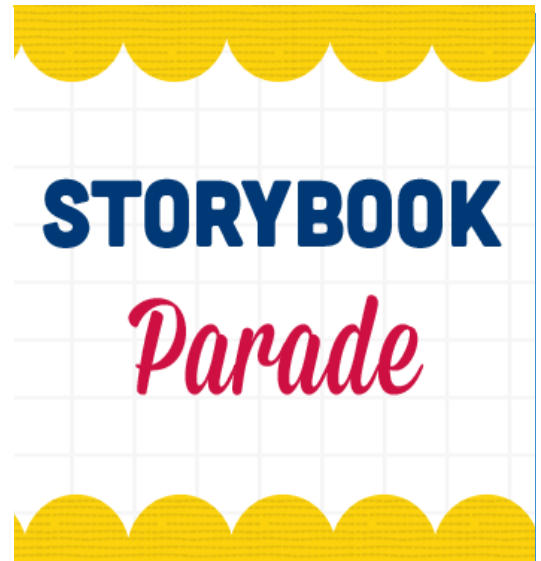
Friday, October 8

- No School for Students

Monday, October 11

- School Holiday (Columbus Day)

REMINDER



Sunday, October 31, 2021

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



The purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to create awareness concerning the problems related to the use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. RRW also reinforces the decision to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Please support this initiative by dressing up on our fun dress days!

Hispanic Heritage Month at TWE



Week of October 12th – 15th

Oct. 12th Sombrero Tuesday – Wear a traditional Hispanic, cultural, or a favorite hat

Oct. 13th Win Wednesday – Wear your favorite team shirt of a Hispanic country or favorite team shirt






Oct. 14th Travelers Thursday – Dress in the colors of the flag of a Hispanic country

Oct. 15th Fiesta Friday - Wear traditional clothing from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America, South America or Spain (or wear your most festive attire) and join the parade!*

***Parade for students only.**

We encourage all students to participate in the week's festivities and represent the Hispanic culture or their own cultural background. Thank you for your participation!



<p>Monday 10/25</p>	<p>Tuesday 10/26</p>	<p>Wednesday 10/27</p>	<p>Thursday 10/28</p>	<p>Friday 10/29</p>
<p><i>Red Out</i></p> <p>From head-to-toe, who's got the most red?</p> <p>Let's kick off Red Ribbon Week by wearing RED</p> 	<p><i>Don't Get Mixed Up With the Wrong Crowd</i></p> <p>Make good choices by surrounding yourself with friends who will help you live a healthy life, free of drugs, alcohol & tobacco</p> 	<p><i>Just BeYOUtiful</i></p> <p>Since this year's theme is Drug Free Looks like Me, wear a dress, wear a suit, or wear something that shows your style. Why copy or try to be like anyone else? The best person you can be is YOURSELF!</p> 	<p><i>Team Work Makes the Dream Work</i></p> <p>Let's send the message that when we team up to live a healthy lifestyle, nothing can stand in our way! Wear your favorite team shirt/jersey.</p> <p>Virtual assembly: Make Smart Choices by Orbit, mascot of the Houston Astros</p> 	<p><i>Show Your Character</i></p> <p>Dress as your favorite book character for our TWE book parade. After all, being able to say no to drugs shows that you can make good choices with good character!</p> 

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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 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 to recognize and respond to students' social/emotional needs as well as promote the wellness and development for all students.

The Needs Assessment addresses the following areas:

- Social/Emotional supports
- Sense of belonging
- Safety
- Post-secondary readiness

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.

Townwest Elementary will make the Needs Assessment available to students using **Microsoft Forms** from October 18th to October 29th. 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,

Kelly Summerville-Counselor

(281) 634-4485



Transportation Changes

At the beginning of the year, your child's homeroom teacher will ask you how your child will be going home each day. If any changes occur throughout the year, you will need to send a "Change of Transportation" letter signed and dated to school prior to the change. For the safety of your child, we can only accept notes signed by parent/guardian or an email from the parent/guardian (Emails must be received from an email address on file in Family Access). Your change of transportation can be sent to attendancetwe@fortbendis.com **NO Phone Calls Will Be Accepted.** In an emergency, you may fax your letter to 281-634-4494 before **2:00 pm** on the day of the change. Transportation changes CANNOT be accepted over the phone. Exceptions will be only cleared through an administrator. We cannot accept changes to transportation after 2:00 pm. **Also, if you need to check out your child for any reason, please do so no later 2:45 p.m.**

Early Leave

Parents/Guardians picking up a student prior to the end of the school day must show a valid government-issued photo identification, sign the student out and wait in the designated area for the student. **The child will not be released to anyone except the parent/guardian unless a written note from the parent/guardian with a signature has been received.** A student needing to leave during the school day for appointments should remain in the classroom to maximize instructional time until the parent/guardian arrive(s). School personnel will inform the student that the parent/guardian has arrived.

Students who are not present for the 10:00 a.m. roll call will be marked absent for the day, unless they have a healthcare provider excuse. No early pickups will be allowed after 2:45 pm. Please help the front office by **minimizing** early pick-ups unless there is an emergency. Students being picked up early on a consistent basis without significant cause will be referred to the Attendance Committee and District Social Worker for truancy.

The American Academy of Pediatrics on Monday, July 19, 2021 **recommended that all children over the age of two wear masks when returning to school this year**, regardless of vaccination status. The AAP, which said it is important for children to return to in-person learning this year, recommends that school staff also wear masks.

American Academy
of Pediatrics



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<https://www.npr.org/2021/07/20/1018380783/everyone-should-wear-a-mask-in-schools-vaccinated-or-not-u-s-pediatricians-say>



Campus Visitors

Fort Bend ISD will allow all visitors on campus for the 2021-2022 school year. Campuses will communicate their visitor guidelines to their school community. Visitor guidelines may vary per campus due to campus utilization and unique needs. Please contact your campus principal for information and procedures about attending on-campus events.

All visitors must present a valid photo ID at the front office when signing in prior to being approved to access the learning environment.

By entering a District facility, all visitors will confirm they do not have COVID-19 symptoms and have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days.



Parents we need your help during **morning arrival** to ensure the safety of your children. We have procedures in place to assist with keeping our students safe but those procedures only work if parents adhere to the procedures.

1. Please follow the flow of the car rider traffic;
2. Have your child/children ready to pop-out of the car:
 - Have all their school items with them
 - Have all items in the backpack and zipped
- Have their mask on when the car door opens
- Say your good-byes before the car door opens
- Share your good-bye kisses before the car door opens



3. Do not park in the staff parking lot our staff need those spots when they arrive to work;
4. Do not park on the side of the street to drop of your child/children;
5. If you are walking your child to school, that means you are walking from home; not parking in front of the school and walking to the door;
6. Arrival time is 8:10 AM and
7. Breakfast is 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM.

When parents change the dismissal procedures, other parents are not happy because it is skipping the line.

It is extremely hot outside for the staff and we are working to get all our students to breakfast and class on time but we need parents to help us.

Parents we also need your help during **dismissal** to ensure the safety of your children. We have procedures in place to assist with keeping our students safe but those procedures only work if parents adhere to the procedures.

1. Have your car tag visible in the window until your child/children are in the car;
2. When you do not have the car rider please have your ID;
3. Follow the flow of the car rider line (we only have 1 line);
4. Do **NOT** park on the side of the street to pick-up your child/children;
5. If your child/children is a walker that means they are walking home or you are walking to campus to pick them up (no car is involved when the student is a walker) and
6. Dismissal time is 3:25 PM please be present and on time.

All absence notes; doctor notes and change of transportation should be emailed to:

attendancetwe@fortbendisd.com

If possible, please donate **Lysol** and **Clorox Wipes** to our classrooms to help fight the spread of COVID19 and keep our students safe. (***This is not a requirement but highly recommended and would be greatly appreciated***)

Thank you in advance for your help!



Morning Arrival

- Parents are not allowed to park in the staff parking lot and walk students to the door.
- Please drop your child off at one of the cones during morning arrival.
- Do not drop your child off on the side of the street.
- The front of the building are designated for bus and day care **ONLY**.

After-School Dismissal

Attention TowneWest Walkers if you have indicated that your student is a walker please see information below:

- If the student is in grade third, fourth and fifth they will walk home or you can meet them at the stop sign. Do **NOT** come to campus.
- If a student is in grade, third, fourth and fifth with a sibling in grades Pre-Kinder, Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade, they will walk home with the older sibling or you can meet them at the stop sign. Do **NOT** come to campus.
- If your student is in Pre-Kinder, Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade **without** an older sibling to walk home with, you must meet them near to picnic area with your car tag as a form of identification.
- Do not park in front of the school to walk on campus to pick-up your student. A walker is a student walking home or the parent walking to pick-up the student.
- If you drive and park, you will need to make your child a car rider.
- **All car rider parents please follow the traffic flow; do not cut the line; do not block the driveways of our school neighbors and please be kind!**