



November is the month to remind us to be thankful for the many positive things happening in our life.

Hello WISD families:

This is our first full week in November. Imagine, we have been together as a school family for over two months. This week also marks the beginning of the second quarter of the school year. This is a new beginning for everyone.

November is also the month of changes: temperatures, trees, animals and weather patterns, to name but a few. The month of November typically features a big battle. The Sun angle is lowering, temperatures are fighting between winter and late summer with days in the 50's and 60's, and days with temps in the 20's. Sadly, those who love summer are fighting a losing battle, as colder air wins out, and our days get shorter and shorter. Yet, if you love winter, your time to shine is coming soon.

Student report cards are being dispersed on Friday of this week. There reports are in a sealed envelope that will brought home for families to review. Ms. Zuzka will send out an electronic message to remind parents-guardians to ask their children for these envelopes. Thank you for discussing the importance of this piece of data with your child. This partnership is appreciated. Please feel free to contact teachers should you have questions regarding this first quarter report.

I am including an interesting web site for families to review. I have added this week's news items onto this letter. The non-organization is called Understood for All. There is updated information and resources that parents-guardians, students and teachers can access and use regardless of ability level. You can click on any of these enclosed links, and review what the topic is about, and how it may foster conversations as a family. Thank you for taking a peek.

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Many families are dealing with “what ifs” right now. If you and your child are worried — about school, COVID, finances, the election — we have information and tips for your family. Learn how to help your child be a more flexible thinker and see different ways to approach disagreements. And check out free and low-cost ways to support your child's learning. Let's get through this challenging time together.

How to Help Your Child Cope This Election Season

Try these tips

9 Teacher-Approved Apps to Help Prevent COVID Slide

Take a look

8 Places to Find Free or Low-Cost Tutoring

Learn more

Did you know we're a non-profit?

As a non-profit, Understood is committed to shaping the world for the 1 in 5 kids who learn and think differently. We believe that all kids should feel supported, valued, and appreciated—whether they have ADHD, dyslexia or any other learning difference. Because our differences are our greatest strength.



- The Forest Path Project partnership continues to gain momentum. Students and staff continue to intertwine co-curricular activities based upon the initial Problem Based Learning outdoor education activity that was held in October.
- The 3rd Annual Academic Decathlon challenge will be held on November 11th from 8:30- Noon. Seven WISD high schoolers will compete virtually with other WI high schools. The topic for 2020 is THE COLD WAR. Good luck goes out to Spencer, Aidan, Jake, Andrea, Breanna, Zach and Hayden! We are rooting for you.
- The 6th graders just completed the Samsung Climate Superstars Challenge. This tied neatly into their current science classroom work in Units of Study on Energy. They were able to tie in what they learned at school into the challenge: how humans are impacting climate change and how we can consider the usage of renewable energy sources. Good job Teagan, Emily and Julia.
- Speaking of these three young ladies, they also had an opportunity to speak to Dr. Emily Matula, a scientist with the NASA-Johnson Space Center. Their virtual 40- minute chat centered around how Dr. Matula trains and prepares NASA astronauts for their International Space Station [ISS] missions. These 6th graders were able to ask questions and hear live responses by Dr. Matula in real time. As a bonus, all Middle School students were able to participate in an “Earth to ISS” call with astronaut, Chris Cassidy. What an invaluable experience for any children, and what a great academic and career planning event for those students who might consider a career in this field of study.
- The 6-7-8th grades are competing in the Scholastic HARDEST MATH PROBLEM Contest. This event encourages student to try out new math problems and explain their thinking in order to compete for an opportunity to win a laptop, tablet and scholarship money that they can apply toward their post-secondary education. The contest closes on November 23rd. We eagerly await the results.
- Finally, the school has a Door Decorating Contest. All classroom and office doors will be themed with Kindness and/or Being Thankful. The contest ends November 11th. We will post each door on the webpage, and highlight the winners of this school event. A panel of judges will be voting on these, determining what door(s) are best.

Enjoy this November weekend. Take care and be well.

We thank you for your continual support and encouragement of our educational endeavors.

