



# THE News

September  
2015

Parents and Students,

We are thrilled for this week! We have an excited day on Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> where we will have student leaders, not all of them, but some showcasing their talents to visitors during a two hour Leadership/Dot Day Event. See the attached flyer for more information on this community event. Not all classrooms will be open for visiting during this time; however, we are focusing on modeling our leadership

As we embark on our 4<sup>th</sup> week, please remember to sign and return the following documents:  
**Acknowledgement of Electronic Distribution of the Student/Parent Handbook and Parent Volunteer Permission Form.**

We are also asking for your extreme caution during the morning and afternoon dismissal for the safety of our students. This is the time of the day when we have all students on the move to enter or dismiss from the building as well as a multitude of vehicles. Please drive careful, be patient, no cell phones, and remember our dismissal areas are designated spots depending on how your child goes home.

**BUS RIDERS:** All students will have bus tags to identify their bus #.

**CAR RIDERS:** All students will have a car rider colored/numbered tag attached to their backpack that will match the colored/numbered car tag in their parent/guardian/car pool vehicle.

**AFTERNOON PARENT PARK and PICK-UP:** All students will be matched with their parent/guardian using the car rider colored/numbered car tag presented by the parents at pick-up time.

**WALKERS/BIKERS:** All students will be dismissed to their designated areas for dismissal.

**DAYCARE:** All students will be dismissed to the gym and seated according to their Daycare tag.

We have one VISITOR Parking LOT in the front (far front parking lot). If walking your child into the building, please park in the appropriate lot and use the crosswalk. In the afternoon, if you wish to come into the school to pick-up your child (ren), please use the designated back parking lot. All PARENT AFTERNOON PARK and PICK-UPS will park in the back and meet staff at the Rotunda doors. Parents will show their CAR RIDER TAG and your child (ren) will be sent to meet you. All students leaving in a car must have a CAR RIDER TAG that matches their parent/guardian tag. Otherwise, staff will direct you to the front office to show appropriate ID. We encourage all parents to use the car rider line for the safety of all students.

*\*If you have a change of transportation and will be unable to provide your car tag, please be sure that an email, note, or fax has been sent to the school.*

**CAR RIDERS-** All car riders need a car rider tag for their vehicle and a matching tag for student back-packs.

Students should be dropped off and picked up along the parent pick-up lane in front of the school. We provide between 12-15 safety patrol students and staff to open car doors and greet each student at the start of each day as well as to say good-bye to them in the afternoon. We encourage all parents and students to use our car rider line as it allows for a safe practice as well as one where we can build relationships with students and families while greeting. CAR RIDER Tags will be available for pick-up at Meet the Teacher/Orientation and throughout the year in the front office. You can get extra tags in case you have multiple ca and/or car pool.

**Buses will drop off and pick up in the back parking lot.**

\*Safety Patrol - Unfortunately, we do not have enough staff to cover childcare for Safety Patrol Siblings. If your oldest child will be involved in Safety Patrol, please understand that younger siblings will go home at our regular dismissal time, 2:40. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Thank you for your help in maintaining safety at Tuscany Heights!

Thank you,  
Tara Bailey



# Upcoming Dates

**Tuesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>- International Dot/Leadership Day at Tuscany**

**~Wear your polka dots, circles, etc. to help us celebrate!**

 **Height & Weight Screening for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

**Wednesday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>- Height & Weight Screening for 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

**Thursday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>- Height & Weight Screening for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

**Friday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>- Height & Weight Screening for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Monday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>- Height & Weight Screening for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>- Box Tops Contest**

**Friday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>- Author Visit**



**T.H.E. PTA ONLINE STORE IS STILL OPEN!** – You can still go online and order your THE Spirit Gear, donate to Greenbacks, join PTA, order your directory, directory ads and shout-outs, etc.! Go to [www.TuscanyHeightsPTA.org](http://www.TuscanyHeightsPTA.org) and click on the WELCOME BACK section! Some quantities are limited so order today!

**Attention Watch D.O.G.S.!** If you would like to place a t-shirt order, please complete the attached T.H.E. Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirt order form and return with payment no later than October 1st. The order will be placed and shirts should arrive by October 15th. Ordering your shirts through this method will save you the shipping and handling charges. You may still order shirts on your own by visiting the Watch D.O.G.S. store at <http://dogstore2.fathers.com/> but keep in mind, you'll be charged for S&H.

**Dear 5th Grade Parents,**

Please join us on **Wednesday, 9/16, at 9 AM in Room 207 for our first THE PTA 5th Grade Activities meeting.** We will begin brainstorming a theme and organizing our committees for the following activities:

- 5th Grade T-shirts
- End of the Year Party
- Gift to School

We hope to see you there and we are excited about making this a fun and memorable year for all of our 5th graders!

**Box Tops Contest September 16-30**

Begin with the end in mind and start collecting NOW!

Winning class will get to have some snow ball fun thanks to Bahama Buck's \*Stone Oak\* location AND Everyone who brings in 25 Box Tops will receive a coupon for a free small snow cone at Bahama Bucks...It's a BLIZZARD IN SEPTEMBER!

09/16-09/25 HEB Bonus Box Tops! Buy 10 Box Top products, get 60 box tops, buy 15 Box Top products, get 100 box tops! Or buy 3 or more Box Top products in one trip at Sam's Club between now and next summer, take a picture of the receipt, send it to [samsclub@btfereccepts.com](mailto:samsclub@btfereccepts.com) and receive a code to enter online. Earn 100 or more bonus eBox Tops!

### **6th Annual Run For The Heights Planning Meeting**

#### **#RunLikeATiger – August Perschbach – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

We are off and running with planning the 6th Annual Run For The Heights. Please contact Jennifer Bissen at [runfortheheights@tuscanheightspta.org](mailto:runfortheheights@tuscanheightspta.org) to see where you can help out or come to our next planning meeting on **Wednesday, 9/23 @ 9:30am** in the Room 207 (PTA Room upstairs in 5th grade hallway). Check out the website to view event details or photos from last year.

<http://runfortheheights.tuscanheightspta.org/>

**Lost and Found – Be proactive!** Parents please remember to label commonly lost items with your child's name. This will help us get items that have been left behind back to their owner in a timely manner. Commonly lost items include: lunch boxes, beverage bottles, sweaters and backpacks. All items left unclaimed will be donated during Christmas break and at the end of the school year.

**Directory Info** - Do you have a business you want to advertise? Advertise in the Tuscan Heights directory! Info was in your welcome back folder or you can contact Susan at [directory@tuscanheightspta.org](mailto:directory@tuscanheightspta.org).

**Wacky for Khaki!** – *Be proactive* this year by collecting new school uniforms and underwear for our sister school-East Terrell Hills! Look for the donation box in the entryway 8/17-9/30.

\*Uniforms in sizes 4-14 and underwear in sizes 4-8.

\*khaki, black, or navy blue slacks, Bermuda length shorts, skirts/skorts

\*short-sleeve and long-sleeve solid white, navy or hunter green polo shirts. Let's *synergize* and give back to our friends at East Terrell Hills! Thanks in advance for your help! From your Partners in PTA Chairs - Ana Warmke and Sara Holliday

Plug in with PTA and Back the Future!

THE PTA Website [www.tuscanheightspta.org](http://www.tuscanheightspta.org)

Run for the Heights Website [www.runfortheheights.tuscanheightspta.org](http://www.runfortheheights.tuscanheightspta.org)

Tuscan Heights Volunteers Link

