

The Longhorn Way

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Choose your own Weather (Be Proactive) - Our West Time lesson focus was on how people and events, either negative or positive, can impact our attitude. Choosing our own weather is an analogy that helps students to understand when we chose to be positive and optimistic; we are in control of our thoughts and feelings. Having control over our life and mood can result in better relationships and happiness. It is important, especially in middle schoolers, to reinforce that they can not control others but they can control their thoughts and feelings. Deciding each day what weather they will chose can be a reminder of how to regulate their own thoughts and feelings. Making a conscience effort to chose to be happy is important. In reality, we should create happiness instead of pursuing happiness. Ask your child what weather they will chose today?

Veteran's Assemblies: We will honor Veterans on November 10th 9:15 (6th grade) and 10:15 (7th and 8th grade) in our Student Led Veteran's Day Assembly. We would like to invite family members and close friends who are veterans to attend the assembly. Please extend this warm invitation to our veterans. We will serve cookies and juice in the library following each assembly. **RSVP by November 9th to Kathy Dodge at 314-415-7402 or kdodge@parkwayschools.net.**

Don't forget to submit photos of Veterans to wmveterans@gmail.com and include the following in the email:

- Name
- Student submitting
- Years of Service
- Branch of Service

"What Patriotism Means to Me" posters and essays due. Nov. 8th.

Candy for the Troops Drive: Tired of all that Halloween candy around the house? Consider donating it to the Troops from now until November 10th. Students can leave candy outside the grade level counselors office.

Activity Booklet: Check the website for our updated After School Activity Booklet or this link: [After School Activity Book](#). If you do not see an activity you are interested in, be sure to check back often either online or in our daily announcements. We anticipate adding new activities throughout the year.

PTO: Jr. Longhorn Spirit Campaign - "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much" - Anon. The support for our Jr. Longhorn Spirit Campaign has been AMAZING! Donations are now totaling \$9,663.42! The SPIRIT that is being shown to support our children, faculty and PTO programs is FANTASTIC! Keep it up! We are SO CLOSE to reaching our \$12,000 goal! Don't forget you have until 11/21 if you haven't already done so. Any amount is appreciated, is 100% tax deductible, and will go to good use allowing the PTO to fund special projects and grants at WMS through the school year! Just visit the PTO and visit the [Jr Longhorn Spirit Campaign Link](#) or contact email: jrlonghornspirit@gmail.com. Show your Jr. Longhorn Spirit and donate today!

Jr Longhorn Spirit Night: Tuesday, November 21 from 4:00-9:00 pm at Qdoba 1082 Town & Country Crossing. Come out for some great food & great company and support the Jr. Longhorn Spirit Campaign at the same time.

Thanks for sharing your kids with us!

~Annie

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Mark Your Calendar

November 1-10: Candy for the Troops Collection (no chocolate, please)

November 4: Daylight Savings Ends - Fall Back at 2:00am

November 6: No Classes - Record Day

November 8: Lead Time Schedule

Veteran's Day Poster and Essay Contest Deadline

November 9: Parent Support Network Meeting (PACSUN) - Library 7pm

November 10: 9:15am 6th Grade Veteran's Day Assembly - Large Gym

10:15am 7th and 8th Grade Veteran's Day Assembly - Large Gym

Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.