



Fielder E-News

A joint PTA/Campus Newsletter

April 25, 2016

Dr. Rhodes' Weekly Message

I hope all of our families fared well during the recent weather events. We are glad to be back with our students!

I am now accepting parent recommendations for specific teacher characteristics that your student may need as they move into the next grade level. Requests will be accepted through May 6th at 4pm. Recommendations cannot be for a specific teacher. If a specific teacher is requested, your student will not be placed in that class. If you feel you need to submit a recommendation for specific characteristics, please send an email to me directly- williamhrhodes@katyisd.org. Please include your student's full name and current grade level. I will respond to your email with a "received" notification.

Website / Event Calendar

March Core Essential: Friendship

(click [HERE](#) for Core Essential Flyer)

Spending time with someone you trust and enjoy.

Animal: Dolphin / Color: Purple

Tuesday, April 26

10-2:30 PTA School Store, Science Lab

Wednesday, April 27

RDR - Book Due Meeting

11:30-1:45 Chess Club, Science Lab

Thursday, April 28

M.A.D. Lab - 3rd Grade, Science Lab

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Rebekah Swick Kindergarten Teacher

I am a Kindergarten teacher and I love teaching at Fielder. I am a native Houstonian and Texas A&M graduate. WHOOP!! My family lives in this neighborhood and my daughter was a Fielder student. She is now a sophomore at Cinco Ranch HS.

This is my 22nd year as a teacher. I began in Spring Branch where I also coached girls' basketball. I came to Fielder when my daughter was in Kindergarten. I have taught Kindergarten for the past 11 years and I truly love teaching at my neighborhood school. On the weekend, you might see me supporting previous / current students at their sporting events. I love being able to see them outside of school.

Teaching has been such a blessing in my life. Fielder Elementary is a wonderful place to work and it will always have a very special place in my heart.

Friday, April 29

KISD STUDENT HOLIDAY

Tuesday, May 3

PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME

11:30-1:45 Chess Club (moved from April 13), Science Lab

4-9pm [PTA Pei Wei Spirit Night](#)

Office and Other Information

- Click [HERE](#) for the FE PTA Website
- Click [HERE](#) for the Fielder Website
- Click [HERE](#) for Katy ISD Home Access Center (HAC). Register to gain access to grades, e-news, etc.
- To receive the weekly Fielder E-News, email fe@katyisd.org and ask for your email address to be included in distribution
- For **changes of transportation** send an e-mail to fe@katyisd.org by 2:30 of the day of the change

Throughout the year, don't forget to follow us through our social media network:

Facebook= [Fielder Elementary](#)

Twitter= [@FielderElem](#) [#fielderpride](#)

Tips From the Front Office

Do you need your Home Access Center password and ID? This portal shows you your child's grades and absences and it is the ONLY WAY to find out who your child's teacher will be for next year. If you need an ID and password, please email fe@katyisd.org and a letter will be printed for you.

If you are planning on moving, please send back the **Are You Moving?** form that came home in last Monday's folders. The forms need to be returned if you are moving out of Katy ISD or if you are moving within Katy ISD and staying within the same program. You do not need to send the forms back if your child has been rezoned to the new elementary school, Jenks or if you have a 5th grader moving to junior high.

CRJH School Supply Pre-Order

Do you have a child attending CRJH next year? Save TIME and avoid the HASSLE, pre-purchase your school supplies! To order you may use the School Supply Pack [Order Form](#) or click on the following link and type in the code **CIN003**: <https://www.educationalproducts.com/shoppacks/>.

This will automatically take you to the site and allow you to purchase supplies for your student.

If you have any questions please contact Jane Welborn at jjwelborn@gmail.com

News from the Bilingual Department

If you are considering withdrawing your child from the bilingual program or TWI please contact Ms. Soriano at GracielaSoriano@Katyisd.org or (281)237-4795 during the week of May 2-6. Ms. Soriano will contact parents/guardians during the week of May 2-6 to schedule an appointment for the week of May 16-26 to sign the appropriate withdrawal documents. No requests will be accepted after May 13 for the 2016-17 school year.

If Fielder is not your home school, you will have to make arrangements with the Fielder registrar to transfer your child to their home campus. If you withdraw your child from the bilingual program and there is a sibling enrolled at Fielder you may fill out the on-line transfer request form (<http://www.katyisd.org/dept/campusadmin/Pages/Student-Transfers.aspx>) and pay the fee of \$35 to keep the non- bilingual student at Fielder.

If your child is not changing programs you do not need to contact Ms. Soriano.

Information from the PTA

New Announcements:

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 2-6, 2016

Fielder PTA has many activities planned for Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week.

- **Monday, May 2:** We're providing donuts & juice to all of the staff!
- **Tuesday, May 3:** We're providing fortune cookies & a flyer that will get each staff member a FREE entrée at Pei Wei that evening, in conjunction with our Spirit Night!
- **Wednesday, May 4:** The lounge will feature a popcorn bar to provide them with a fun treat!
- **Thursday, May 5:** The staff will be able to choose a favorite snack throughout the day as the lounge will be filled with yummy things!
- **Friday, May 6:** Our staff will be treated to a catered luncheon from Zoe's Kitchen, full of fun & food! This is a 2 hour luncheon, so parent subs are needed!

Please visit the links below to see how YOU can help with the above activities!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4ba4ad22a31-teacher1>

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4ba4ad22a31-teacher>

In addition to the treats provided by the PTA, we'd love to see each student participate in this week as well so that they can individually show their appreciation! Here are some ideas that will make your child's teacher SMILE!

- **Monday, May 2:** Have your child write their teacher a heartfelt note & hand deliver it. Have them include some specific ways they notice that he or she goes the extra mile to help them! How about you as a parent writing them a note as well?
- **Tuesday, May 3:** Have your child bring a book to donate to their classroom Library or some other kind of school supply. Think about how many times your child's teacher has to go looking for a pencil or a Sharpie or a dry erase marker or the Kleenex box, etc!
- **Wednesday, May 4:** Have your child bring a flower to their teacher. It can even be one picked from your backyard!
- **Thursday, May 5:** Have your child draw their teacher a picture that illustrates one of their favorite memories of the school year!
- **Friday, May 6:** Have your child bring their teacher a soda & a sweet treat for a fun snack OR a bottle of water & a piece of fruit for a healthy afternoon pick-me-up!

Important note: with all of these activities, please don't forget to show your appreciation for our Specials teachers, as well as our support staff!

Thank you!

Fielder PTA Hospitality Committee

School Supplies

Fielder PTA is pleased to offer to our students prepackaged school supplies as a service to our Fielder families for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. Please click here to order:

<http://www.1stdayschoolsupplies.com/kits.php?sid=100650>

Save the date!

Our last school store is coming on Tuesday April 26th. We need a lot of volunteers. Please enter to the following link to sign up. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4aaea82ca0f58-volunteers>

Thanks for all your help.

4th & 5th Grade Chess Players

On Tuesday, May 24, 6-8 pm we will hold our first ever Fielder Chess Tournament - THE FINAL BATTLE!! It is open to all 4th and 5th graders (even those that did not sign up for Chess Club).

Click here to register - <http://goo.gl/forms/nSygKZ8SxW>.

Click here for more details - <http://www.fielderpta.org/programs.html>.

Deadline for registration is April 22.

Last M.A.D. Labs of the Year

MAD (Mom And Dad) Lab success is due to the wonderful participation of Fielder parents. Visit

<http://www.fielderpta.org/mad-lab.html> Labs for each grade are:

- 3rd Grade – Thursday, April, 28, 2016
- 2nd Grade – Thursday, May 5, 2016
- 1st Grade – Thursday, May 19, 2016
- Kindergarten- Thursday, May 26, 2016

Extracurricular Art Classes at Fielder Elementary

The Fielder PTA is proud to partner with Abrakadoodle to bring students an amazing after-school experience. Professional staff will teach step by step projects including colorful landscapes, delicate floral compositions, acrylic and watercolor paintings to hang on your walls, and home décor to brighten any room!

This 4 week session will run the following Fridays: April 8 & 22, May 6 & 20, 2016 from 3:45-4:45pm in Fielder Science Lab.

- * Session Fee: \$80 per child (all materials are included).
- * Classes: K-2nd Grade & 3-5th Grade
- * Maximum 15 children per class (min 8)

Different projects from Fall 2015 session. Sign up will ONLY be available online at:

<http://www.abrakadoodle.com/tx-katy-and-west-houston-register/>

PTA Reminder Text Messages

Sign up for PTA reminder text messages! We will remind you about events and payment deadlines. Instead of a phone number, send a text to this number: 81010. In the message part of your text, send this code: @43eaf9.

VIPS

Would you like to volunteer as a Cafeteria Monitor?

Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054aa8ac29a13-caf>

Dr. Rhodes has asked to please make sure you read the Power Point presentation (link is attached in the Sign up Genius page) before you sign up.

WATCH D.O.G.S.

If there are any Dad/Step Dads/Grandfathers or Uncles that were not able to attend the WATCH D.O.G.S. Kickoff on September 17th and would like to be a WATCH D.O.G., there are still days available! Click on the Sign-Up Genius link below to secure your day! We are asking that you only sign up for ONE day. After everyone has had the opportunity to sign up AND if we have extra days available, we will send out an email to all of those who have signed up, letting you know that you may select another day. On your selected date, please arrive at the school at 7:55am, in your official WATCH D.O.G. t-shirt and you will be given a short training and a schedule for the day. If you do not have an official WATCH D.O.G. t-shirt,

please complete the form attached to this enews and send it in, along with your cash or check (made payable to Fielder PTA) and your shirt will be sent home with your child.

Fielder Falcons have the best DADS in Katy! [2015-2016 Fielder Watch D.O.G.S.](#)



2015-2016 Fielder Watch D.O.G.S.

Thank you for signing up to be a Fielder Watch D.O.G.S.! Fielder is so lucky to have so many wonderful Dads/Stepfathers/Grandfathers/Uncles that are willing to spen...

View on www.signupgenius.com

Preview by Yahoo

CLIP FOR CA\$H Please help our school clip!

Send clipped labels with your child to school. Homeroom teachers will collect and give to the PTA for counting. We will keep a running tally of each classroom's collection and the class that has the most labels will win an **ice cream party!** Labels can also be dropped off in the Box Top collection box in the front lobby of school. Please label bag with your child's name, grade, and teacher.

Collection Schedule:

Sept 1-Nov 30 = December party

Dec 1-March 30 = April party

Questions please email: boxtops@fielderpta.org

Monday Folders

Please sign-up to volunteer for Monday Folders:

<http://vols.pt/YLW1Ys>

If you have any questions about our new system please contact Rosario Drews:

workroom@fielderpta.org

Facebook Groups - PTA

The PTA has created a number of Facebook groups for many grade levels. It's a great way to share information, ask questions and meet other parents. Sign up today!

Kinder families can join here: <http://tinyurl.com/qyz4ljo>

1st Grade: <http://tinyurl.com/o3co7du>

2nd grade: <http://tinyurl.com/otmz4qm>

3rd grade: <http://tinyurl.com/pqvyp4>

Like the PTA on Facebook as well when you search Fielder PTA.