THE LONGHORN WAY

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We are officially in the third week of school. Time flies! This past week I sent two kids off to college, and I am reminded of just how fast they grow up. You will be amazed at how fast these three years will go. Be sure to create opportunities for your child to learn and grow...especially when they make mistakes. Remember mistakes are how they learn. We often shield them from problems so that they don't experience pain or frustration. But, we can help them solve their own problems by talking to them and asking questions. One great question you can ask is.....How are you going to fix that? Or "I'm sorry that happened. How are you going to handle it? Give them time to think and problem-solve. Independence is truly the best gift you can give them while increasing their confidence.

We had a wonderful turnout at our Longhorn Family Picnic. Thanks for all that attended. Our next family connection event is **January 12th at Tropicana Bowling**. Mark your calendars.

6 White Campers leave on Tuesday! Please be patient in the parking lot; it will be a busy day. If you are dropping off, please arrive after 8:30 a.m.

Is your child interested in planning a fun filled Red Ribbon Week? Are they passionate about being healthy and sharing a drug free message? If so, have them pick up a Red Ribbon Leadership Team application outside your grade level counselor's office. All applications are due by August 29 to the grade level counselor.

Please be sure to reserve your copy of the yearbook because we only order the number purchased. At the end of the year we have a yearbook signing. If you order by August 31st, the cost is reduced to \$20. Orders are only accepted online at www.smart-pay.com. To order by phone call 1-800-853-1337

Thanks for sharing your kids with us.

~Annie

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A Look Ahead

August 30th thru Sept. 2nd 6 White at Camp

September 5th No School

September 7th Late Start Day-First West Time Class

September 7th After-School Activities Start (More information next week).

September 8th Tornado Drill 10 a.m.

September 9^{th} Choir performance at the Cardinals Game - 7 pm Tickets on sale in the school store. Band performance at West High Football Game

Each new hour holds chances for new beginnings.~Maya Angelou