



# Primary Post

## October 2017



- Oct. 9 & 10 Parent/Teacher Conferences-Early Dismissal  
10 Family Fitness-Bike Night-See info on back 6:00-7:00pm  
12 1/2 of 2nd Grade Field trip to Art Museum  
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13 P.J. Day bring a \$1 and wear P.J.'s to school (must wear shoes no slippers)  
13 Fall Parties  
16-20 Fall Break no school

### Notes from Mrs. Leap, School Social Worker

Welcome to the month of October! Have your students talked about "bucket filling"? The basic premise of bucket filling is that we all have invisible buckets. Kind words and actions towards others fill the buckets, while mean words and actions empty the buckets. Students are being encouraged to fill others' buckets by smiling, waving, giving high fives, kind words, following the rules, working quietly, helping others and making good choices.

I am now teaching the required lesson about **fairness and anti-bullying**. Students are learning what it means to be a "doormat", someone who does nothing when they are bullied or when they see others being bullied; a "stand-upper", someone who stands up to the bully in a positive way when they or others are being bullied; and a "bully", someone who says or does mean things just to make others feel bad. A bully is a bucket dipper. Students also are learning what they can do if they are being bullied. Bullying is defined as **repetitive** behaviors done on purpose to make others feel bad.

For our next lesson, we will switch gears and learn about good **school skills** like listening, paying attention, getting homework and school work finished, and staying organized. We will talk about why having good school skills is so important.

You can help your student by making sure that they have their iPad's charged each day, checking over their homework, and making sure they put their homework in their backpacks! It would even help to have a set homework time each day and if your student tells you they don't have homework, then that would be a good time for them to get their daily 20 minutes of reading done! Lastly, you can help your child be successful by making sure they eat breakfast and get enough sleep every night! Children do their best when they aren't hungry and are well rested! Children **NEED** at least 10 hours of sleep every night!!!

Please feel free to contact me at 883-5528 if you would like for me to work with your child individually or in a group, or if you have questions about the service I offer. I help students who are struggling with behavior issues as well as emotional issues, grief/loss, divorce, friendship issues, and social skills. When pulling students out of the classroom, I always make sure they are **NOT** leaving during a direct instruction time. Students can be referred to me by parents, teachers, Mr. Arthur or themselves. If your child is struggling with something academically, socially or personally, working together is the best way to make sure that your child succeeds in school.



The **COLTS** are coming to Western!

Western Primary and Intermediate Schools have been Selected to be the **School of the Week** for the Colts Play 60!

The Colts Videography team will be coming to film the next Family Fitness BIKE Night on October 10th from 6-7pm

Right here at the Primary/Intermediate School. Our event will then be posted on their website! Make sure you come, bring something to ride (bike with or without training wheels, trikes, scooter, etc), wear **COLTS BLUE** and show your School spirit!!!

This includes your entire family!



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

Through your great generosity we raised \$955.70 for the Humble School District in Texas



### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

We will have early dismissal on Monday, Oct 9th and Tuesday, Oct 10 for conferences. Please double check where your student should go ahead of time.

We will dismiss at 1:10pm  
Thank you

### SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that all school fees need to be paid by December 1st.

You can pay online through your Skyward account. Just login and click on pay fees. This takes you to E-Funds for Schools. If you are a new user you will need to register. To do that you will need your 4 digit family code. You can call the Primary office if you don't have this code.

If you want to pay with cash or check, just come to the office or send with your student. We also accept partial payments.

### Nurses Notes.....

October is here already and the season for flu/illness is just around the corner. When calling your child in absent, please be prepared to report the symptoms of your child's illness. This is so that the nurses can keep track of how many children are sick and what the symptoms are. Please notify me at 883-1466 if your child has tested positive for the flu.

Western School Corporation and the Howard County Board of Health recommend keeping your child home if they are ill. If your child has had a fever or has been vomiting, please do not let them return to school until they are symptom free for 24 hours. Your child should not come to school if symptoms are present the day or night before or the morning of school.

I will begin vision screening for 1st graders very soon. Please make sure that your child wears their glasses to school. Once all of the 1st graders are screened by the nurse, Dr. Kerby will visit the Primary building to perform MCT (Modified Clinical Technique) screens on each child. This is required by the State of Indiana for all first graders. Referral letters will follow screenings if your child requires additional testing.

Have a great October and never hesitate to call with any questions or concerns!

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LOOK AHEAD  
Primary Book Fair  
November 6-10

