

# The Zwink Link

*High Expectations...High Support!*

## Third Nine Weeks 2015

### Celebrate More “Dazzling” Good News at Zwink!

Zwink Elementary continues to be recognized and celebrated for our **success in educational excellence!** Join us in celebrating a few of our outstanding zebras:

-45 students from Zwink Elementary recently competed in the Noetic Learning Math Contest, a national elementary math problem solving contest held twice a year. 19,367 young mathletes representing 1,279 teams across the country participated in this year’s fall contest. **The third grade team from Zwink finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the NATION! Additionally, several Zwink students also received the National Honor Roll title awarded to the top 10% of participating mathletes.** Congratulations to the following Zwink Zebra mathematicians: Ryan Amyx, Trenton Wessel, Noah Richhart, Peyton Cobb, Muneeba Ehtesham, Blake Cornejo, Tyler Chadwick, Austin Haynes, Alexa Phuong, Thong Nguyen, Erin Farias, Grace Skinner, Saif Hamad, Tamya Smith, Maureen Cave, Kristina Tolman, Devyn Noerager, and Paulo Rodriguez.

**-Congratulations to Chloe Rawlinson and Medha Fotedar, our Zwink Spelling Bee Champion and Runner-Up!** Chloe will represent Zwink at the district spelling bee on February 10th! Good luck, Chloe! We know you’ll dazzle them!

**-At the Houston Northwest Medical Center’s Art Contest,** Zwink artists dominated the competition! Congratulations to **Minal Khatri** who won 1<sup>st</sup> place and **Emily Marner** who won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Elementary Division. **Emily Rodas, Elena Ren, and Colby Hamburg** were also all chosen as finalists. Way to go, Zwink Artists!

### New Year, Same Procedures! ☺

Just a friendly reminder as we start 2015 of a few of our same ole’ procedures. **Please call the front office directly at 832-375-7800 for early dismissals by 2:30 p.m. and for change of transportation by 2:00 p.m.** Please *do not* leave a voicemail or email your child’s teacher or the front office, as the voicemail or email may not be checked before the end of the school day, as our team is busy serving our zebras. Also, all vehicles picking up children in the car rider line must have an **official Zwink car rider tag** in order for us to load the child into the car. If you need a new or an additional tag, please contact the front office directly and we’ll be happy to help.

### Mark Your Calendars— Important Zwink Dates! ☺

#### **January**

- 16<sup>th</sup> Student Holiday/Staff Development
- 19<sup>th</sup> Student Holiday
- 21<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation at Schindewolf and Hildebrandt
- 23<sup>rd</sup> DAZZLE DAY! Wear crazy hair! Report cards go home.
- 29<sup>th</sup> Prime Time: Career Explorations! 6-7:30 p.m.

#### **February**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Boosterthon Kick Off!
- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Paint the Community with Peace Week-Fun Dress Up Days All Week! See your child’s Wednesday folder or the website.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Begins/Boosterthon Fun Run/Valentine’s Day parties, 2-3:00 p.m.
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Spring Open House, 6-7:30 p.m. Let your zebra dazzle you! ☺**
- 27<sup>th</sup> Book Fair Ends

#### **March**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Superintendent Pizza Dinner, 6:30-8 p.m./Kleb Intermediate
- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Spring Break
- 18<sup>th</sup> Individual Student Spring Pictures

### Prime Time: Career Explorations! Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Don’t miss our next Prime Time on **Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 p.m.!** This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Career Night where we explore career choices from a variety of professionals presenting that evening! Students will get to visit with them and ask questions as they consider all the possibilities for their future careers.

### KISD “Touch the Future” Honor Awarded to Zwink Parent!

Zwink Elementary is so grateful for **Andrea Langford**, an amazing parent volunteer who makes service to our school a regular part of her day. She serves on the PTO board as treasurer, but her service definitely does not stop there. She devotes endless hours to supporting staff and students of Zwink, and always steps in to coordinate, plan and assist anywhere she is needed whether it is in classrooms or for school wide events. She exemplifies the Zwink Core Values through her intentional loyalty to our school in all that she does and is an integral part of our collaborative community. Congratulations, Ms. Langford!

### **Zwink Parent Core Values Spotlight: Educational Excellence**

*We will encourage and support our children in their educational responsibilities.*

*We will model integrity and honesty as we raise them to be honorable, knowledgeable citizens.*

As we return from winter break zebras are preparing for the New Year by setting both academic and character goals to help them live our Zwink Core Values. As your child’s first and most influential teachers, you can “encourage and support” your children in reaching their goals by collaborating with them and the educators of Zwink. First, show that you value their goals and their education by asking about their goals and how they plan to achieve them. Next, you can support them in reaching their goals by providing a home environment that supports the achievement of goals. For example, if the goal is to complete homework each night, you might provide time and a quiet place where work can be done, ask to see homework when it is completed to encourage quality work, and encourage organization to help the work return to school the following day. If their goal is to make more friends, you might help them learn and practice friendship skills. Finally, you can encourage your Zebra by recognizing their successes in “accepting responsibility and doing my best in all that I do” at school and at home. Visit our Zwink Website and see our Zwink Character Crew teaching our core values at <http://goo.gl/RfocUU>. Thanks for all you do to support our zebras as they achieve educational excellence!