

SWE STAR GAZER

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE SWE: STRONGER TOGETHER AT ANY DISTANCE

NOVEMBER 16 EDITION

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 2 - Nov 14: School Online Fundraiser: Charleston Wrap (See below)

Nov. 16 - 27: PTO Virtual Holiday Market Shopping for Students (Info below)

Nov. 23 - 27 - Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 30 - NO SCHOOL for ELEMENTARY students!

HUMBLE ISD COVID-19 DASHBOARD

To access the dashboard with COVID-19 information and Humble ISD protocols, click

<https://www.humbleisd.net/Page/125024>

Please reach out to Julie Takacs, nurse, at julie.takacs@humbleisd.net or Shannon Lalmansingh, principal, at Shannon.Lalmansingh@humbleisd.net with any additional questions or needs.

Who Are You THANKFUL For?

Write a special note to a teacher or a friend and let them know why you are thankful for them. You can deliver your note on your own or drop it in the pumpkin & we will deliver it to their class.

Be sure you include first and last names so it can go to the correct person. 😊

Online learners can email their thankful note directly to the staff they are thankful for (first name.last name@humbleisd.net) or they can email to shannon.lalmansingh@humbleisd.net, and it will be shared!

Dear _____

I am thankful for you because _____

Love, _____

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CHARLESTON WRAP VIRTUAL FUNDRAISER

While today is the last day to promote our VIRTUAL fundraiser, online ordering continues to be available until Dec. 4.

THANK YOU to all who have and continue to support!!!



Fundraiser Parent Information (1).docx

[Download](#)
1.8 MB

ATTENTION! Please REGISTER NOW for Summerwood Elementary School's fundraiser!

It's super easy! Please help support our fundraiser by following the steps below to register online today. When you register, we'll know you're committed to supporting our fundraiser and helping us reach our goal. To help our organization even more, send 30 email invitations to friends & family and spread the word about our need for help. With over 2,500 gift ideas, supporters can shop and check-off their holiday gift-list, all while supporting our important cause.

Will you follow the instructions below and register today? It's easy, it's simple, and it's important!

Here's how to register today and help us spread the word!
Invite friends and family (even if they're out of town), online orders ship directly to the purchaser!

Organization ID:
16438

Step 1: REGISTER at www.charlestonwrap.com
(Use organization ID to the left)

Step 2: Use our Email-Invite Generator to invite out-of-town friends & family to shop and support!
Plus, share your unique invite links via text and social media.

Participant Registration

Ultra-Heavy Gift Wrap Personalization Holiday Decor Kitchen & Home

Charleston Wrap

MEET THE STAR STAFF: SPECIALS TEAM



MEET MRS. ALLISON!

Hey Stars! My name is Erin Allison and I'm the Music Specialist at SWE. I am working with both our in-person and virtual learners to cultivate a love for music in our students! I strive to provide engaging, fun music lessons that incorporate as many instruments as possible, even using virtual instruments for our at-home learners, as well as standard folk songs and lots of movement and music games. My goal is for students to find the thing(s) they love about music so it can always be a part of their lives in whatever facet they choose. I foster an atmosphere of respect in our music room where all students can feel comfortable being creative as a musician!

I graduated with my Music Composition degree from Metropolitan State University of Denver and earned my teaching certification through iteachtexas. After staying home for several years to be with my three boys as babies, I came back to teaching as a middle school band director in the fall of 2014 at Timberwood Middle



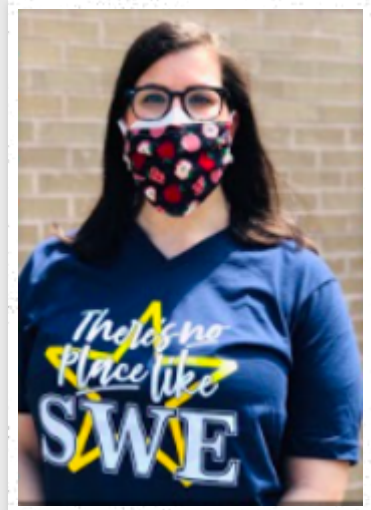
MEET MRS. LAND!

Hey there Summerwood Stars! This is Mrs. Land or better known as the 'Computer Lady.'

I was born and raised right here in Humble, Texas. I went to Humble Elementary, Humble Middle and Humble High School. After graduating High School, I earned my Bachelor of Science in Teaching from Sam Houston State University. Go Kats! This is my 20th year of teaching and I have only taught at 2 schools within Humble ISD. I previously taught at Jack Fields Elementary in 1st grade for 9 years and also the Instructional Technologist for 3 years. I then transferred to Summerwood where I have taught 2nd and 4th grade before moving into the Computer Lab.

I enjoy working with the kids and seeing the progress made from Kindergarten to 5th grade and how their knowledge of technology increases. There's even been times where they have taught me a thing or two!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any technology



MEET MRS. FERLET!

Hi! My name is Valerie Ferlet and I am the art teacher at Summerwood Elementary. I am so excited to be able to teach in-person students and online learners. There are so many wonderful aspects of teaching art like making positive connections with the students, seeing their creativity in action, and seeing our diversity reflected through each student's unique take on a project. My most favorite part though, is seeing the pride students feel when they have completed something they didn't think they could.

This is my fifth year teaching art at SWE. Prior to art, I taught pre-k and kindergarten for 5 years in Humble ISD. I also student taught in Humble ISD and graduated from Kingwood High School so I feel extremely connected and invested in our school district. I graduated from Texas State University with a Bachelors degree in elementary general education and earned a Master's in art education from The University of Houston.

School. During my tenure at TMS, I helped grow the band program to almost double the size and we earned the prestigious Sweepstakes award at UIL for two years in a row. Despite how fulfilling being a middle school band director was, I was away from my family a lot and I wanted to have more time with my boys while they were young.

I was so excited to join the SWE family in January of 2020! I live in Summerwood and really enjoy getting to say hi to my students as I run the neighborhood, walk the lakes with my dogs Lando and Sebine (who were named after Star Wars characters!) or spend time outside with my family.

My husband of 18 years is the head high school band director in Channelview ISD where my older two sons attend junior high. My youngest son attends SWE as a second-grader. I am an avid runner and fitness enthusiast and love Starbucks coffee and extra dark chocolate!

related questions or concerns at:

Courtney.Land@humbleisd.net



MEET COACH FRYE

Hello Guys! My name is Jeken Frye and I am the physical education teacher at Summerwood Elementary. I am currently providing physical education to both face to face and virtual students. Working at Summerwood Elementary has been a very positive experience and I hope to continue to make an impact on each student I come in contact with.

I earned a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from Tarleton State University. While I attended Tarleton State University I played football and also won a Conference Championship. I worked as a sports performance trainer for three years before I decided to pursue a career in teaching. I have currently been teaching for 5 years at SWE. I'm very thankful for being given the opportunity to build a relationship with the students, staff and community of Summerwood and Summerwood Elementary. Go Stars!



MEET COACH MARLENE

Hello! My name is Marlene Alvarez and I'm the PE para. I assist Coach Frye as well as our Summerwood Stars. This is my third year working at Summerwood Elementary and I've enjoyed getting to know all the smiling faces that I've come across. Before working at Summerwood, I worked as a Pre-K teacher at a local daycare. I was there for six years while in nursing school, but I fell in love with teaching so much that I changed my major. I am currently enrolled at UHD and plan on being an educator in the near future.

I have a 13 year old son who's in middle school, three miniature schnauzers and a bearded dragon. On my free time you may catch me running or at the gym if not shooting pictures. I also enjoy traveling and being outdoors.



MEET MRS. STEWART

Hi! I am Tracy Stewart, the librarian at SWE! My main goal is to make reading fun for kids, and show them how reading can take them on adventures, as well as teach them about the world.

I am from Amarillo, and graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1990. I taught 1st grade for 9 years in Dallas and Amarillo, then stayed home with my children for 9 years. I've been back in the education world for 12 years - all at SWE! Before moving to the library, I taught 4th and 5th grade, as well as in the Science Lab.

I've been married to Jeff for 25 years and we have lived in Summerwood for 15 years. We love this neighborhood and community! We have three children: Pike is 23 and an aspiring musician who writes and produces his own music. He has released two albums and is working on a third. Grace is 21 and a junior at The University of Texas at Austin, and Emma is 18 and a senior at Summer Creek High School. All three are former Summerwood Stars!

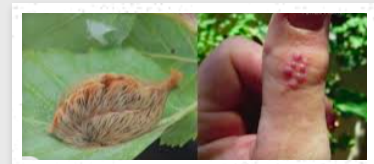
This is my 6th year in the library and I love having the opportunity to get to know every student in the school. One of the best parts of my job is getting to match students with books when they ask for suggestions, and being able to share their excitement when it ends up being a book they love! A quote I live by in the library is "There is no such thing as a child who hates to read; there are only those who have not found the right book." I want to make sure all students find that right book that will spark a life-long love of reading!

Please reach out if you have any questions & check out the Library tab on the SWE website for read alouds & more library information!

NURSE NEWS

ASPS ARE BACK!

Asps are becoming more and more abundant this season, and we need to educate the kiddos on NEVER touching them.



Asps like to hide out in trees too...so if one drops down and lands on a student, their hairs can dig into the skin and cause intense pain.

Unfortunately most stings come from accidental exposure. If someone complains of a red swollen welt initially, this may be a sign of a sting. The pain usually sets in a bit later.

We have alerted our staff to the return of these pesky visitors and have a plan of action in a student is stung to provide care effectively.

Please see link for more info!

<https://texashillcountry.com/texas-asp-fuzzy-caterpillar/>

Parents must screen students DAILY before sending to school for the following symptoms:

- Feeling feverish or a measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
- Loss of taste or smell
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Shaking or exaggerated shivering
- Significant muscle pain or ache
- Diarrhea
- Nausea or vomiting

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We want students to have amazing birthdays. If you would like the class to share in the celebration, **we encourage you to purchase ice cream through the cafeteria which can be ordered here:**

https://www.humbleisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001414/Centricity/Domain/4597/Form_124_Birthday_Celebration_Order_Form.docx.pdf

If this is not an option, items to be shared with other students must be **individually store wrapped.**

No other class treats are allowed at this time.

LIBRARY NEWS

CURBSIDE PICK-UP OF LIBRARY BOOKS FOR ONLINE LEARNERS!!

So online learners won't miss out on library book checkout, curbside pick-up will be held every Thursday from 4:00-5:00 PM in the cafeteria parking lot.

The book request form needs to be filled out by noon on Wednesday for Thursday pick-up.

Please see the Library page on the SWE website, <https://www.humbleisd.net/domain/1602>, for tutorial videos, the Book Request form, and all needed information.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR HUMBLE ISD FAMILY FOR HOLIDAYS



**EMPTY STOCKING
GIFT CARDS / TOY DRIVE**

Humble ISD is partnering with HAAM to bring joy to families in need this holiday season. Join the drive by donating **\$25 TARGET & WALMART GIFT CARDS, TOYS OR MAKING A DONATION** for families this year.

GIFT CARDS may be dropped off by **DECEMBER 10TH** at these locations:

- Humble ISD Administration Building - 10203 Birchridge Drive in Humble
- Community Learning Center - 18901 Timber Forest Drive in Humble
- HAAM Social Services - 1302 First Street in Humble
- HAAM Resale Store - 1204 First Street in Humble
- Black Cat Junction - 22310 TX Loop 494 in Kingwood
- Lake Houston Family YMCA - 2420 West Lake Houston Pkwy in Kingwood

* Please check open days and hours for each of these locations.

TOYS may be dropped off by **DECEMBER 10TH** at these locations:

- HAAM Social Services - 1302 First Street in Humble
- HAAM Resale Store - 1204 First Street in Humble

Make a monetary donation by visiting:
[Haaministries.org/empty-stocking-toy-drive](https://haaministries.org/empty-stocking-toy-drive)

**Empty Stocking
Toy Drive**
An Outreach Program of HAAM

For more information contact Cathy at
cschrof@haaministries.org or 281-446-3663 x 120

5TH GRADE PARENTS

Hello Future Lions,

Did you know that WoodCreek Middle School is filled with energy enthusiasm and encouragement? Please click the link below to access the virtual tour video. The video is under 30 minutes and presented by students. Throughout the video, you will be able to get a glimpse into the wonderful opportunities that Woodcreek offers and envision your child having an amazing middle school experience. Frequently asked questions will be answered at the end of the program.

If you have a child that is zoned to another middle school in the district, please send an email to shannon.kinniebrew@humbleisd.net with the student's name and school they are designated to attend. I will verify the information and provide relevant information for their specific school.

Continuous updates will be provided via the WCMS Counseling page which you may access by clicking on the link below .

Please reach out, if you are in need of support.

Shannon Kinniebrew

WCMS VIRTUAL TOUR VIDEO

WCMS COUNSELING PAGE

PTO INFORMATION

PTO MOD PIZZA SPIRIT DAY: NOV. 30

While elementary students are at home on the 30th, consider enjoying lunch or dinner together at Mod Pizza in Summerwood. Stop by Mod anytime between 10:30 am - 9:30 pm.



PEPPERMINT VILLAGE GIFT SHOP

Yearly, PTO provides the opportunity for our Stars to shop items in the Peppermint Village Gift set up in the SWE Library. This is not a fundraiser, but a way to provide students the opportunity to shop for loved ones and experience the joy of giving. Unfortunately, this year, due to COVID restrictions, the shop will be virtual. See below for more information!





Creating Memories That Last Forever!

Virtual Shop Delivered to Your Home

Dear Parents:

Here is a wonderful opportunity for your child to still experience the joy of giving during the holiday season. The virtual shop allows your child to shop at home in a safe environment. You can make the shop exciting by having adults or older children help your child shop for gifts for the family.

- Go to www.peppermintvillagegiftshop.com
- Click on Virtual Shop
- Use code SUMMERWOOD
- Your school's preferred shopping week is 11/16/2020 - 11/29/2020

Items range in price from \$0.75 to \$17.00 with the majority of the items \$0.75 to \$6.00. The pricing is generally lower than retail. There are 400 gift items including jewelry, boutique and sports items. A gift bag is provided for every gift ordered.

Online shopping will close December 3rd. Your order will be shipped directly to your home address and received before the holidays. FREE shipping on orders of \$35.00 or more. Orders under that amount ship for \$4.95. Students look forward to the holiday shop year after year.



2020-21

Yearbook Photos!

Virtual Students!

Please send us photos of your SWE Students enjoying their school day online! We'd love to see photos of your students in a Zoom meeting, doing their homework, working on their projects, dressing up for special days, or doing their Specials classes!

Please send your photos to photos@swepto.org!

ONE STOP SHOP FOR ALL REWARDS/REBATES...

COKE REWARDS

- Any Coca-Cola beverage that has a product code under its cap or printed on it's paper packaging
- Scan online and choose Summerwood Elementary or send them to school and coordinator will scan

AMAZON SMILE

- Shop at smile.amazon.com
- Just select Summerwood Elementary PTO for your charity

KROGER COMMUNITY

- <http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com/>
- Visit website and choose Summerwood Elementary PTO as your organization

BOX TOPS

- Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online
- Watch video below for more information
<https://youtu.be/Hh94b2BvFK4>
- Download Box Tops for Education App
- Continue to send old clipped box tops into school in an envelope or ziploc bag
- Just scan a picture of your receipts into app. It's that easy!
- If you shop online (Instacart, Target, Walmart, Sams, Shipt) you can email your receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com (must have a box top account first)

DISTRICT & CAMPUS INFORMATION

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Elementary students (only) will have three more student holidays. These days serve as staff professional development days.

On these days there will be no school (online or face-to-face) that day.

Mark your calendars for these days:
November 30



February 22

March 22

MEALS AT NO COST FOR ALL HUMBLE ISD STUDENTS: 9/28-12/18

Child Nutrition will offer Meals at NO Cost for all Humble ISD students and children ages 1-18 from September 28th- December 18th. Please see below for more details. I have asked Public Communications to help share this with families.

Students on campus for in-person instruction-

- **No Cost Meals** - All Humble ISD students, regardless of meal eligibility (free, reduced, or full paid), will be able to receive 1 breakfast meal and 1 lunch meal per day at NO Cost from any of the menu lines.
- Regular a la carte items will still be available each day for purchase.

Virtual learning students & ALL children ages 1-18

- **No Cost- Curbside Meals To Go - Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:00am-10:00am.**
- All virtual learning students regardless of meal eligibility (free, reduced, or full paid), will be able to pick up curbside meals at NO Cost
- ALL children in the community ages 1-18 may pick up curbside meals at NO Cost
- Mondays: two breakfast meals and two lunch meals will be distributed
- Wednesdays: three breakfast meals and three lunch meals will be distributed

Serving Sites for Curbside To Go Meals:

- Humble High School
- Atascocita High School
- Timberwood Middle School
- Elm Grove Elementary
- Woodland Hills Elementary
- Jack Fields Elementary
- Park Lake Elementary



IS YOUR CHILD BUYING LUNCH?

Visit <https://www.schoolcafe.com/> to load your child's account

Price List:

<https://www.humbleisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001414/Centricity/Domain/10839/Elem%2020%2021%20price%20list.pdf>

Elementary Face to Face Menu: <https://www.humbleisd.net/Page/33821>

Elementary Virtual Menu:

<https://www.humbleisd.net/cms/lib/TX01001414/Centricity/Domain/13733/elem%20site%20k%208.pdf>

SWE DISMISSAL TIMES

3:05 Kinder Walkers will move to the red table marked Kinder.
An older sibling or parent will check out.

With the exception of Kinder, walkers walk out of the building, guided off campus by staff and walk home without SWE staff supervision. **Parents should not park and walk up to meet their walkers.** Students can meet parents in a spot off campus but will not be supervised while they wait to connect. If supervision is needed, students should be marked a car rider.

1st and 2nd graders can meet their older siblings who are walkers at the labeled red table and then continue their journey home.

3:10 - All Bikers Dismissed

3:13 - All 3rd - 5th grade Walkers Dismissed

3:17 - All 1st & 2nd Walkers Dismissed

3:20 - YMCA

3:21 - Car Riders & Daycare Will Begin Calling

SWE RAINY DAY DISMISSAL

Thank you to all our families for their support with dismissal. Texas weather can be unpredictable and change quickly. We appreciate your support as we want all our Stars to be as safe as possible.



- We will call a "rainy day dismissal" in the event of hazardous weather conditions (lightning, thunders, torrential rain, etc...) With light rain and no other dangerous conditions, Walkers/Bikers will be released.

- Parents will be notified by text message. Please make sure that your phone number remains updated in HAC.
- Daycare, YMCA and Car Riders will dismiss as normal.
- Bikers and Walkers will be held in their classroom until released to parents at car rider or dismissed to safely walk /ride home.

LEARNING LOCATION CHANGE FORM INFORMATION

Humble ISD aims to be flexible with allowing families choice for either on-campus or long-term online in a virtual setting. We are proud of all of our staff, and we are happy to know that these two learning options are supporting all of our students as we deal with Covid-19 safety recommendations.

However, if you decide to change your child's learning location, **parents need to complete the Learning Location Change Form** (link below). Please do not email the teacher as the completion of the form begins the official request.

The change process takes 5-7 days. **You will receive a phone call or email with the start date and the name of your child's new teacher.** This time allows for communication and scheduling and to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you for your support and understanding!!

Click below to access the form.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE A LEARNING LOCATION CHANGE FORM](#)

[CLICK TO VIEW HUMBLE ISD FALL 2020 OVERVIEW](#)

Click to review the comprehensive Fall 2020 Overview to learn more about what Humble ISD is doing to provide the best environment for our In Person, Online, and Online+ UIL students.

[SWE STAR POINTS FOR PARENTS](#)



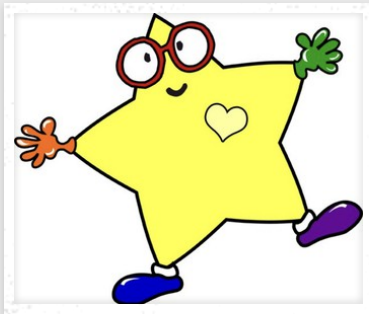
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