

The Longhorn Way

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Ask your child about the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People? See how many they can name. This is the learning they worked on during West Time this week.

Next Wednesday will be a LEAD Time Schedule and students will meet with their LEAD Group for the second time. Students will begin to develop norms and determine the purpose of their group's time together. Our goals for this time together are:

- Students will work in an 80/20 structure where they will lead 80 percent of the work in the LEAD group to honor their voices.
- Students will develop a sense of purpose in the group because learning is student-driven and centered.
- Students are designing their own learning experience during this time with a common interest.
- Students will use an inquiry method to navigate the content, gather information, research and make sense of the important ideas.
- Students will create (make, publish, design, act or do) an end product.
- Students will lead their learning by working together, connect with their peers, communicating ideas, use critical thinking, creativity, and focusing on strengths during this time.

In December, students will have an opportunity to stay with the same LEAD group or move to another area of interest. See Parent Folder for lessons: [West Time Parent Folder](#).

Visiting 8th grade this last week and last week was the **NOW N L8R program facilitated by Parkway Safe and Drug Free Program**. This program is designed to help students make good decisions and preparing them for three aspects of their lives: academics, relationships, and personal health. Ask your 8th grade student what strategies they learned to help them make good choices as they mature.

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!

PTO NEWS: Don't forget to order your 2017-2018 Buzz Book! Orders will be accepted through the end of September and Buzz Books will be sent home with students first week of November. Order online at: <https://www.parkwayschools.net/Page/6238>

Jr. Longhorn Spirit Campaign: Because of the generosity of our PWMS community, we have raised \$4,277.84 towards our goal of \$12,000 by 10/31/17 but we still have a LONG WAY TO GO! Remember 100% of your donation stays here and will be used to fund special projects and faculty grants by the PTO! For more information on how to donate, visit the PTO page <https://www.parkwayschools.net/Page/4145> or contact Libby Riley at jrlonghornspirit@gmail.com. Show your Jr. Longhorn Spirit and donate today.

Thanks for sharing your kids with us!

~Annie

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Mark Your Calendar

September 23: West High 50th Celebration 10:00 am Carnival 10:30 am Football Game

September 25-26: Safe and Drug Free Program - 8th Grade PE Classes

September 27: LEAD Time

End of 6 Week Grading Period

September 28: Choir Performs @ St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Game

September 29: 4:00 pm 8th Grade Band @ West High Football Game

Great minds have purposes; others have wishes.