## The Longhorn Way

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All School Field Trip: On January 4th, the entire school will be going to see the movie "Wonder," a movie based on the *New York Times*' best selling book. Wonder tells an inspiring and heartwarming story of August Pullman, a boy with facial differences who is mainstreamed to school for the first time. As his family, his new classmates, and the larger community all struggle to discover their compassion and acceptance, Auggie's extraordinary journey will unite them all and prove you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.

After seeing the film, students will engage in a classroom lesson and discussion. They will work on developing skills to increase awareness of bullying's negative effects and review examples of how young people can treat each other with kindness, empathy and respect in and outside of the school environment. To finish the day, we will have an all school assembly to kick off a Choose Kindness Campaign and celebrate our LEAD Group accomplishments. We are excited to bring our whole community together for this event.

Over Winter Break, encourage your child to read the book "Wonder." Permission slips will be distributed on Tuesday with a return date of **December 19th** to the school store.

**Tissues:** We are in desperate need of classroom tissues. Please consider donating a box to each of your child's classes.

**Yearbook:** There is still time to order a yearbook. Details can be found on the website or on this <u>Yearbook</u> <u>Order Flyer</u>

**Lost and Found:** If your child lost something....we found it. Please come by or ask your child to look for the missing object. During break we will donate the unclaimed items to the Goodwill.

**PTO: SPIRIT NIGHT - JR. LONGHORN SPIRIT CAMPAIGN**-Baby it's cold outside but that doesn't mean you can't go have a treat at Menchie's! Join us **Tuesday, December 12th from 4-9 pm** for Spirit Night! Currently we are at \$11,561.86 towards our goal! Thank you West Middle Families for supporting our campaign and showing your Jr. Longhorn Spirit!

Thanks for sharing your kids with us! ~Annie

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## Mark Your Calendar

December 12: Hanukkah begins at Sundown Parent Support Network - Library 7pm PTO Spirit Night Menchie's 4-9pm

**December 13:** LEAD Schedule

- December 15: Student Staff Volleyball Game
  - 6th Grade @ 12:54pm (6th hour)
  - 7th Grade @ 10:00am (3rd hour)
  - 8th Grade @ 1:42pm (7th hour)

Connect 4 Mixer at North High 7pm

**8th grade Parents:** Curriculum Night at West High January 16th 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

## No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.