## The Longhorn Way

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Yesterday we had the most amazing day. I hope your kids enjoyed it as much as the staff. The day started with some lessons in West Time about "Words to live by", then off to see the movie "Wonder." The students were excited and well behaved. It was a pleasure to share the experience with them. After lunch, we had an all school assembly. At the assembly, I challenged the students to work on three things for the rest of the year. These are things that students have expressed concern about and we recognize it:

- 1. Bus behavior
- 2. The use of curse words (sorry to break the news to you). Remember they are exercising independence and navigating it is hard.
- 3. Simply be kind to each other......your words and actions have an impact.

I told the students these are things that are in their circle of control. *They* are the ones that can create the change within our student culture.

The assembly was to celebrate our LEAD Time work and "UNLEASH their Greatness." Students were able to share what their group accomplished along with displaying some of their personal strengths. We had students who danced, sang, spoke of personal experiences, played the piano, shot baskets and other amazing talents. Simply put they "Unleashed their Greatness" for all to see. Our students were so supportive and appreciative of everyone efforts. It was a great way to kick off 2018!

Reading Challenge- Our West Middle Reading Challenge started December 21st. The team that reads the most pages each week will get to keep the grade-level trophy that week. The team that reads the most pages from now until the end of January will receive a team prize and their name on the marquee. Happy Reading!

## We are excited for 2018! Thanks for sending us great kids. -Annie

Mark Your Calendar

January 9: Intruder Drill

7:00 pm PTO Meeting

January 10: Late Start/West Time Schedule

11:00am - 2:30 pm Scholar's Field Trip

2:00pm - Spelling Bee - Library

January 11: 7:00pm Musical @ Logan University

January 12: 8th Grade Students Meet with West High Students @ West Middle

7:00pm Musical @ Logan University

All you need is love.