



Timberwolf Howl

*Build Learners to be
Productive Citizens*

*Honor, Integrity,
Loyalty
and Leadership*

Principals Corner

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff,

I love this time of year when the leaves start to fall. You can feel the crisp air in the morning and the warmth from the sun in the afternoon. It is during this time when I wish we could hold all classes outside and enjoy the days.

In the month of November we celebrate Veterans Day. We feel it is important for our students to recognize the sacrifices our soldiers and their families have made for our country and we honor them with a Veterans Day Ceremony. This year we will hold two ceremonies on Friday, October 10, 2017. The 5th grade celebration will be at 9:30, and 6th grade at 2:00. The format for both ceremonies will be the same with the 5th grade Choir presenting special music. We hope our veterans, parents, and guests will join us.

This month we also celebrate Thanksgiving and will be on break from November 20 thru the 26th. Please take this time to spend with your family and friends and enjoy a well-deserved break before we head into December.

Sincerely,

Deborah Spoon

Principal

November Important Dates

- 3 PTO Meeting
- Potteryland Fundraiser for 5th grade
- 7 Picture Retakes
- 8 Chamber Orchestra to Ren Fest
- 10 Veterans Day program 9:30 5th, 2:00 6th
- Potteryland for 6th grade
- 11 Honor Band Auditions Vogel 8am
- 14 Honor Orchestra Auditions at Mitchell 6pm
- 20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday
- 27-Dec 1 Buy one get one free Book Fair
- 30 5th Grade Band Concert 6-7

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Fifth Grade

Language Arts

Language Arts classes just completed a unit on Literary Nonfiction. Our students were immersed in biographies, autobiographies, and narrative nonfiction. We are ready to dive into Poetry, October 30! Students are continuing to independently read their own novel choices during sustained reading. In writing we completed personal narratives with a bit of fiction possibly added. We have been working hard on penning our own memoirs. Everyone is excited to share our published work for Memoir.

Science

In November 5th Grade will begin our unit on Earth Science. We begin with a journey into space, exploring the characteristics of the sun, moon, and earth. After that we learn about the cycles in space including: the moon phases, earth's rotation, earth's revolution, seasons, shadows, and tides. Keep an eye out for a moon calendar after thanksgiving!

Math

5th graders are currently dividing decimals and whole numbers. In November we will begin our fraction units which include adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing!

Social Studies

5th grade social studies is finishing the Causes of the Revolutionary War and shortly, starting the main events of the war; such as, the Battle of Saratoga, Valley Forge, and the Yorktown battle. Many nations helped us, and we will "meet" more famous people of that time.

Sixth Grade

Language Arts

Our 6th grade students are currently working on Literary Nonfiction which encompasses Biography, Autobiography, Memoir, and Personal Narratives through their reading class. They will be working on comprehending, draw conclusions and discuss the author's use of sensory language as well as make inferences about the literary nonfiction text. In small groups, they will discuss the significance of the person's contribution to society and use text evidence to support their conclusions in addition to making text connections. Through the writing unit, the students are currently creating a personal narrative. The upcoming unit will focus Poetry. We advise for all students to read between 20-30 minutes every night.

Science

This month sixth grade students are stepping into the graph! They will be increasing their knowledge on graphing and comparing two types of graphs. Students will also be discussing force and motion before Thanksgiving break. Ask your student to display some force and motion at home!

Social Studies

November is bringing more exotic destinations to 6th grade World Cultures class!! We will continue traveling through Mexico, Central America, and the ever beautiful Caribbean islands. We'll learn about their food, music, and touristic economies! Then we'll continue further south into South America where we'll encounter ancient tribes of the Amazon, the cold mountains of the Andes, and learn how the Spanish changed so much for the South Americans. We can't wait to explore!

Math

During the month of November, 6th grade math will continue with fraction operations and then begin exploring algebraic relationships. They will learn how to use variables to find the value of the unknown and solve expressions using the value.

Picture Retake Day is November 7.

Counselors Corner

Congratulations to all the students who were awarded "Leader of the Pack". We really appreciate all they do to make our school a better place. We also want to congratulate those fifth and sixth graders who became new student council members. We have assigned committees and are getting started on some new projects. Our first major project is "12 Days at Tom Cox." We are asking students to bring in specific items each day from October 23rd-November 7th. Students are able to sign up in their home base. If you wish to bring in additional items, the wish list includes canned tuna, canned vegetables, macaroni and cheese, pasta, pasta sauce, soups and stews, canned pasta, granola bars, peanut butter, individual packets of cheese and crackers, fruit snacks and cereal. All donations will be for CISD students in need. We appreciate your support. Have a lovely Thanksgiving!

Red Ribbon Poster Winners

We held a poster contest for Red Ribbon Week. Congratulations to our winners, Callie Keigley and Cerys Houlston. They each won a movie gift certificate.



GT Nominations

Nominations are now open for Conroe Independent School District Gifted and Talented program. Testing will take place at the end of January. Nominations can be made by the parents and/or teachers. If you are interested in nominating your child, please pick up a form at the front office or online at the Tom Cox Website. You can also find the nomination form and other GT information on the CISD GT homepage. Nominations will be accepted through December 20. Please contact Liz Koehler at 281-465-3208 if you have any questions.

PTO News

Hello Parents!

We first want to give a big shout out to all of you who have been supporting us thus far! Our Crust Pizza Spirit night was a great success, earning us \$800! That money goes directly back to helping the school and the students have a great experience at Tom Cox and again it's thanks to YOU! The PTO is 100% dependent on donations, we are not funded by the school. Those donations come in many ways through Spirit Nights, School Events, Merchandise Sales and Corporate Sponsors.

Because of the hurricane, we had planned to wait until early Spring to do fundraising but we have decided to have a Winter Auction. We felt that parents might be looking for experiences to give their kids for Christmas and feel that the school, who also canceled their fall fundraiser, and PTO could provide some fun and exciting opportunities right close to home. The school and PTO will be working together and therefore will split the proceeds so everyone can benefit! Our fundraiser will debut at the Potteryland Events coming up at the beginning of the month. It will be a tax-free silent auction. Spirit wear will also be available at a discounted rate which will also be tax-free. We want to make this Winter Auction a success but we need the help and support of you, the parents. Your support is critical. We are in this together! Every dollar counts!@ Please support our efforts to raise funds for the students and staff at Tom Cox Intermediate!

Sci.Story Competition

Sci.Story is a district-wide competition that allows you to make a video documentary exploring:

- The life of a scientist or mathematician,
- A scientific or mathematical concept or
- A significant event from the history of science, technology, engineering or mathematics.

For more information go to. Goo.gl/OGGebz

If you decide that it is something you want to compete in, complete the [google form](#) by November 7.

December Important Dates

- 1 PTO Meeting 9:30
- 7 Orchestra Concerts 5th @6 and 6th @7
- 11 Spirit Night Bon Froyo
Choir Concerts 5th @6 and 6th @7
- 20 Early Release at 12:55
- 21 - January 8 Winter Break