

Western Hills Academy

A Word From The Director

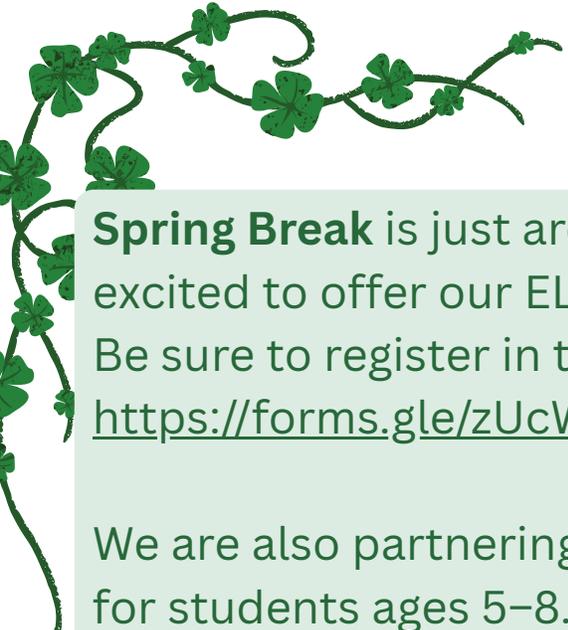
Academy Families,

February went by in a flash – our month was full of love and friendship! As the official first day of spring approaches, the weather is already reminding us that it's here. We began the month by celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, and it was wonderful to see so many students participating.

We are excited for our annual Spring Field Trip to La Nube on March 6th!

We are also proud to announce that we are in the entry-level phase of becoming Texas Rising Star certified. We are working closely with our mentor from the Texas Workforce Commission, and our staff has been doing a phenomenal job preparing for this important certification.

The Academy will be collaborating with our community partners at The Shack Slice & Brew for a Fundraising Night, where we will earn 20% of all sales. Save the date March 11th and enjoy a slice of pizza with friends! We hope to use the proceeds to purchase materials for our Spring Garden.



Spring Break is just around the corner, **March 16–20**. We are excited to offer our ELC students a Spring Camp for a small fee.

Be sure to register in the office:

<https://forms.gle/zUcWgkh99hP93VHk6>

We are also partnering with Soccer Stars to host a Spring Camp for students ages 5–8. Please register using the link below or call the office for more information:

<https://registration.youthathletesunited.com/events/spotlight/spring-camp-soccer-art-steam>

PTO News

Our PTO did an amazing job hosting the Sweetheart Social! Everyone enjoyed the student performances, dinner, and BINGO. They raised \$197.00 – thank you for your support!

Read-A-Thon

Our Read-A-Thon fundraiser was a huge success! Students used their imagination while reading or listening to stories and logged their time. They also helped raise funds for their classroom libraries.

IXL Program

Our February Leaderboard winners are: Bradley, Juliet, and Emma. Congratulations!

Blessings,
Christel Mendoza





Important Dates

March

2nd - Dr. Seuss' Birthday

11th - Fundraiser Night at The Shack Slice

7700 Price Stanley Pl Ste B

16th - 20th - Spring Break

April

1st - Easter Program

3rd - 6th - Easter Holiday

7th - 10th - Scholastic Book Fair & Spirit Week

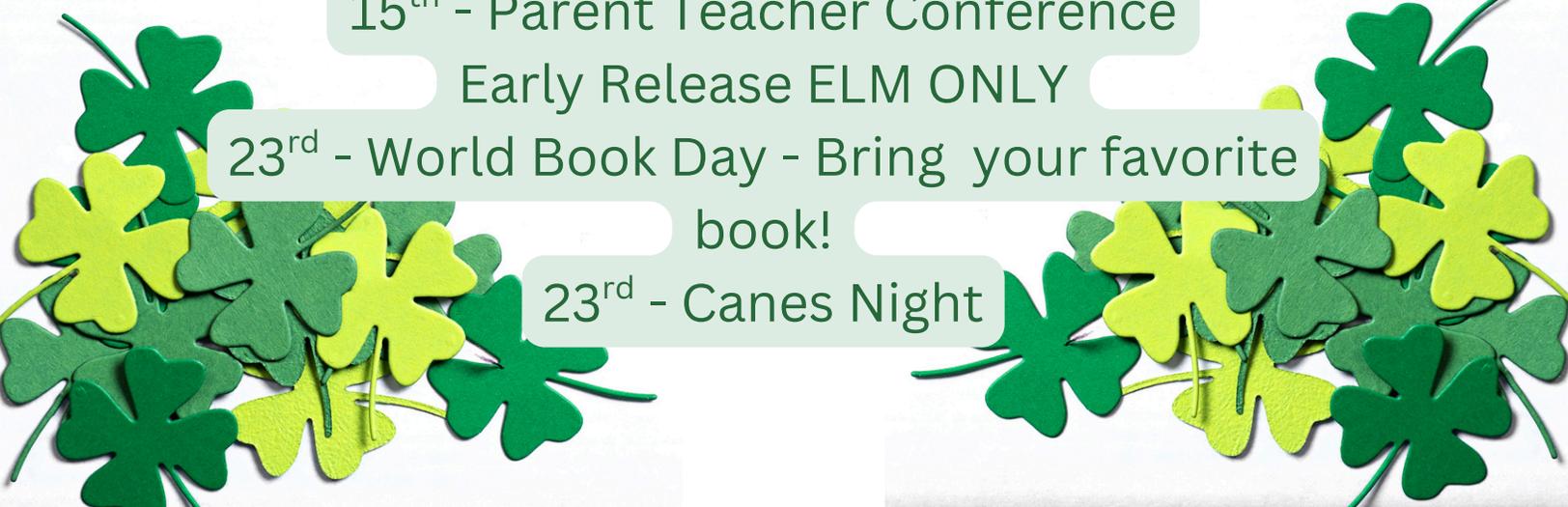
9th - Lunch with Someone Grand!

15th - Parent Teacher Conference

Early Release ELM ONLY

23rd - World Book Day - Bring your favorite
book!

23rd - Canes Night

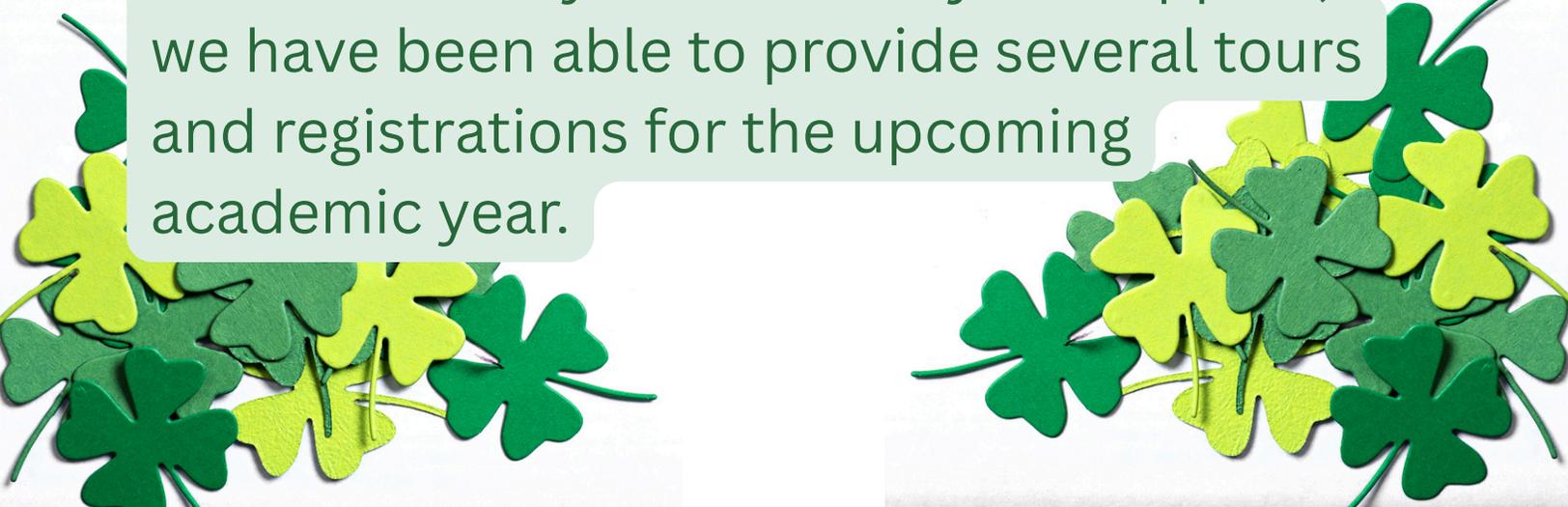




Save Your Spot!!!

Enrollment is now open for the 2026–2027 school year! Reach out for fees to be added to your account. Families are welcome to begin making payments toward registration and book fees at this time. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding services or fees.

Thank you for all of your positive reviews highlighting the great work happening here at the Academy. Because of your support, we have been able to provide several tours and registrations for the upcoming academic year.



Mrs. Amparo Nursery

February was a lovely month in our nursery! We warmly welcomed our new students, Luka and Matthias, and are so happy to have them in our class. As we look ahead, we hope for so much growth and learning in the month to come. We're also very excited for our upcoming field trip to La Nube on March 6 it's going to be a wonderful experience for the children. Thank you, parents, for sharing your beautiful babies with us and for trusting us to be part of their journey.

-Mrs.Amparo



Mrs. Marisela PK1

Hello Parents

First of all I want to thank you parents for participating with our Valentine Party. And thank you Mrs. Lim for organizing the party and for the activities the children had fun and really enjoyed the food mumm good!

Spring is officially in the air. Spring is the ultimate symbol of birth and regrowth. Flowers are in bloom, grass turns from yellow to green.

March is going to be a rainbow of fun.

We begin the month with the birthday of Dr. Suess centering around different Suess books.

Talking about leprechauns and their pot of gold, coloring shamrocks and rainbow activities. Also plants life cycle and caterpillars.

We will cover the letters U,V and W numbers 1-12 focus on color green and rainbow colors and triangle shape.

Want to thank everyone that participated in the Read-A-Thon. And congratulations Dawson and Brandon for top readers and thank you all for the donations.

We also celebrated Chinese New Year with a special snack, the children loved them.

Hope everyone has a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

Sincerely
Mrs. Marisela
Pk-1



Mrs. Susie PK2

Hello parents! February was such a sweet and busy month in our classroom! The children had a wonderful time at our Valentine's Party and enjoyed celebrating together at the Sweetheart Social. This month we focused on the letters S and T, explored the color red, and practiced recognizing the numbers 10 and 11. Our learning theme centered on the five senses, and the kids loved discovering how we see, hear, smell, taste, and touch the world around us through fun, hands-on activities. Thank you so much to all our families for your continued support, kindness, and help we truly appreciate everything you do to make our classroom a special place for the children to learn and grow.

-Mrs.Susie



Mrs. Davie PK3

Spring is almost here, and we are excited for a fun and meaningful month of learning! In our classroom, we will be reviewing letter recognition and beginning sounds to strengthen early literacy skills. In math, we will focus on counting and recognizing numbers 1-10. Our Bible lessons will highlight stories about Jesus' love, kindness, and obedience, helping us grow both academically and spiritually. We will also explore engaging seasonal themes, including spring, weather, and St. Patrick's Day.

Thank you for your continued support—it is truly a blessing to teach your children!

Mrs. Davie ❤️



Mrs. Pearson K4

Dear Parents,

We have some very exciting news in Pre-K! This past week we learned the name and sound of the letter Q q, and we have officially finished learning every letter of the alphabet – including each letter’s name and sound! The children were so proud and excited to celebrate this big accomplishment.

We are continuing to practice our blending ladders and are now working hard on sounding out three-letter words. The students are especially excited to read their new Little Books during reading time. It is wonderful to see their confidence growing each day!

In math, we are working with rhyming patterns and continuing to practice number recognition from 1-20. The children also love challenging themselves by counting all the way to 100 together!

Thank you for your continued support at home. We are so proud of all the progress your children are making!

Many Blessings,
Mrs. Pearson



Mrs. Cardona K5

Dear Kindergarten Families,
This month, we have made great progress in reading! We continue working on long vowel with silent e words, as well as words that have two vowels together. In reading, we have also been practicing punctuation marks such as commas, periods, question marks, and exclamation points. Lastly, we have been focusing on improving reading fluency.

In math, we have been practicing counting coins: pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters. We have also been practicing telling time to the hour and half hour. We continue working on addition and simple subtraction, counting from 1 to 100, and counting by fives and by tens.

Thank you for your help and collaboration.

Sincerely,
Ms. Cardona



Mrs. Pearson 1st Grade

Dear Parents,

We have been working hard in first grade and continue to build our skills! In phonics and reading, we are still practicing and reviewing our special sounds to help strengthen decoding and fluency. We are also learning about prefixes and suffixes, practicing compound words and understanding the meaning of homonyms and syllables. These skills are helping us become stronger, more confident readers!

We are also placing a special focus on penmanship, making sure letters are formed correctly and neatly. Please continue encouraging neat writing at home. We are working on slowing down and focusing carefully during reading time to improve comprehension and fluency.

In math, we continue reviewing time, temperature, money, fractions, and counting by 2s, 5s, and 25s. We are practicing telling time on the clock and solving longer story problems. Students are working on adding two-digit numbers and showing their ideas and thoughts.

Thank you for your continued support at home. We are proud of the progress your children are making each day!

Many Blessings
Mrs. Pearson



Mrs. Ortiz 2nd Grade

Dear Parents,

February was a wonderful month filled with engaging activities for our students. Here is a summary of what we learned:

- Mathematics: Students learned 0, 1 and 10 times tables, starting this month of March we move on to 2, 3, 4 and 5 times tables.
- Writing: Proper use of possessives and contractions.
- History: Learned about Presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington.

field trips this month.

- Secrets of the stage with El Paso Opera, gave students the opportunity to learn about the path to become an opera singer.
- UTEP field trip, gave students the opportunity to explore college life.

Additionally, our Valentine's Day bingo was a great success

Best regards,

Mrs. Ortiz





Ms. Monica 3rd Grade

Dear Parents,

It's March Madness time!! We may not be playing hoops but we are striving to strengthen our Math skills.

- The group is working on learning fractions of a group
- Terms for fractions: Numerator / Denominator
- Adding and Subtracting: Measurements
- Shortcut division - Not necessary to write out the steps
- Problems with Parentheses: Solve the problem in parenthesis first
- Story Problems: Extra or Missing Information
- Story Problems: Measurement Equations
- Three-Digit Dividends

In language we are focusing on learning the writing and research process to write a report. The first couple of reports have been an introduction. Please bare with us while we gain the knowledge and understanding of the writing process. This includes editing the reports after reviewing the rough draft. This is an introduction meaning every child will master these skills at a different pace.



Ms. Monica 3rd Grade

Our field trip to UTEP was wonderful. The students had already done research about UTEP for our college of the week. The tour guides were impressed that the students knew that UTEP was originally named State School of Mines and Metallurgy, that it specializes in engineering and the Bhutanese building was gifted by the Kingdom of Bhutan.

I enjoyed and was impressed by how well behaved and independent they were while purchasing their lunch just like the college students on campus. The museum tour guide complimented the students on their participation and engagement in the learning activities.

Thank you for your continued support and time. We enjoyed our Valentines class party and the Valentines Dinner & Bingo Dance. Happy March!

Blessings,
Ms. Monica



Mrs. Cuevas 4th Grade

Welcome to our class!

Hello Parents & Families! This month is a short month and many events are happening. We had our sweet heart social on Feb 6th and students had a lot of fun participating and bingo was so much fun. Our valentines day party was so much fun and students were able to celebrate friendship and love in our classroom! This month we got to go to UTEP to learn and explore the college campus here in our hometown. Students had so much fun learning about the different degrees and got to experience college life to promote college readiness. Students also go to participate in the reading-a thon this month! Proud to say our class won 1st place! Students did an excellent job reading in class and at home! I also want to recognize our top readers in our class: Clayton Billstone, Emma Calzada and Bradley Bugado. Very proud of all the students for participating and reading! We have finished our health curriculum for this year and students have learned about healthy eating habits, how our body functions, exercising and being hydrated are all part of our lifestyles we should incorporate and lastly how to be safe in our everyday environment. We are looking forward to our spring field trip to La Nube and soon our spring break. Many more exciting events are happening and getting closer to summer.

Thank you for all your support!

-Mrs Cuevas





Mrs. Margie Music

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope and pray you are well .I'm writing as your child's substitute for music class. I wanted you all to know we are still learning and growing in different skills.It has been a blessing to me seeing your child coming to class with a big smile and willing to share their ideas for the coming Easter performance. We have been doing different activities to learn about one of the greatest composers and musicians, Domenico Scarletti . We have been dancing,singing while learning. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at music@westernhillsacademy.org or the Family app. Blessings,
Mrs.Margie

Mrs. Mota Art

Dear Parents,

During the month of February, we began studying the incredible art of Pablo Picasso. The children had a lot of fun creating their own “funny face” inspired by one of his famous artworks.

We also learned about Henri Matisse, who was known for his beautiful use of color and expressive draughtsmanship. The children explored playful lines and experimented with bold, intense colors in their creations.

In addition, we began recognizing artwork by Johannes Vermeer. The children practiced drawing his famous painting, Girl with a Pearl Earring, using pencil and focusing on careful details.

One of the crafts we made this month was a caterpillar using pom-poms – the children had so much fun creating them!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful month!

Mrs. Mota



Ms. Natalia Spanish

Dear Parents,

It has been such a joy working with your children this month. Thank you for your continued support!

Our Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1st grade students have been learning about el cuerpo, each working at their own level according to the curriculum. They have done a wonderful job learning and practicing new vocabulary.

The students in 2nd through 6th grade are all working on different skills and topics based on their grade-level curriculum. I am proud of the effort and progress I am seeing in each class. It has also been so special seeing many of you at after-school events and school activities – it truly means so much. Thank you again for your support. I look forward to all the continued learning ahead!

Warmly,

Ms. Natalia Cardona



Coach Karla P.E.

Dear Parents,

I hope this message finds you well!

I am excited to share that this month we will be working on developing two fun and active skills in class: jump rope and kickball! These activities will help students improve their coordination, teamwork, balance, and overall fitness – all while having a great time with their classmates.

Jumping rope is a fantastic way to build endurance and rhythm, and kickball will give students the opportunity to practice teamwork, sportsmanship, and game strategies in an engaging way. I am really looking forward to seeing their progress and enthusiasm as we practice these skills together.

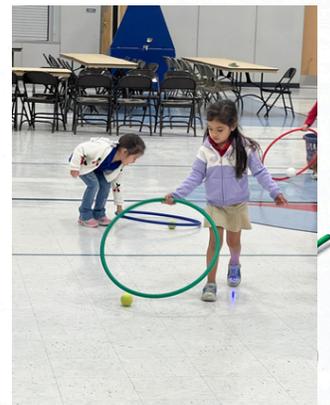
Thank you so much for all your continued support. It truly makes a difference!

I also want to wish you and your family a safe, relaxing, and joyful Spring Break. I hope you enjoy special moments together and come back refreshed and ready for the rest of the school year.

Thank you again for everything!

Warm regards,

Coach Karla



Opera Field Trip



UTEP Field Trip



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Read-A-Thon



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Sweetheart Social

