

# The Zwink Link

*High Expectations...High Support!*

## 2014 Back-to-School News

### **Get Ready, Zebras!**

#### **Important Back-to-School Dates...**

#### **Thursday, 8/21: Meet the Teacher, 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

Come and go between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. and meet your child's teacher! If you pre-purchased school supplies online, the supplies will have already been delivered to your child's new classroom. A limited number of more difficult to find school supplies will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-serve basis. Spirit shirts will be sold, you can join our fabulous PTO, and sign up to be a volunteer this evening as well! Carpool tags and new car-rider procedures, security guidelines, Campus Kids before and after school care registration, cafeteria lunch account assistance, and lots of excitement for the new school year will also be shared this evening!

#### **Monday, 8/25: First Day of School, 7:55 a.m.**

We are so excited to welcome your child! To set them up for success, please make sure your child arrives by 7:55 a.m., is in compliance with district dress code (please visit the campus website for details), and has his or her school supplies with them (if they have not already been delivered to the classroom at Meet the Teacher). If you plan on bringing your child to school or picking them up after school the first week of school, please be prepared for *long* carpool lines as children learn new systems and a high volume of parents choose to bring their children who typically ride the bus. *Your patience and positive attitude is truly appreciated!*

#### **Thursday, 8/28: Spirit Night at Bouncing Bears!**

Come and bounce back to school with us for our first spirit night of 2014-2015 at Bouncing Bears (6526 FM 2920 Rd). Stop by anytime between 4:00-7:00 p.m. Zwink zebras can wear crazy socks to school this Thursday to show their school spirit. Not only will your zebra have a blast blowing off steam from the first week of school, but you will also be supporting our school as a percentage of sales are donated directly back to our school. Last year almost \$1,000 came back to Zwink while we bounced the afternoon away! Come join us and show your zebra spirit!

#### **Welcome New Assistant Principal, Ms. Turner!**

With all of the growth in our area due to Exxon Mobile and the Grand Parkway, we are thrilled to add a new member to our Zwink leadership team. Mrs. Katie Turner is an exemplary Klein educator whose expertise and experience will provide more "high support" for Zwink students, staff, and parents! You can read more about Ms. Turner and the rest of the new zebras serving your children on our website under "Meet the Zebras!"

#### **Transportation: Bus Routes & Carpool Tags**

Bus routes are determined and published by the district at the end of August. Check our webpage regularly for published routes, including new pick-up times and locations. All students being picked up after school in the car-rider line **must** have a Zwink tag displayed prominently in the front windshield. Please discard old carpool tags; a new carpool number/tag is issued each school year to our students. These tags will be issued at Meet the Teacher on August 21st. If you feel you may pick up your child even one day this school year, please obtain a carpool tag so you are prepared.

#### **PTO and Volunteering**

Our incredible PTO and volunteers accomplished so much for our zebras during our opening year, and they have already been hard at work preparing for an incredible 2014-2015. Please come and renew your membership or join the team for the first time this August—membership levels start at only \$2 per child and include a Zwink zebra car sticker! Education is a team effort—come be part of our "High Expectations...High Support!" team by joining PTO and becoming a regular volunteer at wonderful Zwink Elementary!

#### **School Supplies**

Pre-packaged school supplies were sold online only this year. If you pre-ordered your child's school supplies online, they will be waiting in your child's classroom. A limited number of more difficult to find school supplies will be sold on a *first-come, first-serve* basis at Meet the Teacher. A complete list of the supplies for each grade level is posted on the campus website.

### **The Zebra League of Zwink: Where Super Leaders Unite to Serve!**

Last year our "High Expectations...High Support" team of superheroes went on an epic adventure focused on developing our zebras' super power of leadership! This school year, we will unite our leadership super powers together to serve our school and our community. With Super Zebra returning along with other new Zwink super heroes who will lead the **Zebra League**, we will nurture the hearts of students as they live and lead our Zwink core values of educational excellence, prized relationships, collaborative community, an attitude of gratitude, and intentional loyalty. The epic adventure continues this year as we unite to serve!