**WREN HOLLOW ROAD MAP**

Welcome to Wren Hollow! Whether you’re a new or returning family, this is a map to help you navigate through a new fun and exciting school year!

☺ Put this in a safe place to reference throughout the year ☺

 **Keeping Up With Everything At Wren Hollow...**

★**Dr. Warner’s Weekly Emails ​**- A review of the week at Wren Hollow

plus important upcoming information & reminders

★**Classroom Emails ​**- To keep on top of what your child is learning in the

classroom with classroom specific information

**★Wren Hollow School Facebook Page ​**(BRAND NEW!) - Be sure to

“like” the debut of the Wren Hollow Elementary (@wrenhollow) page

featuring fun updates on school happenings from the staff &

administrators

★**Wren Hollow PTO​** ​**Facebook Page ​**- (@wrenhollowpto) Continue to

“like” this existing page to be consistently updated with PTO event

information, pictures and helpful reminders

★**Wren Hollow PTO website​** - Find event information, calendar of events,

lists of your “Teacher’s Favorites” for birthdays and holidays + important

contact information and various links.

<https://www.parkwayschools.net/domain/465>

★**Texts​**- Sent for special reminders/school closing alerts & misc. info.

**WREN HOLLOW BASICS...**

★**School Hours​** - School is in session from 9:05 am - 4:05 pm. The doors to the building will not

open until 8:45 am so do not make plans to drop your children off prior to that time.

★**Dismissal Changes​** - Must be communicated to the office @ 314-415-6850. Teachers do not

always have access to messages and emails throughout the day.

★**Late Starts​** – Every LAST Wednesday of the month is a Professional Development Day for

teachers. School begins 2 hours later at 11:05am. Buses run 2 hours later. ​**(There is NO Late**

**Start the months of December and May)**

★**Volunteer/Parent Office Check In​** - Whether helping out at school or having lunch with your

child, it is necessary to check in with the office to receive a visitors badge. Parkway’s enhanced

security check-in system requires a driver’s license to print out your temporary visitor’s badge.

★**Parent Teacher Conferences​** – Held twice a year, in fall & early spring with flexible scheduling

options for late afternoon, evening and morning availability. A signup link will be emailed by your

teacher as the dates approach.

★**Parkway Volunteer Application​** - If you wish to be of help at school in any capacity, including

participating in field trips, it is required that you fill out an online volunteer application form (​*must*

*be filled out again every school year​*). It is a simple and quick process. A link to the form can be

found on Wren’s PTO webpage and the main Parkway School District’s main website.

<https://www.parkwayschools.net/Page/7730>

★**Buzz Book​** - The Buzz Book, a list of contact details for participating school families, will be

available mid-November. The timing of this release is connected to receiving information from

the district. Please utilize last year’s buzz book, which can be found on the PTO website until

the new version is published.

NOTE: New ​*Kindergarten families will receive an exclusive Kindergarten version in early*

*September with information obtained from families that have opted to provide their information.*

★**Wren Hollow PTO Meetings ​**- Starting this year, general PTO meetings will be held on a

monthly basis following the PTO Board’s executive sessions. We invite our parent community to

attend these meetings (less than 30 minutes) to stay engaged and informed on events and

happenings at Wren Hollow.

★**Wren Wear - ​** Wren Hollow spirit wear items will be available for purchase starting in October.

Orders will arrive before the Winter Holidays. More information, including a link to our online

store will be available as the sale approaches.

★**Character Families​**- Students from all grade levels are randomly grouped together with an

assigned teacher to create “School Families.” These families come together for fun character

building activities on late start days throughout the year. These gatherings allow students and

teachers an opportunity to get to know others outside of their own classrooms and grade level.

★**Scholastic Book Fairs​** - A source of pride at Wren Hollow, our Fall and Spring book fairs

generate the highest earned revenue of all Parkway elementary schools! The scholastic dollars

earned go directly towards purchasing materials and resources for the library and classrooms.

Book Fairs are scheduled to coincide with Parent Teacher Conferences and Special Friend

Days.

★**Special Friend Days​** – Students are welcome to invite grandparents, aunts, uncles or a family

friend to join them for lunch and an opportunity to check out the book fair.

★**Disability Awareness Day ​**- Students in ​*3rd grade​* learn what it’s like for individuals to live with a

disability and how their disability didn’t stop them from pursuing their goals.

★**Class Parties​** - Fall & Winter class parties are held by grade level in the gymnasium. The parties

are planned ahead of time by our party committee, and all supplies are paid for by the PTO.

Classroom coordinators and parent volunteers can provide much needed helping hands to make

these parties a big success.

**★Music & Fine Arts Nights: ​**Each year classes work hard to prepare a music and arts night to

showcase their talents with family and friends. These events are held by grade throughout the

year, more details will be shared closer to the events.

★**Space Day​** - A tradition created by Mrs. Ott involving all ​*3rd - 5th grade​* students interested in

participating. The day of space exploration allows for all Wren Hollow classes to experience the

exhibit and culminates with Space Night at Wren Hollow for all Wren families to enjoy and

explore.

★**Hoops Fest​** - An event run by our P.E. team & put on towards the end of the school year in

which small team scrimmages of Wren students compete against each other. The top teams

battle it out in championship rounds during school hours!

★**5th Grade Shakespeare Play​** - An annual ​*5th grader​* production of a Midsummer’s Night Dream

is performed at school and in the evening for friends and family to enjoy. Months of rehearsals go

into putting on this special event.

★**Senior Walk Through ​**- An old tradition at Wren Hollow has recently made an enthusiastic

return. As the school year comes to an end, graduating high school Seniors from Parkway South

High return to their elementary school for one final walk through among the faculty, students and

**WREN HOLLOW EVENTS...**

★**Outdoor Night With Dad ​**- An enjoyable evening with many fun yard games available.

★**Fall Fitness​ ​**– ​The P.E. team leads a day that brings students together in a fun and enthusiastic

outdoor setting while enjoying physical activity. ​Parents love this event just as much as the kids

& are invited to come cheer them on & help with the event!

★**Fall Festiva​l​** - This newly minted event is filled with fun activities, games, music & the ever

popular Haunted Hallway. The event is geared towards the entire family. Our Fall Fest crew

brews up a wonderful, memorable community day!

★**Family STEM Night​** - This evening is filled with math and science stations, robotics

demonstrations, experiment opportunities and exhibits from local companies for families to walk

through and participate together.

★**Veterans Day Celebration​** - Wren Hollow students put on an assembly dedicated to recognizing

and celebrating our community’s veterans and family members in the armed forces. Our

recognized veterans and their families in attendance are also invited to enjoy light breakfast

refreshments.

★**PJ’s & Pancakes​** - A Saturday morning winter tradition. Head to school in your pj’s for a fun

breakfast event that includes pancake flipping, photo ops, games and of course coffee!

**★Movie Night​** - Another pajama event where families can enjoy a kid friendly movie at the school

in the evening. Snacks to be provided by the PTO.

★**Trivia Night & Silent Auction​** - In addition to our Easy Street Campaign at the start of the

school year, this event serves as our other main source of fundraising to support our students

and staff. Enjoy an adults-only evening featuring music related trivia questions, amazing silent

auction items, and a very festive atmosphere!

**★Spring Talent Show ​**- New to Wren this year, the talent show will be structured in a

non-competitive, supportive manner that is sure to be a blast for all kids choosing to be involved!

★**Kickball with Moms​** - Held in early May to coincide with Mother’s Day, this event is for all Wren

students, mom’s, guardians and special guests. K-2 students play with their parents, while 3-5

students play against their parents!

★**Field Day & Hot Dog Day​ ​**- On the last day of school families are invited up to school during

lunch hours for a picnic outside on the Wren grounds. Lunch and snow cones are provided for all

students and younger siblings. This year, the PTO is launching a new day of field day fun to

coincide with the special lunch hour.

★**Summer Blast-Off ​**- All Wren families are invited to an evening swim party at Cool Dell Swim

Club to help kick off the summer. The pool party consists of swimming, games, music and pizza

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**Email us at ​****wrenhollowschoolpto@gmail.com​** **if you have any questions regarding any**

**programs and opportunities. We are happy to answer questions and greatly appreciate**

**feedback.**

**WAYS TO SUPPORT WREN…**

At Wren, we make every effort to keep our fundraising to a minimum. We rely almost

exclusively on our Easy Street Campaign (Fall) and Annual Trivia Night & Silent Auction to support our faculty & staff, fund our community events and make contributions to the school that would otherwise not be possible. Below are a few additional ways in which you can also give back to Wren. This money goes a long way and every penny counts!

**Amazon Smile ​**-​ **​**Shop​ **​**at smile.amazon.com, choose Wren Hollow PTO as your charitable

organization and 0.5% of your purchase will come right back to the PTO! Login with the

same exact account information as you would at amazon.com. Amazon Smile provides the

same prices, products and shopping features!

**Box Tops 4 Education​** - One of America’s largest school earnings loyalty programs

sponsored by General Mills. Here are the TWO ways to participate:

**1.​** Clip your Box Tops and send them to school. Each Box Top is worth $0.10

**2. ​**New! Download the Box Tops for Education App. Select Wren Hollow and scan

your receipts that have eligible products. (The app will automatically add Box Tops to

your school’s earnings online, giving you an opportunity to see how you are

supporting your school in real-time.

**Shoparoo! - ​**Turn your shopping receipts into donations! It’s simple. Download the app. Snap a picture of your receipts and Shoparoo donates to your school!

**Dine Out Community Events ​**- These evenings throughout the year are meant to develop community both amongst Wren Hollow families and businesses in the school area. It’s a great way to avoid a night in the kitchen or sneak out for a treat while also benefiting the school and our community!

**WREN CLUBS/ACTIVITIES**

*\*This is intended to serve as a simple overview of the clubs and activities that are*

*presently confirmed. Other opportunities may come available as the year progresses. Be on the lookout for information regarding activities below by way of Dr. Warner’s emails and information relayed by your child’s teacher. \**

★**Robotics Club ​** (3rd Grade) - This club is run by Alicia Yerxa (Mosaics) and will

focus on building LEGO EV3 robots, as well as collaborating with others for

programming robots. Students will be given different challenges to complete all while

working together in groups.

★**Equations Club ​**(3rd-5th Grade) - Equations is a fast-paced, open-ended, highly

competitive game. It challenges players to apply their math skills in order to create

and write as many equations as possible for a certain value. The students must be

able to write equations using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division with

the digits 0 through 9.

★**Reading Club ​**(4th-5th Grade) - Mrs. Diaz de Leon, our school librarian, invites

students to participate in an hour of reading of Wednesday mornings (8am) to

participate in reading Mark Twain nominees in a book club format.

**★Counseling Cadets ​**(4th & 5th Grade) - These are earned leadership roles that are

filled by staff recommendations. Cadets wear many hats that include counseling and

mentoring peers, as well as serving as a welcome committee to new students.

★**Girls on the Run ​** (3rd-5th Grade) - This is a physical activity-based positive youth

development program. This innovative club includes workouts and games that teach

important life skills while preparing for a 5k race at the end of the season in May.

Girls are challenged to reach personal goals regardless of fitness level. This club

takes place February through May and consists of two after school practices a week.

★**Crossing Guard ​**(5th Grade) - Students help direct students onto the campus in the

mornings and afternoons. This group also assists with raising and lowering the flag

each day.