



Fielder eNews for week of 9-25-17

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Dear Parents,

The word is out...Fielder is a wonderful place to be! Fielder's current enrollment is 1140, which is about 100 over our projected enrollment. We are so happy to have all our new Falcons and we welcome them each with open arms!!

We are opening 3 additional classrooms due to classes being oversized. We will be adding a section of 3rd grade, 4th grade Bilingual, and 5th grade Bilingual. We are also in need of additional classroom space, so we have requested 2 additional portables. We are growing and that is fantastic! We are making these changes to accommodate all our students.

Hurricane Harvey has impacted our district in many ways and will continue to have a lasting impact on this school year. Below are two blurbs regarding current concerns- buses and extension of early release days.

I hope everyone has a wonderful day!

**Mona Cardin
Principal
Fielder Elementary**

Information regarding buses- As many of you have noticed, Hurricane Harvey continues to impact bus transportation at Fielder. The majority of these concerns center on overcrowding and buses arriving late to stops. For most of us at Fielder, our streets are clear and lives have returned to normal. This is not typical across the district and ongoing issues continue as a result. Due to this impact, KISD Transportation has had to delay their process of balancing routes which typically would have occurred by now. We are assured that this will occur as soon as they are able. For now there are several things you can do to help reduce these concerns:

- Have your children at the bus stop on time. Buses are required to wait for students they can see headed for the bus.
- Encourage your child to go straight to their seat.
- Busses are designed to hold 3 students per seat. Please encourage your children to make room quickly for others to sit.
- Please refrain from changing transportation methods unless absolutely necessary.

- Please do not request your child ride a bus to a friend's after school. (Currently we are unable to approve change of transportations for students wanting to ride buses 5139, 5008, or 5126 due to limited seating. Only students who are assigned or are eligible to ride these buses will be allowed on the bus.)

By working together we can make this better for everyone.

Information regarding extension of early release days- This afternoon Dr. Hindt sent an email regarding the extension of four early release dates. October 9 and October 20 were previously scheduled as parent conference days. Many of our parents had already scheduled their conference, at this time all parent conferences scheduled for these days have been cancelled since our teachers will be working with their students. As a staff we are working on an alternative plan. More information regarding Parent Conferences will be included in next week's eNews.

Tips from the Front Office - Our school day starts at 8:20! We have now started to count the children tardy if they are not in the building by 8:20 (buses are not included in this). If the 8:20 bell has rung, you must come into the school to sign your Falcon in.

Open House has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 5th at 5pm. We will start in the Gym with a Bond Presentation at 5pm. From 5:30pm-6:30pm the building will be open to Parents, Guardians, Students, and their guest.

Grandparents Day has been rescheduled for Monday, October 16th.

American Sign Language Club - Want your student to start learning another language? Fielder is hosting Katy ISD's first American Sign Language Club for elementary students! Students from Cinco Ranch High School will come to Fielder and teach our students sign language on select Tuesday afternoons. The classes will be from 3:40 until 4:30, snacks will be provided and the kids will get a t-shirt. The cost is \$30 and limited to the first 70 Fielder Falcons to fill out the form. Please print the attached form and send back tomorrow- classes start next week on October 3. We can't wait to see them learning with the high schoolers!

Charleston Wrap Fundraiser - The Charleston Wrap school wide fundraiser will begin next Monday, October 2 and continue until October 13th! Charleston Wrap has high quality holiday gift wrap, general gift wrap and gift items. The catalog will go home in your child's Monday take home folder. There will be an online sale option as well for you to reach out to friends and family that are out

of town and all items will be mailed directly to the person ordering. The catalog sale items will be ready for pick up **BEFORE** the Thanksgiving holiday.

If you are interested in selling, Fielder would be honored. If you and your family are not interested in selling, please recycle the catalog.

STEAM Night (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) at Robert Shaw Center
October 19th

SAVE THE DATE- On October 19th from 5:30-7:30, we are excited to have Fielder's 1st STEAM Night being held at the Robert Shaw Center located at 1721 Katyland Drive, Katy, TX) Join us for a STEM family challenge, The Discovery Dome from the Houston Museum of Natural Science, telescopes from Fort Bend Astronomy Club, Cinco Ranch Robotics team, Coding and so much more!! Pizza will be available for purchase.

Hope to see you there for a great Family Event.

Click on the link below to RSVP by October 12th . This will help us to have enough supplies and pizza for the event.

<https://goo.gl/forms/IKsCR6qjuJuHKohw1>

5th Grade GT Screening (non-Challenge students)

Dear Parents of 5th Graders,

Last week, a letter from the GT Department was included in your child's take-home folder. If your child is currently participating in Challenge they did not receive this letter, since they have already been screened. Unlike screening for Challenge, screening for GT secondary services occurs in the fall semester. If you or your 5th grader is interested in screening for Math, Science, Social Studies, and/or English/Language Arts, now is the time to act. Please complete a Secondary Parent Checklist located on-line at

<http://www.katyisd.org/dept/GT/Pages/default.aspx> . The Secondary Parent Checklists have an extended due date: Friday, October 13th. For every 3 or 4 you circle, please provide a description of your child's behavior in this area. If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know by email: NatalieEMahr@katyisd.org .

Kindergarten Challenge Screening

Dear Parents of Kindergartners,

In last week's take home folder, a packet was included from the GT Office. If you are interested in screening your child for Challenge, Katy ISD's weekly pull-out program for identified Gifted & Talented students, then please refer to the packet for important information. There is also an online presentation that explains more about the screening process. Please use this link to access it: <http://www.katyisd.org/dept/GT/Pages/Kindergarten-Screening.aspx> .

Included in the packet is a copy of the Parent Checklist. This is the first step in screening for your child. For every 3 or 4 you circle, please provide a description of your child's behavior in this area. Once the checklist is completed and signed, please return it by Tuesday, October 3rd. Additional copies of the Kindergarten Parent Checklist are also available online. For any questions or concerns, please contact me at by email NatalieEMahr@katyisd.org .

Transfer Students

For those who recently moved to the Fielder area, we are now screening transfer students. These children were previously identified as Gifted and Talented students in their former schools. If this applies to your family, please contact me. We will work together to find the best placement for your child. If you have any questions or concerns about screening, please contact me at NatalieEMahr@katyisd.org .

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Information from the PTA

Volunteers of the Month!!

We are so pleased to honor our Volunteers of the Month for August:

- Jaime Burris for ensuring Meet the Teacher was a success and increasing PTA membership.
- Erin Tureau for auditing the PTA accounts and ensuring transparency and best practice are being adhered to.
- Jennifer Whittenburg for creating and maintaining our new PTA website!!

Congratulations ladies and thank you for the precious gift of your time and resources!

Without the help and assistance of ALL our volunteers we could not achieve a 10th of what we do. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to also thank ALL of our volunteers. You enrich the lives of our students and teachers and make Fielder such an awesome school!

Membership - The Birthday Marquee/Membership combo deal has been EXTENDED. You can purchase 1 Fielder PTA Membership and 1 Birthday Marquee for \$10.00 through September 29th. After the 29th, the birthday marquee will be available for \$15 and PTA membership for \$8.00. Purchase yours now at www.fielderpta.org. The PTA is working to make sure every child at Fielder is happy, healthy and successful!

Spirit Wear - Purchase your spirit wear at www.fielderpta.org Our second shipment has arrived and we are sorting through orders. Be watching for yours to come home with your child soon.

WATCH D.O.G.S.: - Watch Dogs signup is open! Please check out the signup at tinyurl.com/FielderWatchDogs2017 to sign up for a day that would work for you.

Please sign up for only 1 day to start with so everyone has a chance to get a day that works for them. We'll open up multiple day signups in a few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Brown at: andrewfbrown@outlook.com

After School - KIDS! It's time to get your little hands a little (ok maybe a lot) dirty with Nutty Scientists after-school classes. Lots of super fun, super messy awesomeness in each class ...guaranteed! Ooey Goopy Science is a 6-week session every Monday from Oct 23 - Dec 4; 3.45 PM- 4.45 PM.

Register here: <https://nuttyscientists.com/fortbend/blog/events/nutty-scientists-club-at-fielder/>

Trunk-Or-Treat - Fielder's annual Trunk-or-Treat event is right around the corner and we are now accepting candy donations! If you could donate a few bags of candy for us to pass out to all the kids during Trunk-or-Treat that would be so amazing. Please feel free to drop off any donations in the front office. Thank you!!

Auction Parties - Every year at our Trunk-or-Treat event we have a silent auction for various parties. Some parties are for the kids, but we also have plenty of adult only parties to bid on as well. So if you or anyone you know is interested in hosting/sponsoring a party please email: fundraising@fielderpta.org

Some examples of adult parties are: Crawfish Boil, Baking Parties, Crafting Parties, Grown-up movie night with snacks, Fancy Dinner Party, Wine tasting Party...etc.

Off Campus Hours - Volunteers, please don't forget to log all your off campus hours! Whether you are working on a project for you teacher at home, or maybe sitting in the car rider line sending emails to parents we want to know about them! Log in to our site and enter your hours at: <http://www.fielderpta.org/log-hours>

MAD Lab is Here - MAD (Mom And Dad) Lab is off to a great start. The dates are set for the 2017-2018 school year. This year the schedule, activity guides and volunteer signups will be located on the Fielder PTA website. Please click on the Fielder PTA link below to volunteer for MAD Lab. <http://fielderpta.org/m-a-d-lab>

The **Sign UP Genius Links** for each grade level will be located on this page. Please find your child's grade level and click on that link. Follow the instructions in Sign Up Genius to volunteer for your child's class. This year the 4 lab dates for each grade level will be in the same Sign Up Genius.

Important Note: The 5th and 4th grade labs that were missed because of Hurricane Harvey will not be rescheduled.

First labs for each grade are:

- 1st Grade - Friday, October 6, 2017
- Kindergarten - Friday, October 13, 2017

What is MAD Lab?

MAD Lab is Fielder's hands on science program where a parent works with a small group of 4-5 children in the science lab. Lab activities are selected by the teachers based on the objectives being taught in that grade. Fielder's science lab is a great place for the children to discover the fun of science. This is your opportunity to be involved in the excitement.

User-friendly activity guides for each lab can be found on the Mad Lab page on the Fielder PTA website. On the day of the lab, all the materials needed to conduct the experiment will be ready and waiting for the parents. Best of all, there is NO SCIENCE EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!!!! Who knows? The kids might be teaching the parents.

Looking forward to seeing you in the MAD Lab soon!!!!