



JOHN H WOOD, JR. MIDDLE SCHOOL

# PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

## Keeping Wood families connected

*We strive to instill confidence, build character and develop critical thinkers, while cultivating positive relationships, in an effort to help students persevere so that they are successful in future life endeavors.*

January 23, 2017

JAN.23 - JAN.28	
<b>MONDAY</b> Student council/ALE fundraiser (all week)	
<b>TUESDAY</b> Middle School Course Fair	6:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8th Grade Course selection	SS class
7th Girls BB @ Krueger	4:30pm
8th Girls BB @ Wood	
Tennis @ BAC	4:00pm
<b>THURSDAY</b> 8th Grade Course selection	SS class
7th Boys BB @ Wood	4:30pm
8th Boys BB @ White	
<b>FRIDAY</b> Tennis Preseason tourney @BAC	4:00pm
<b>SATURDAY</b> Tennis Preseason tourney @BAC	9:00am
Academic UIL Meet @ Bradley MS	7:30am
5th Grade Strings contest @ Wood MS	8:00am-12:00pm

### JOIN PTA

I cannot thank our PTA enough for their support to students and faculty this year. PTA has been able to help support groups like NJHS, Robotics, and Athletics as well as providing our teachers with welcome back goodies, lunch and holiday gifts. This Spring they are looking to keep up the momentum with events such as a student dance, a mini carnival and an 8th grade end of year party. All of these events just take a few extra helping hands. If you can help in any small way please contact Aida Bonner. You can reach her via email at aidabonner@hotmail.com.

### WOOD COURSE FAIR

This Tuesday we will host our Course fair for incoming 6th grade students. This is an excellent opportunity for students and parents to meet some of the faculty and administrators and consider options for classes they can take next year. Please pass the word along.

### ATTENDANCE

We have noticed a decline in attendance over the last month. I realize that the crazy Texas weather does not help this situation, especially for our students that walk home. However, we need your help in getting students to school every day. We will work hard to instill an excitement for learning and a smile on their face.

### StuCo and ALE team up

Our student council and ALE group are sponsoring a fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia

And Lymphoma Society. They have designed a fun spirit week for students that are able to contribute and help this cause. The included flyer below gives some details on how students and families can help. I am proud of our students who find ways to help make a better world. They truly are positive role models and citizens!

- Marcus Alvarez, Principal

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**SPRIT WEEK!** January 23-27, 2017

Students can donate using their collection boxes and turn them into their HQ class by Friday, January 27.

Students can pay \$1 each day to participate in our spirit week! Tickets will be sold every morning before school in front of the Library. Tickets can be bought daily or all at one time!

**MONDAY**  
Cartoon Character

**TUESDAY**  
Blast From the Past

**WEDNESDAY**  
Sports Day (basketball shorts included)

**THURSDAY**  
Hot Day

**FRIDAY**  
Pajama Day

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

## CLASSROOM NEWS

**ENGLISH** – 6<sup>th</sup>- Figurative language, TPDASTT, poetry, 7<sup>th</sup>-Impromptu Writing/Speech, 8<sup>th</sup>- Inferences, Flowers for Algernon

**MATH** – 6<sup>th</sup> - Expressions, Equations, and Relationships, 7<sup>th</sup> - Area of Composite Figures, 8<sup>th</sup> - Pythagorean Theorem, Algebra- Systems of Equations

**SCIENCE**— 6th: Taxonomy of a cell (Kingdoms and Domains), 7th: Natural Selection, 8th: Distance in the Universe/Lunar cycles

**SOCIAL STUDIES** - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Cultural Diffusion, 7<sup>th</sup>: Texas during Reconstruction, 8<sup>th</sup>: Wrapping up Early Republic unit (Unit Exam January 31), High School Course Cards January 25 and 26

**BAND**—Next week our Honors and Symphonic bands have solo & ensemble on Monday afternoon (PS we made our judges sheets on **bright pink paper!**). We've also started learning about tuning our instruments in all classes.



### GOOD LUCK WOOD ROBOTICS

Our Robotics team will be competing at their first event this weekend. The FLL tournament is nationally recognized and features kids in grades 4-8.