



PARENT NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

We welcome back returning students and new families. Our school year is off to a great start! As we begin the 2018-2019 school year, we will continue implementing the Leader in Me. Students will have the opportunity to continue learning, practicing, and incorporating leadership skills they have learned from the 7 Habits into school and home activities. As a parent, your awareness of the 7 habits will help to reinforce the life skills that are being taught at school. It is our goal to develop the leader in every student that attends our school.

The 7 Habits are:

1) BE PROACTIVE

I am a responsible person. I choose my own actions.

At Home: Doing chores around the house without my parent asking.

In School: Finishing assignments without my teacher reminding me.

2) BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference.

At Home: I choose to complete my homework before playing games.

At School: I choose not to cheat, because I thought of the consequences of my actions.

3) PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I am disciplined and organized.

At Home: I choose to spend quality time with family by cooking and eating together.

At School: Thinking of my work that needs to be completed, I chose to get the most important work done first.

4) Think Win Win

I balance courage for what I want with consideration for what others want. I make deposits to others emotional bank accounts. When conflict arises, I look for a third alternative.

At home: sometimes my siblings want to watch a different TV program. Instead of arguing over the TV, we agree to each take turns choosing what TV show to watch.

At school: my friends want to play the same game every day. But instead of hurting their feelings by not playing, we each take a turn on what to play on that day in the playground.

5) SEEK FIRST TO UNDERSTAND, THEN TO BE UNDERSTOOD

I listen to other people's ideas and feeling. I try to see things from their viewpoint. I listen to others without interrupting.

At Home: I listen to my parents and siblings viewpoint rather than trying to get my way.

At School: I listen to my teacher's point of view when a problem occurs with another classmate.

6) SYNERGIZE

I value other people's strength and learn from them. I seek out other people's ideas because I know that by teaming with others, we can create a better solutions than any one of us could alone.

At Home: I choose to initiate having family meetings to decisions.

At School: I will be open to learning a different way to study for a science test.

7) SHARPEN THE SAW

I take care of my body by eating right, exercising and getting enough sleep.

At Home: I go outside and play and ride bike with my friends and my siblings.

At School: During my quiet time, I read the book that I checked out from the library.

At WISD, we are "READ, DREAM ACHIEVE" - We are super excited about reading as it opens doors to new adventures. It is the most important subject in school as we need to be able to read to understand the other subjects that are taught. It's important that your child read at home on a regular basis. Students may read independently, you may read to them, or with them. We want our students to be just as excited as we are about reading.

Attendance: The best way for our students to have a successful year is to have them here and on time every day! Please help us out by scheduling appointments for later in the school day. Remember every day counts!

UIL Sign Up



Any students in 2nd-5th grades that are interested in signing up for UIL can do so beginning on September 4-7, 2018 with your child's teacher. Tryouts will start on September 10-13, 2018. UIL practices will begin on Monday, October 1st. It is very important for all UIL students to attend practice. Students must attend a minimum of two hours of practice weekly. Coaches will be working diligently with our students in order to get them ready for the campus meet. Students who place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place will then move on to the district meet.

Only students who submit their permission slip signed will be able to stay for practice.

Newscast Team Sign Up



Any students in 4th-5th grades that are interested in signing up for the Newscast Team can do so beginning on August 30-31, 2018 in the library. Tryouts will start on September 6, 2018. As a member of this team, your son/daughter will be responsible for reporting the morning announcements. When scheduled, the student will need to report to the library no later than 7:30 am to prepare for the announcements. Also, they need to be a role model for other students and must follow all school life rules, including the 7 habits, have good attendance, and maintain good grades.



Safe School



Memorial Elementary strives to provide our children with a safe school. We ask parents to assist us in this effort by remembering the following:

1. All visitors (parents) must report to the main office and acquire a visitor's pass.
2. Use the **South side** of the school as the **pick-up/drop off** point for our students. (18th Street parking lot)
3. **The Northeast side is used for School Bus pick up/drop off & Faculty and staff parking only. (Border Ave. parking lot)**
4. If you decide to come into the school to pick up your child, please do not go to the hallways where the classrooms are located. This action lessens our ability to monitor all who come to our campus. This will further ensure the safety of our students.

Drop Off & Pick Up



This is just a friendly reminder that school begins promptly at 7:45 am. Students are to be dropped off no earlier than 7:00 am and need to be picked up no later than 4:15 pm.

