



# THE News

10/4/15

Dear Parents and Students,  
Welcome to October!

We are approaching the end of the first grading period. We look forward to upcoming conferences to share the strengths and weaknesses of our students in order to help them grow throughout this year. Please look for upcoming information from your child's teacher regarding conferences early November.

Thank you,  
Tara Bailey

## Upcoming Dates

**Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** - RFTH and Wellness Night PTA Meeting 6pm

**Friday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** - Early Dismissal at 12:40pm/  
Staff Development for Faculty

**Monday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** - Student Holiday, Columbus Day-  
NO SCHOOL for students

**Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** - School Lunch Week-Special Guest from  
Central Office Serving

**Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Picture Retakes

**Friday, Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>** - End of the 1<sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks  
Grading Period



Monday- Friday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup>- Red Ribbon Week

- ⊗ Monday- BE PROACTIVE, Turn your back on bad choices (Wear shirts backwards)
- ⊗ Tuesday- THINK WIN-WIN, These “PAWS” make good choices! (Wear red), Assembly for Upcoming Bike Rodeo
- ⊗ Wednesday- SYNERGIZE, Team up to make healthy choices (Wear your favorite jersey)  
\*\*\*Awards Assembly and PTA Presents the Harlem Globetrotters
- ⊗ Thursday- BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND, My future is so bright because I make healthy choices! (Wear sunglasses and neon/bright colors)
- ⊗ Friday- SHARPEN THE SAW, Healthy choices are the key to your dreams! (Wear pajama pants with spirit shirt)

Tuesday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>-Tuesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>- Library Pumpkin Contest

Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>-Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>-Fall Book Fair

Friday, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>-Bike Rodeo

Tuesday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>-Early Dismissal 12:40pm/ Parent Conferences: Tuscany Heights will be a voting site for the Election 5:30am. to 9:00pm

Wednesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>-Early Dismissal 12:40pm/Parent Conferences

Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>-Field Day

Monday, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Benchmark

Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Benchmark

Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Writing Benchmark; Veteran's Day Celebration

Tuesday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Benchmark

Wednesday, Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>-Learning Labs



## Library Corner

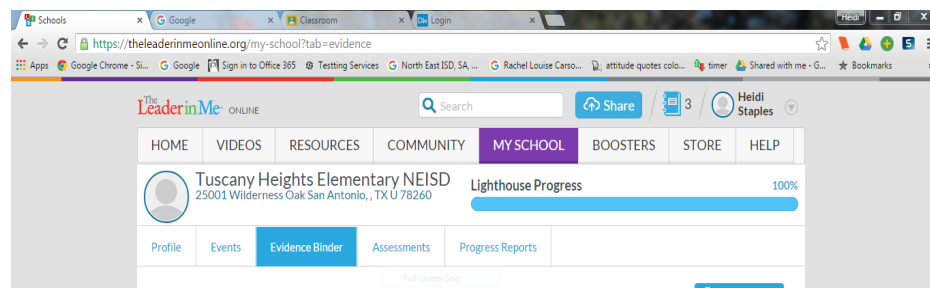
<https://www.smores.com/j79ra>

The library is getting ready to set up our first Maker Space. Students will be constructing silly monsters to help decorate the library for our November 2<sup>nd</sup>-November 6<sup>th</sup> Book Fair. If possible, please donate the following materials to the library:

- 🌀 Cardboard paper towel rolls
- 🌀 Cardboard toilet paper rolls
- 🌀 Empty Kleenex boxes

As always, thank you for supporting the Tuscany Heights Library.

## State of the Lighthouse



Our students, staff and parents have helped us gather information, pictures, and work samples to prove that we are meeting 100% of the standards that the Leader in Me Foundation requires for Lighthouse Status! This is a huge celebration for our Tiger Family! Our faculty has worked tremendously hard to meet and document these standards this school year. Many of the leadership standards were already being done at Tuscany but gathering and organizing the evidence proved to be a challenge... a challenge that our amazing faculty accepted and conquered by October 1st! We would like to thank our PTA for their support of our leadership initiatives. They have donated time and money to make our hallways beautiful and have been true lights on our pathway to Lighthouse. If you have not taken time to admire our beautiful leadership murals, please do so! The murals in the hallway leading to the gyms are completely finished and show the true tiger pride we have at Tuscany!

While we are celebrating our accomplishments, we are still looking ahead to our next step in the Light House process. We are scheduled for several informal and formal visits for the school district and from the Leader in Me Foundation. We will have an informal visit from the school district on Monday October 5 and the Leader in Me Foundation representatives will be here on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. The purpose of the visits is for the district and the Leader in Me Foundation to review and document the great leadership initiatives that Tuscany has adopted and implemented in the past 5 years. After the visits, the Leader in Me foundation will decide if we are a Lighthouse School. There are 158 Light House schools worldwide and we hope to join that elite club in 2016!

Thank you for your continued support in our Light House Journey! Please join us in celebrating our accomplishments! If you would like to join our parent lighthouse team, it's never too late! Our next meeting will be October 28, 2015 at 9:00!



## PTA News

T.H.E. PTA ONLINE STORE IS STILL OPEN! – You can still go online and donate to Greenbacks, and join PTA! Go to [www.TuscanyHeightsPTA.org](http://www.TuscanyHeightsPTA.org)

Eat for a Cause – Thanks for a great turnout at Chick-fil-O! It was nice to see so many familiar faces and meet a few new ones!

PTA General Meeting – Come jump, learn and be active with us at our Run for the Heights and Wellness Night PTA Meeting on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. Bring your kids and come dressed in your workout clothes and be ready to jump rope with the Jumping Dragons and get fit with JC Ultimate Training! While there you will also learn about our upcoming Run for the Heights. The kids will receive a **free homework pass**. You don't want to miss it!!!

National Walk/Bike to School Day - Let's Be Healthy Tigers and participate in National Walk/Bike to School Day on October 7<sup>th</sup>! Walking or biking to school are great ways to help the environment by reducing congestion and air pollution. Get to know your Tuscany Heights community a little better by meeting up and walking or biking together! If you are a bus rider, you can still participate by walking to your bus stop! So, let's lace up those tennis shoes, and walk or bike to school on October 7<sup>th</sup>!

Watch D.O.G.S. – Heroes of the Hallways – Thanks to all the dads and kids that joined us for breakfast this week. It's never too late to sign up. Visit the PTA [website](#) for more information or e-mail the top D.O.G., Lawrence Saiz, at [watchdogs@tuscanheightspta.org](mailto:watchdogs@tuscanheightspta.org)

### Reflections – Let Your Imagination Fly!

Are you crazy about filmmaking, music composition, writing, taking pictures, painting or drawing or dancing?

Well, this is your chance to LET YOUR IMAGINATION FLY! This program is provided as a member benefit to all families who have joined PTA! You can check out the rules and print the student entry forms for your specific category at:

<http://www.txpta.org/programs/reflections/participate/>

Submissions with all completed forms are due Friday, October 23.

Honorary Texas PTA Life Membership Award - An Honorary Texas Life Membership is the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the Texas PTA for outstanding contributions to the well being of children and youth. If you know someone who has gone the "extra mile" for our children, then please consider nominating this individual for this very special award. Please complete a nomination form found [here](#) and return it to the Tuscan Heights PTA in a sealed envelope labeled "Life Membership." Be sure to include a summary on why you believe this person should receive this award. Awards will be announced and presented at T.H.E. PTA General Meeting, December 1. *Please return all nominations by Monday, October 26.*

### Box Tops for Education

Thank you for all the Box Top donations!!

We collected 21,789 box tops together! Way to synergize, Tigers!! That is over \$2100 collected for our school!

The winner of each grade level was as follows:

- ★ Kinder: Shelby with 1345 box tops
- ★ 1st: Ryan with 673 box tops
- ★ 2nd: Fontenot with 1170 box tops
- ★ 3rd: Anderson with 944 box tops
- ★ 4th: Imken with 1367 box tops
- ★ 5th: Blackler with 1044 box tops

The date and time of the snowball fun for winning classes, courtesy of Bahama Bucks, will be decided soon. Congratulations!!

Plug in with PTA and Back the Future!

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

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

Tuscany Heights Volunteers Link [www.volunteerspot.com/group/35885320036](http://www.volunteerspot.com/group/35885320036)