



Fielder eNews for week of 1-22-18

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Happy January Fielder Families!

We have a full week ahead of us! Wednesday is a No Homework Night. This is a great opportunity to spend the evening with your children without having to worry about homework or a test the next day. Thursday is our Junior Achievement Fundraiser. Students can wear their Pajamas to school for \$2. You can send money any day between now and Thursday. Friday we have our International Festival! I'm excited to attend since this will be my first International Festival, I've heard that I'm in for a treat!

Last week you received a survey regarding transportation. If you haven't already, please take a few minutes to fill it out. We value your opinion. I've had parents ask how either option would affect Fielder specifically. If moving to a 2 mile radius for bus routes is the preferred choice, it would mean that the majority, approximately 80-90% of students, would have to be dropped off or picked up as a car rider, walker, bike rider, or Day Care. Our car rider dismissal currently takes approximately 15-20 minutes. With the 2 mile radius change, it would take at least twice that long. Moving to a 3 bell schedule would mean that either Elementary, Junior High, or High School would start at a later time. Depending on the survey results it is possible that this option would not directly affect Fielder. Personally, I like the current Elementary schedule.

Lastly, I would like to THANK all our Fielder Families for their flexibility and understanding with this crazy weather! We've had to move activities, reschedule meetings, and in one case delay dismissal for walkers. We always have your child's safety in mind when these decisions are being made. It really makes it easier for us to make those judgement calls when we know our community is understanding! Thank you for your continued support of Fielder Elementary.

Sincerely,
Mona Cardin

Principal
Fielder Elementary

Junior High Course Selection Night Rescheduled

January 24, 2018 – Rising 6th Grade Course Selection Night 6:00 p.m. in CRJH Cafeteria.

Information from the PTA

New Announcements:

Toys for Tots Update

Thank you to all the families that supported Toys for Tots this year! With your help, they were able to serve 4369 children / 1070 families across Houston with toys!

Volunteer Recognition Scheme

Emails have been sent to those volunteers who, records show, have achieved 25 volunteer hours or more. The criteria for receiving these awards are outlined below:

- 25 hours – ‘volunteer’ embossed lanyard
- 50 hours – lapel pin
- 75 hours – lapel pin
- 100 hours – milestone pin (presented at volunteer luncheon at the end of the year)

Hour specific milestone pins will continue to be awarded every 100 hours thereafter, and will be presented at the volunteer luncheon at the end of the year.

We were missing a few email addresses, so if you feel you have accumulated 25 hours or more, but did not receive an email, please see the front office, who have a detailed list and can check for you!

New Students

If your family is new to Fielder Elementary and you would like to find out more about how you can get involved in the school, or would like an orientation (commitment free), please contact our VIPS Coordinator VIPS@fielderPTA.org

ON Campus and OFF Campus Hours

Volunteer hours are very important at Fielder!!

Please make sure that you are RAPTORED into **and out of** the school every visit (even if you have a lanyard). This ensures that we capture your hours correctly, but also serves as our register in case of fire or emergency, so that we know exactly who is in or out of the building. So please, be sure to let the front office know when you are arriving **and leaving**. There is also a sign - in folder for volunteers.

Logging OFF Campus Volunteer Hours

Please remember to log your OFF-CAMPUS volunteer hours on the PTA website <http://www.fielderpta.org/> by following these tabs:

- About the PTA
- Log hours

Off Campus hours include activities such as planning time, meetings, emails, and time spent for babysitting while you volunteer (this can be added to your total volunteer time for that event, or recorded under the babysitter's name). You can log hours as you go or log the total number at the end of the month.

If you would prefer, you can always submit your hours to our VIPS Coordinator at VIPS@fielderPTA.org who will enter these on your behalf - be sure to state the month for which you are submitting along with the hours for that month.

MAD Lab Co-Coordinators Needed For 2018-2019

Marisol Molina and I have enjoyed working with both the parents and the students as coordinators of MAD Lab for the last two years. We will both be leaving the position of coordinators for the science lab at the end of this school year. We are looking for 2 or more people to take over the position of MAD Lab Co-Coordinators. It would be helpful to have volunteers who are interested in the positions shadow us this semester to see if this is the right fit for them.

The MAD Lab positions are:

Volunteer/Email Coordinator: This person organizes the MAD Lab schedule, email volunteers and manages the volunteer database. This job allows you to work from home using your computer.

Science Lab Coordinator: This person manages the lab supplies and assists the grade level leaders with the lab set up and the MAD labs on Fridays. This job requires you to be at Fielder. If you are interested in either of these positions, then please contact Stephanie Reeves at madlab@fielderpta.org for more information.

Attention 5th Grade Parents

It is hard to believe your student's time at Fielder is coming to a close. What better way to honor their time at school than through a yearbook ad? The ads are only available through **March 1, 2018** and are for fifth grade students only!

The ads are 1/8 of a page (approximately the size of a business card) and are \$15 each. The ads are available exclusively online through www.balfour.com and can be personalized with color, a message, and up to four photos. Let your student's personality shine!

Your photos can be submitted online at <http://images.balfour.com> or download Balfour Image Share app today and start uploading photos directly from your phone! Project Code: 821252

Yearbook Corner:

Yearbooks are on sale right now for only \$35.... The price just went up. Order your Yearbook online at www.balfour.com. *Yearbooks are only available online through pre-sale.*

We have been working hard on the Yearbook. Our first deadline is January 14th. We have to submit 24 completed pages. It's crazy how fast this year is flying by. We are finished with **First Day of School, Walk to School, Grandparents Day, Trunk or Treat, Hurricane Harvey, the World Series page, Santa's Workshop** and the recent **Snow Day** page.

SUBMIT YOUR PICTURES:

We are collecting pictures right now for **Spirit Night, PTA volunteers, Student Council and Field Trips**. Don't forget that the International Festival is coming up soon. We will need lots of pictures for that. Also, we are in need of pictures for **grade level pages**. Please send any photos of your student with their friends. Their grade level must be included.

5th Grade Party

If you would like to help plan the 5th Grade Graduation Party, we need your help! We will meet once a month throughout the year to choose the location, theme, food, DJ, raffle prizes, decorations and more! Questions can be sent to Heather at 5thgradeparty@fielderpta.org. Sign up via Remind. Send a text message to 81010 and enter this message: @fielderpta

5th Grade Quilt

We will be having a quilt made as an auction item for 5th graders at the spring carnival. If you have Fielder shirts (spirit wear, field day, Funky Friday, RDR) that your student has outgrown and would like to pass on, please put them in a disposable bag, tie it closed and attach a note directing it to "5th Grade Quilt". Send it with your student and our quilt maker will pick it up. Thanks!

Spirit Wear

We are running very low on inventory for some shirts in size Small and Medium. If you send in a paper order and we do not have your shirt, we will send back your form and payment. The best way to make your purchase is by logging onto our school store at www.fielderpta.org/store

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 as many days as you like and if you need a Watch Dogs shirt please purchase that at Fielderpta.org/Store. If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Brown at andrewbrown@outlook.com

MAD Lab is Here

MAD (Mom And Dad) Lab is the parent led science lab. The dates are set for the 2017-2018 school year. This year the schedule, activity guides and volunteer signups are 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 are 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 are in the same Sign Up Genius.

Labs for each grade are:

- 5th Grade - Friday, January 19, 2018
- 3rd Grade - Friday, January 26, 2018
- 2nd Grade - Friday, February 2, 2018
- 1st Grade - Friday, February 9, 2018
- Kindergarten - Friday, February 23, 2018
