

# The Longhorn Way

Parent Edition No. 10

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Thanks to our amazing PTO for creating community with the West Middle Row at the West High Homecoming. We appreciate all your hard work for our community!

**WE LEAD....**this is our theme this year for teachers and students. Why WE LEAD? As we continue to teach the 7 Habits, students will learn to use their voice to create change in our school by using the leadership skills and 21st Century Skills (21st Century Skills) they learn during our LEAD Time.

During LEAD Time this week, students worked on determining their purpose of the club. Students are driving the work during this time. They are using their voice and skills to create education, change, and service in our school. The group I am working with is Science Olympiad. Students in this group have determined they want to accomplish these two goals:

1. Do fun science experiments during our time together.
2. Create a mini Science Olympiad Competition after school for any student to participate and learn more science skills. In addition, these students may then compete against other area schools.

The students then developed action steps to accomplish the goals. The incredible part is students are getting the chance to plan, organize, collaborate and implement the plan. They are the leaders of the learning. We have 30 different LEAD groups so each has a difference purpose. Next week, I will share what each group's goals are and their celebrations. Please understand it is a work in progress, but after just three LEAD Time meetings there has been a shift that allowed for more student voice and a student centered school.

**Flu Shots Offered:** If you would like for your student to receive this vaccine, please click on the following link for information and forms: [Flu Shot Information and Forms](#). Forms must be turned in by Wednesday, **October 18**. Please feel free to call Sara Doll, School Nurse at 314-415-7430 for any questions or concerns.

**PaSuN Meeting: Tuesday, October 17th** at 7:00 pm in the library PaSuN (Parent Support Network) will have a meeting.

**8th Grade Career Conference:** All 8th Graders are attending the Parkway School District Career Conference at Saint Louis Community College- Meramec on November 17, 2017. *If you are interested in presenting your career at the fair, you can sign up using this link: <http://tinyurl.com/y893dfm9>*

**Book Fair:** The Book Fair is coming to West Middle **October 19th-26th!** If you can volunteer to help at our book fair, please sign up at [Book Fair Sign Ups](#) Thank you helping our classrooms and library!

**Wild West Spirit Day: Friday, October 20th, pay \$1** to get a sticker and Wear your Western Wear (no weapons or spurs) to celebrate the Book Fair ! All proceeds go to support our classroom libraries!

**PTO NEWS:** Conference Dinner for Teachers: PTO is providing dinners for the teachers on October 19th and October 26th. If you are interested in donating food or helping serve, please sign up via these links:

October 19: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094dadaa2ea1f58-parkway>

October 26: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094dadaa2ea1f58-parkway1>

[Jr. Longhorn Spirit Campaign](#) - Thanks to our generous donors! We are at 44% of our goal with \$5,284.39 raised we only need \$6,715.61 more. To donate, visit the PTO page [Jr Longhorn Spirit Campaign Link](#)

Last Call: The Mason Ridge PTO is proud to host a screening of Beyond Measure this Tuesday, October 17th in the Mason Ridge Gym. The movie will start at 7:00 pm with a discussion following the movie. Tickets are free, but please click on the link below to RSVP.

<http://beyondmeasurefilm.com/mason-ridge-elementary-pt0/#http://beyondmeasurefilm.com/mason-ridge-elementary-pt0/> For questions contact: Michelle Francisco 619-309-9981 or Maria Spivey 314-749-5073.

Thanks for sharing your kids with us!

~Annie

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### **Mark Your Calendar**

**October 16:** Character Counts Week

Wrestling Tournament @ West Middle 3:30pm

**October 17:** Author Visit - Ridley Pearson @ WM Library 1:00 pm

Autumn Orchestra Concert (8th Grade) at West High 7:00pm

Parent Support Network Meeting at WM Library 7:00pm

**October 18:** West Time/Team Time [West Time Lesson Link](#)

Deadline for Flu Shot Sign Up

8th Grade Soccer Tournament @ West Middle 3:30 pm

Board of Education Meeting @ Central Middle 7:00pm

**October 19:** No After School Activities

Book Fair in Library 3:15pm - 7:45pm

Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00pm -7:00pm

**October 20:** Wild West Spirit Day Donate \$1 and wear Western Wear to School

Flu Shots - Front Conference Room 7:30am-9:30am

Book Fair in Library 8:00am - 3:30pm

8th Grade Band Field Trip to Dome

6th Grade Author Visit - Aaron Likens in Small Gym 1:45pm - 2:25pm

6th Grade Mixer 3:20pm - 4:20pm

***If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door!***