

The Longhorn Way

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This week in West Time students learned about **Habit 1-Be Proactive**. Being proactive means you are in charge of yourself- your thoughts, your actions, and your words. They practiced using proactive language. Responding in a proactive way is to stop and think before responding. Stopping and thinking before we respond helps us to consider our options before making a choice.

Ask your child:

1. How to use proactive language. Answer: I will, I can, I chose.
2. Do Proactive people blame others? Answer: no
3. What is the difference between reactive people and proactive people? Answer: Reactive people blame others. They let other be in charge of their attitude and thoughts.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Even though we have specific scheduled dates for conferences with your student's teachers, they are always available during teaming times during the school day to meet with you. Our specific schedule conference dates does not allow us to meet with every parent. If you did not get a conference time, our structure allows for parents to meet with teachers anytime during the year when they have team time. Please reach out to your child's team leader to schedule a time to meet with the team. [Click here for Teaming Times](#)

Book Fair: The Book Fair is coming to West Middle October 19-26! 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!

Author Visit: Author Ridley Pearson will visit West Middle School on Tuesday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Pearson is the author of many best-selling books including the Peter and the Starcatchers series co-written with Dave Barry. He has also authored the Kingdom Keepers series, and most recently the Lock & Key series. Mr. Pearson was inducted into the Missouri Writer Hall of Fame in 2013.

If you would like to purchase an AUTOGRAPHED copy of any of Mr. Pearson's books, please return the order form and payment to Mrs. Ruzicka by Tuesday, October 10.

Flu Shots Offered: The Visiting Nurse Association is offering to administer flu shots to our students on Friday, October 20th, 8:00-9:00am. 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.

PTO NEWS: [West High Homecoming Parade](#) is on Friday, October 13th. Join us at West High on Oct 13 at 4:30pm for the West Middle Row Tailgate! We will have snacks, games, and a GREAT spot to watch the Homecoming Parade. Bring the family, show off your spirit wear, and stay for the game if you want! See the flyer for more details: <https://www.parkwayschools.net/Page/6858>

Conference Dinner for Teachers: PTO is providing dinners for the teachers on October 19 and October 26. 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>

Boxtop Collection: The final day for Boxtops Collection is next week, October 12th. Please only bring in unexpired boxtops. Thank you!

Our October Spirit Night will be Tuesday, October 17th at Culver's @ 14444 Manchester Road from 5-8pm. Come out and have dinner with other WMS families and friends and 10% of your purchase will be donated back to the PTO for the Jr. Longhorn Spirit Campaign. See the Events section on the Parkway West Middle Parents Facebook Page or the PTO page for more information.

Parkway-Rockwood Community ED Trek and Travel: This program has a few next trips next summer that might be of interest to our students, the Great Lakes Voyage for students currently in grades 5-7 and a brand new trip offering next summer for students currently in 8th and 9th grades called the Atlantic Coastal Quest. If interested, there are parent information meetings:

- Rockwood Admin Annex | Oct. 10 | 7:30 p.m.
- Crestview Middle Theater | Oct. 18 | 7:30 p.m.

I also attached a flyer about the trips and meetings. At the meetings, parents can learn more about the trips, meet some of the trip staff and get answers to whatever questions you may have.

Thanks for sharing your kids with us!

~Annie

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Mark Your Calendar

October 9: Professional Development Day - No classes

National School Lunch Week

Fire Prevention Week

October 10: Deadline to purchase autographed copy of Ridley Pearson book

Personal Finance Field Trip - Junior Achievement

PTO Meeting @ WM Library 7pm

October 11: Lead Time Schedule

October 12: Boy Scout STEM Trailer Visit during 6th Grade Lunch

October 13: West High Homecoming Parade (details above)

Train your mind to see the best in every situation.