

# Parent Weekly Newsletter

River Bend Elementary

A Nationally Recognized Leader in Me Lighthouse School



September 6, 2019

## Applause!



- ★ I just want to take a moment to thank Lorrie Carpenter for 17 years of service Parkway School District. She is instrumental here at River Bend to ensure that teachers and students have the support to teach and learn in a technological world. We are very sad to see her go, but wish her and her family the best as they make their move to Louisiana.
- ★ Thank you so much to our parent volunteers on picture day: Angelique Zackery, Hope Curtis, Laura Sicking, and Stacey Schmidt.
- ★ Congratulations to our **Wall of Fame** Stars this week: Cindy Lui, Auggie Gabel, Nathaniel Black, Melodie Coble, Jayden Tanner, Stefanie Paton, Jase Coleman, Eli Quinn, Ryan Sharma, Marlee Cooper, Destiny Tyse, Jaedin Watson, Jayden Harris, Alayna Fobian, Olivia Murray, Ava Lanus, Austin Mays, Marawah Alkhirafi, Abigail Miller, Charlotte O'Neal, Lakshitha Soupramanien, Addison Teske, Nethra Ramesh, Tyler Haar, A;Riyah Luera, J.J. Quist, Jordyn Thomas, Noah Hill, and Emilee Hightower.

## Lights, Cameras, Lead!



Students have been working hard on their Wildly Important Goals (WIGS) and tracking their lead measures.

Teachers are doing the same and modeling for students. Staff members have their goal sheets hanging outside their classroom doors. You should check them out!

## What's Poppin for the week



Monday 9/9

Tuesday 9/10

- Choir Rehearsal-4:00 PM

## Award Winning Instruction



Kindergarteners are working in their phonics units and focusing on a star student each week.

1st grade is using Double Decker Bus to solve

<p><b>Wednesday 9/11</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Patriot Day</li> <li>➤ Board of Education Meeting-7:00 PM @ Parkway Central Middle School</li> </ul> <p><b>Thursday 9/12</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Choir Rehearsal-8:00 AM</li> <li>➤ 2nd &amp; 3rd Grade Running Club-8:15 AM</li> <li>➤ Opening Night (Open House)-5:30 PM</li> </ul> <p><b>Friday 9/13</b></p>	<p>math problems.</p> <p>2nd graders are digging into writing with their Tiny Topics notebooks.</p> <p>3rd graders are using strategies like making a movie in their mind as they read and write.</p> <p>4th graders are studying different body systems and this week they made brains!</p> <p>5th grade used clocks to learn about fractions and learned that lightning is hotter than the sun.</p>
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## Spotlight on Culture



There are many things that make River Bend such a special community and our diversity is one of them. We have over 40 countries and cultures represented in our school.

Being exposed to so many languages, foods, and traditions is a wonderful way to learn and respect and celebrate differences.

This week I spoke with Ali Mohsen. He taught me about Lebanese culture. In Lebanon, spices and things like that are bought, but most food is farmed.

Driving laws are quite different. You don't have to wait until 15 to obtain a driving permit. Many kids start driving around age 13.

Everyone treats people like family, even if not blood-related.

There is a lot of military presence there.

Ali also shared that there are way more motorcycles in Lebanon than cars.

Thank you Ali for sharing about your culture!

## From the Director's Chair



- **Fanny packs, Purses, and Cell phones:** We are seeing an increase in the wearing of fanny packs. It is causing some disruptions because we are receiving reports that students are taking their cell phones out in the restrooms and recess. If a student needs to bring a fanny pack or purse due to a personal item that may be needed, we are going to ask that those remain in the classroom or backpack.
- **Opening Night:** We are excited to invite you to our student led open house event on Thursday at 5:30 PM. Please note the time as it is earlier than prior events that we have

held.

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Sign up to help with PTO events here - <https://tinyurl.com/y6yrdkzg>

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