

Fielder eNews for week of 10-2-17

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Information regarding Teacher Conferences:

Last week Dr. Hindt sent an email regarding the extension of four early release dates. October 9th & October 20th were previously scheduled as Parent Conference Days. As a campus all teachers will send home a Progress /Conference form which will include the most current progress information for your child. The Progress /Conference form will go home with all students on Monday, October 30 in the student's Monday folders. If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, please contact their teacher directly. Teachers will work with parents to answer any questions either via phone call, email, or parent conference if necessary. Below is the excerpt from Dr. Hindt's email:

Extending Four Early Release Days:

The 2017-2018 instructional calendar included six "early release" days that are typically designated for professional development, teacher preparation, and parent conferences. Four of the previously designated early release days (Oct. 9, 20, Feb 16, April 13) will be extended to full instructional days. This is designed to allow students more time in the classroom, as well as to serve the needs of so many of our families who are displaced by Harvey and depending, now more than ever, on the daily routine of school to bring a sense of normalcy to their child(ren)'s lives. We understand that October 9 and 20 had been set aside for parent/teacher conferences at many campuses. However, in lieu of the in-person conferences, parents are encouraged to communicate with teachers by email and/or phone. Parents should also continue to monitor their student's progress on the Home Access Center. Friday, December 15 and Thursday, May 24 will remain "early release" days since final exams are given on those dates.

<u>**Tips from the Front Office**</u> - 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. Food Trucks will be open from 5-9. <u>However, the school building will close at 6:30.</u>

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

Grandparents Day at Fielder is almost here, mark your calendars! This is an event for Grandparents and their Grandchildren, parents should not attend unless in a volunteer capacity. Grandparents will be welcomed into the gym from outside of the school and will not need to pre-raptor. Look for more info in your child's Monday Folder.

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.

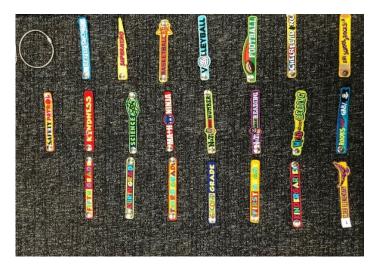
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Coming to Fielder...Spirit Sticks! Many of our Katy ISD schools have 'Spirit Sticks' and they seem to be popular with the students. Spirit Sticks will go on sale during Open House. They can be purchased in front of the library. Beginning Friday, Spirit Sticks will be available for purchase through the front office.

\$2 each or 3 for \$5. Keychains are available for free with any purchase.

Students can also earn Special Spirit Sticks throughout the school year. Students can trade in their 'Falcon Funds' or even earn a Golden 'Caught Being Good' Ticket for a Spirit Stick. We hope this is a fun and positive activity for our students. We will add new Spirit Sticks throughout the year!





Information from the PTA

New Announcements:

Fundraising

It has been brought to our attention that there are some concerns about our fundraising efforts in light of the hurricane we all just faced. We just want to take a minute to address some of these concerns with you all.

It is our upmost priority to make sure all of our student families as well as our faculty and staff families are taken care of, and have everything they need in the way of donations, gift cards, physical help with demolition/repair efforts, etc. Fielder has collected a mass amount of gift cards that were distributed to staff members that had flood damage or were displaced, we also collected donations in the form of school supplies, backpacks, etc. for our students as well as students at other schools who were in need of these things.

We understand that this is a sensitive and challenging time for everyone right now and we want to be mindful of that, however as a school and as a PTA there are still things that we have on the schedule that we need fundraising for.

After many meetings, and deliberation, we decided that while still being sensitive to our community, it is best for the kids that we try to run our school year and events as normally as possible. We have moved our Fall fundraising even to the Spring (tentatively). However, we are still holding our other events as planned. Trunk-or-Treat is a wonderful event that the kids get so excited for, which runs on candy donations (to pass out to the kids), as well as donations for our silent auction in the way of sponsored parties, etc. The money we raise from this silent auction will go towards our funds for putting on our annual Spring Carnival, which is another great event that the kids look forward to. We also have our Grandparents Day lunch that is happening soon, Santa's Workshop that happens in December, MAD Lab that goes on throughout the year, as well as the two classroom parties that we hold each year for the kids. Our kids work so hard throughout the year to make good grades, make the right choices, and be good leaders, that it only seems fair that we do what we can to give them these things to look forward to. Without the donations and the fundraising from all our wonderful parents, extended family, and community, these events would not be possible.

With that being said we understand that donations and fundraising may not be as bountiful as in previous years, but just please know that we absolutely appreciate all of the donations/funds we receive and they all go toward putting on these events for our children. Thank you for all that you do and all that you give, it truly is appreciated beyond measure.

Candace Perkins - fundraising@fielderpta.org

Spirit Night

Get ready for Spirit Night October 9th at Bahama Bucks on Mason Rd. from 5-7 pm! Let off some steam from a hard day's work with a delicious frozen treat! Bring in the flyer (attached to this e

news and coming home in NEXT Monday's folder) and get a free Tropic Creme add on! See you there Falcons!

For Membership

The Fielder PTA would like to thank Eye Level Learning Center of Katy-Cinco Ranch for being a community PTA Member. They have sponsored 10 Fielder Faculty Memberships and will also offer a 10% discount on services to Fielder PTA Members. For more information you can visit their website at <u>www.eyelevelkatycincoranch.com</u>

Spirit Wear

Katy Strong shirts are now available for preorder at www.fielderpta.org The proceeds from the shirts will be donated to those affected by Hurricane Harvey at Fielder Elementary. All shirts are \$15.00. Please place your order by October 13th. The shirts are a dark denim blue in color with white writing.



Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale right now for only \$30. This amazing price won't last long so take advantage of it today! Order your Yearbook online at <u>www.balfour.com</u>. *Yearbooks are only available online through pre-sale.*

Submit your pictures today:

We are collecting first day of school pictures right now.

We are also collecting pictures on Hurricane Harvey. Since this is such a historical event, we will be including it in the Yearbook this year.

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

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!!

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 Gooey 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/

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!!!!!