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### Events and Book Club

**Nov. 2, 5:30pm:** Day of the Dead / Dia de los Muertos

**Nov 5, 10:15:** All Ages Storytime

**Nov 10, 3:30:** Lego Lab

**Nov 10, 7:30pm:** Book Club, *Soldier Girls: The Battles of Three Women at Home and at War* by Helen Thorpe

**Nov 12 & 19, 10:15:** All Ages Storytime

**Dec 1, 7pm:** *Austism in Love* by Matt Fuller

**Dec 5, 2pm:** Family Matinee Series: *Inside Out*

**Dec 8, 3:30pm:** Lego Lab

**Dec 8, 7pm:** Book Club, *Night* by Elie Wiesel

**Dec 10, 10:15am:** Smart Opera presents *Opera Cat*

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### The Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan Contact Team (WPNPCT)

is a representative group of neighborhood stakeholders charged as stewards of the Windsor Park Neighborhood Plan, to uphold the implementation of the Plan's vision, goals and recommendations, and to review & vote on all proposed amendments to the Plan.

Meetings are the second Monday of each month at the Windsor Park Library (subject to change) at 6:30 p.m.

Contact WPNPCT Chair Steve Speir for more information at [sspeir@austin.rr.com](mailto:sspeir@austin.rr.com) or call 512-451-5412 or 512-363-0251.

Everyone is always invited to attend and participate.

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# WINDOW on WINDSOR

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## Windsor Park Neighborhood Association Meeting

**Saturday, Nov 14 at 10 a.m.**

Memorial United Methodist Church,  
6100 Berkman Dr.

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## NOVEMBER LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Neighbors,

I've got some great news to report: at our last general meeting on October 10th Pastor Lee Lever of the Austin Mennonite Church presented the WPNA with a check for \$650. These monies were raised at the Pancake Fundraiser Breakfast held at the church in September. This money will go toward our Reagan Scholarship Fund. Last year we were able to award two \$1000 scholarships. We are hopeful to be able to award more scholarships this year. If you would like to donate to the Regan Scholarship Fund, please do so on our website: <http://www.windsorpark.info/>

In other news: at our last meeting we also had a very informative presentation by Jessica Castilleja of the Workers Defense Project. The Workers Defense Project is a non-profit, membership-based organization that aims to empower low-income workers to achieve fair employment through education, direct services, organizing, and strategic partnerships. Ms. Castilleja's presentation focused primarily on the Build It Better program. This program aims to improve the safety conditions for construction workers, secure them benefits and protections while on the job, and insure that the wages these workers are receiving are fair. You can learn more about the Workers Defense Project and their Build It Better Program at <http://www.workersdefense.org/build-it-better/>

As announced at the last meeting, we are still in the process of organizing our annual holiday party. The holiday party is always held on the second Saturday in December. In the past we have held the party from 10am-12pm, the same time that we hold our monthly meetings. However, this year we are going to try something different and hold it later in the day. Our hope is that this will increase attendance and make for a more successful potluck lunch.

Finally, we will be holding elections for 2016 for our WPNA officers at the general meeting on November 14th. At that meeting we will be accepting nominations from the floor. All registered members of the WPNA are welcome to vote so long as they have been a member of the Association for a minimum of 30 days prior to the election. If you are interested in running for a position, please contact the WPNA and we will put you in contact with the nominating committee.

Sincerely, Karen Pagani, WPNA President

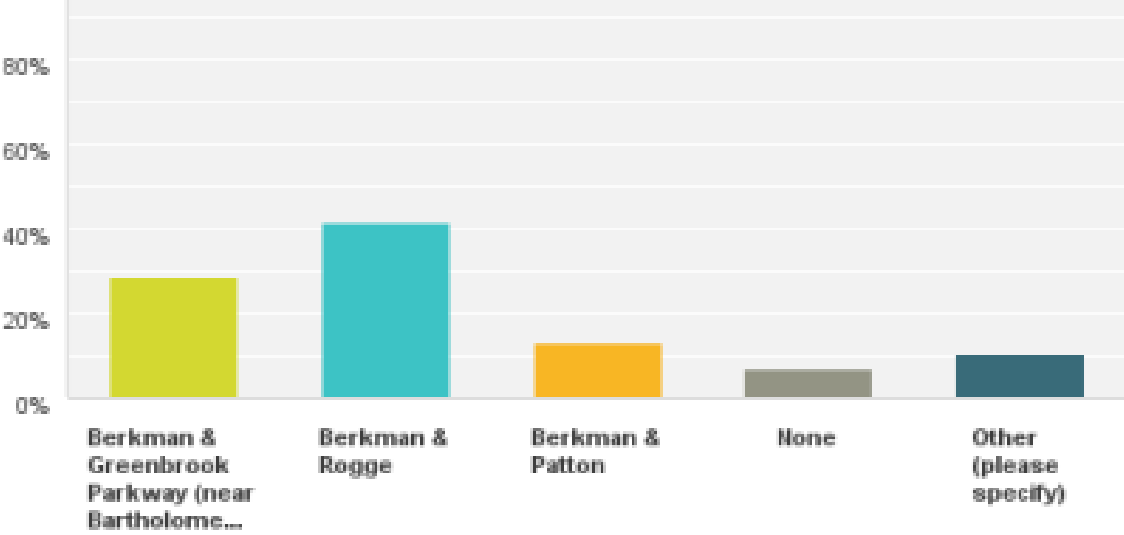


Berkman Drive Transportation Survey Results

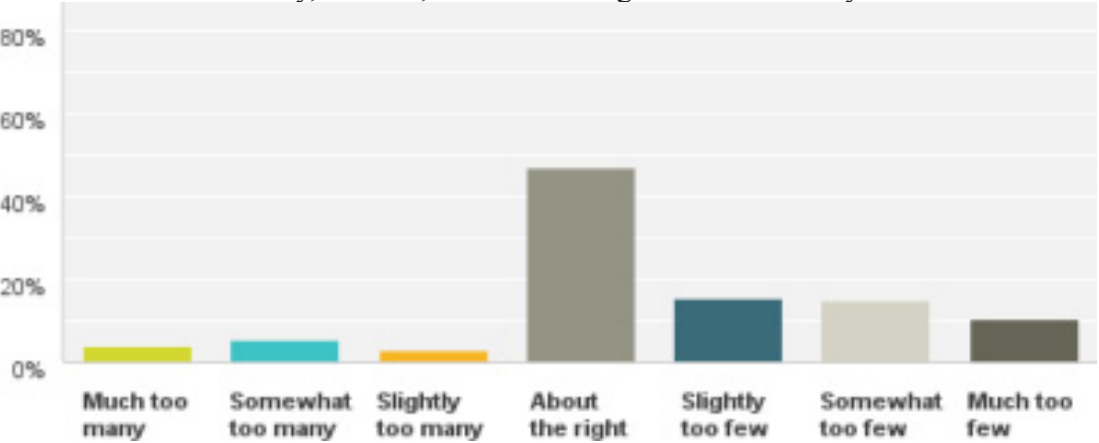
Rodney Ahart, Transportation Committee

The Windsor Park Transportation Committee received 270 completed surveys. Thank you for providing valuable input! The purpose of the survey was to gather comments on Berkman Drive existing street and any concerns, changes, or user experiences. The committee will utilize the survey results to communicate the needs of Windsor Park to the City of Austin.

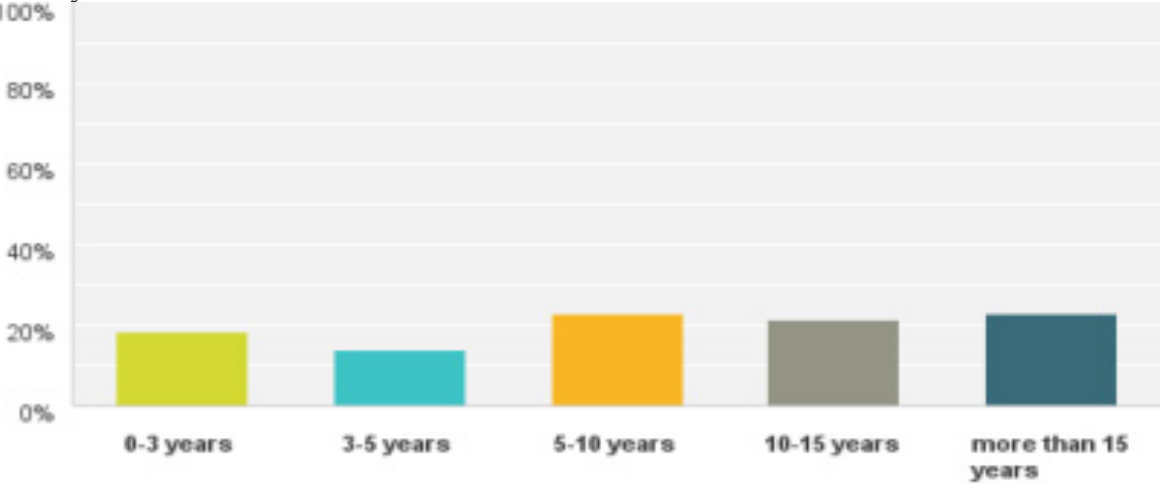
What intersection along Berkman Drive is most in need of a pedestrian crossing?



Does Windsor Park have too many, too few, or about the right number of bicycle lanes?



How long have you lived in Windsor Park?



For The Trees

Tim Brosnan, ISA Certified Arborist and WP resident

Right Tree, Right Place

With summer finally behind us, it’s a great time of year to consider planting trees. Arborists often use the phrase, “right tree, right place,” meaning: plant a tree species that is fit for your property and plant it in a place that gives it the best chance to thrive over its lifetime (which might be well over a hundred years). Below is an abbreviated guide to help you if you’re interested in growing our urban forest here in Windsor Park. For more detailed info check out: <http://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu>

Large trees

- Live oaks – Ubiquitous, but still one of my favorite trees for its hardiness, beauty, and year-round green
- Chinkapin oaks – Tough tree tolerant of many soil types, sawtoothed leaves, acorns provide food for wildlife or humans
- Mexican white oaks (aka Monterrey oaks) – semi-evergreen, faster growth rate than most other oaks
- Bur oaks – Slower growing, but long-lived and tolerant of diverse growing conditions

Small to Medium trees

- Texas redbud – May be single or multi-trunked, showy reddish-pink blooms in spring
- Mountain laurel – Evergreen with fragrant purple flowers in spring
- Palo Verde – Airy, open canopy provides dappled shade and yellow flowers
- Anacacho orchid – Delicate leaves and white blooms, beneficial for butterflies and bees
- Mexican plum – White blooms in spring, fruit for birds or industrious humans (jams and jellies)

Fruit trees

In Central Texas, your best bet is to stick with the P’s: Peaches, Plums, Pears and Persimmons. These are proven winners and require less care than apples, citrus and other favorite fruits. The Natural Gardener is a great source for quality stock in the winter, as well as all the information you’ll need to plant and care for them.

Where to plant

For saving on your electric bill, consider planting on the south and west sides of your house where trees will grow to create shade for windows and roofs. Plant at least 10 feet off the curb and consider a tree’s size at maturity when planting near structures. Trees close to houses, sheds, fences, powerlines and other trees will require more pruning and will cost more to maintain over time. Some may even grow to an extent that removal is the only option.

Tim and his family have lived in Windsor Park since 2010. He owns and operates Brosnan Tree, a local tree care company. [brosnantree.com](http://brosnantree.com)

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### Used Shoe Drive

Cynthia Kepler, Pastor, Memorial United Methodist Church

Memorial UMC (6100 Berkman, across from Harris Elementary) is hosting a used shoe drive to benefit one of our non-profit partners, Redemptive Work, now through Thanksgiving. Just drop off your old shoes (in pairs, please) during office hours (the office is the door with the drive-under portico) or simply leave them by that door.

Over 600 million pairs of shoes are sent to landfills in the US every year. Redemptive Work is paid by the pound for those shoes, which are used in developing countries to provide work, either refurbishing them for sale or breaking them down for raw materials to start businesses. Redemptive Work uses the money they get to provide coaching and assistance for people in Austin who experience barriers getting into and remaining in the workforce. For more information, check out redemptive-work.org or contact us at the church at 512-452-5796.

### Some Happenings & Invites from Council Member Ora Houston

**PERSON/PLACE/THING/ curated exhibit at Cement Loop (5811 Berkman Dr. Ste. 140) October 23 - November 6.**  
Exploring District One through community, memory, and object, Los Outsiders is gathering stories and mementos from the residents in the district. They will curate an exhibition of personal objects and imagery and use interviews and portraiture to capture the everyday memories that weave residents together and to the places they call home. More info available at <http://www.drawinglinesaustin.com/>


**DISTRICT #1 - ARE U UP FOR A CHALLENGE?**  
A challenge to reduce the amount of recycle material that ends up in your trash cart rather than in the blue cart - More information will be circulated after November 13th – stay tuned!

**CodeNEXT walks and Sound Check**  
The entire community and everyone is welcome to join CodeNEXT in the field for upcoming Community Walks and for our week-long workshop in November called the “Sound Check.” Here’s more information:  
Community Walks with CodeNEXT: Austinites are invited to join a one-hour interactive walk with the CodeNEXT team: As the local expert on where you live, what could be improved around you? Read the full release here: <http://austintexas.gov/news/codenext-goes-field-public-invited-7-community-walks>  
CodeNEXT: SOUND CHECK workshop: Along with intensive work by consultants and staff, public events and activities will take place every day between Nov. 16 and 21. We will provide a more detailed schedule as we get closer: [www.austintexas.gov/event/codenext-sound-check](http://www.austintexas.gov/event/codenext-sound-check).

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### Transportation survey, continued from p. 2

With the anticipated increase in traffic on Berkman Drive, the growth of Mueller and the recent HEB opening, which best describes your preferred roadway configuration?

Configuration	Percentage
Current - As is with buffered bike lanes on each side, 1 lane each direction	~52%
Old - No bike lanes, 1 lane each way	~5%
Reduced bike lane width, 1 lane each way with a center turn lane for full...	~48%

In a typical week, which of the following forms of transportation does your household use? (Check all that apply)

Transportation Mode	Percentage
Automobile	~98%
Bicycle	~48%
Bus	~15%
Walk	~72%
Other (please specify)	~12%



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## Rick Krivoniak

Principals from Andrews, Blanton and Harris elementary schools spoke at WPNA's October meeting. As with AISD in general, enrollment is down a bit at our neighborhood elementary schools. However, within Mueller's attendance zone for Blanton, homes have only begun to be occupied for a bit over two years. Most of the residential units remaining to be built at Mueller also fall within the area tracking to Blanton, Garcia/Means and Reagan. There are Mueller students now attending Blanton, and more will come in the next few years. Since the failure of their 2013 bond proposition for a northeast school, AISD has been considering other schooling options on the Mueller land set aside for a school. Any facility is still several years from reality, as the site currently has no infrastructure. It is not anticipated that any AISD or joint venture charter or private school would limit its enrollment to Mueller residents.

The Thinkery hosts a Community Night every Wednesday from 4 PM to 8 PM - admission is the donation of your choice. Free parking is available in the Town Center Parking Garage on McBee Street. More information is at <http://thinkeryaustin.org/events/> The 10th Annual Mueller Tower Lighting Ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st, featuring music, holiday treats, family activities and of course, the NOEL lighting on the former control tower. The location will be the vacant lot on the west side of the 3900 Block of Berkman Drive, just a bit southwest of the tower. The NOEL tradition dates back to the 1960's, but was dropped after aviation ceased at Mueller in 1999 until Catellus revived it in 2005!

The RMMAPIAC next meets on November 10, 2015 at 6PM in Meeting Room 1 of the Carver Library, 1161 Angelina Street. There is no December RMMAPIAC meeting, so the following meeting is January 12, 2016. Please send Mueller-related questions & comments to [bc-Rick.Krivoniak@austintexas.gov](mailto:bc-Rick.Krivoniak@austintexas.gov).

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AVG SOLD PRICE/SQ FT      \$186.49  
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# OF HOMES SOLD IN      13  
(Sept 2015)

AVG SQ FT OF HOMES SOLD      1,647

AVG DAYS ON MKT OF SOLDS      32

# ACTIVE LISTINGS ON MARKET      22\*

\*As of Oct 14th, 2015 - Single Family Homes

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*Sara Jane Lee*

The November winner is Stephanie Meyer of 1406 Hillcrest Lane. Over the last year she has replaced her lawn. She would like to thank her neighbors for donating leaves and cardboard for her project. She also appreciates their encouraging comments. Her landscape now is composed of beautiful and useful plants.

Now her front yard is a cornucopia of flowers, vegetables, and herbs anchored by fruit and other trees. She has Fig, Pomegranate, Mulberry, Pecan, Pear, Plum, Mandarin, Meyer lemon, and Loquat trees. She has just added a Tea tree and a Button bush. One of her favorite plants is the Bird of Paradise, which fixes nitrogen in the soil and attracts bees and other pollinators. Milkweed is food for the Monarch butterfly and provides a place for them to lay their eggs. She also has Texas Sage, Chile piquen, Lamb's ear, Zinnia, Impatiens, Purple coneflower, Lantana, Silver ponyfoot, Fountain grass, and Turk's cap. Her favorite vegetable is the Rainbow chard, which is nutritious, requires little care, and tastes delicious.

Starting last November she started removing the grass. Because a tiller would compact the heavy clay soil, she used a spading fork. She also hand dug the berms and swales that run perpendicular to the water runoff. She filled in the swales with fallen wood and leaves and covered them with pine straw and hardwood mulch. The result works like a sponge. She amended the topsoil with compost and mulch. To conserve water, she uses drip irrigation on a timer. She also uses lots of mulch.

Ms Meyer will receive a \$50.00 gift certificate from our sponsor, Shoal Creek Nursery, 2710 Hancock Drive. Pictures of the Yard of the Month are displayed on our website, [www.Windsorpark.info](http://www.Windsorpark.info) as well as our Facebook page. Check them out.

Do you like a certain yard, or yards, in the neighborhood? You can nominate more than one. Tell us. We cannot visit every yard in the neighborhood every month. We may not have seen your great yard. Don't be humble. We love to get nominations. To nominate a yard or yards, e-mail us at [yom@windsorpark.info](mailto:yom@windsorpark.info) , call 928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, PO Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761

November message from CM Greg Casar

Thanks to everyone who attended our community meeting on Transportation in September. At that meeting, we were joined by Mobility Committee Chair Ann Kitchen and District 50 State Representative Celia Israel (who serves on the State House’s Transportation Committee) who agreed to work together towards improving North Lamar. I think this is a great step forward for the long term work to address transportation needs in District 4.

Speed Bumps Coming to Corona

I was happy to work with the Transportation Department to use my office’s remaining budget dollars for FY2015 to provide initial funding for the long-awaited speed bumps at Corona Drive. Over 80% of the neighbors on the street organized and brought the request for traffic calming devices forward, and my office and the Transportation Department heard loud and clear! This project will move forward to improve the quality of life for Windsor Park neighbors – you can look forward to these speed bumps being installed very soon.

Standardizing voting hours for all City facilities

In October, I authored and sponsored a resolution to bring consistency to voting hours at City facilities during early voting, especially at locations on the east side of I-35. During this last election, several voters contacted me about having trouble voting in the morning hours at Gus Garcia Recreation Center. Our City staff has been working hard to restore hours at City-owned facilities to pre-recession hours, and has already implemented plans to ensure all of our City facilities that are election locations are consistent with County-wide early voting hours beginning in 2016.

Austin Leading Texas in Clean, Affordable Solar Energy

Solar prices have hit a historic low and Austin moved to benefit from this. This month, City Council initiated the purchase of up to 450 megawatts of solar and directed Austin Energy to bring another 150 megawatts by 2019. This purchase puts Austin into a national leadership role in clean, reliable, and affordable solar energy. Experts have concluded that these new solar deals will save ratepayers money for decades to come, along with helping our environment.

**Keep in Touch!** As always, I encourage you to contact me and my staff with any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.



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East Austin Studio Tour in Windsor Park

Scott Rolfe

The East Austin Studio Tour (E.A.S.T.) is once again upon us: Local artists across East Austin will open their studios to the public on the weekends of November 14-15 and 21-22, from 11 am to 6 pm. 78723 has a good representation of artists. Among the artists showing are:

- **Katy David** 2204 Palo Pinto Dr. (Modern Pysanky/Batik Eggshells)
- **Scott Rolfe** 1305 Glencrest Dr. (Assemblage)
- **Gabe Langholtz** 1305 Glencrest Dr. (Painting)
- **Chaos Woods** 5335 Westminster Dr. (Wooden Curiosities)
- **Nicole Conlay** 1406 Hillcrest Dr. (Mixed Media Painting)
- **April Sullivan** 5407B Westminster Dr. (Yarn Painting)
- **Matt Mikulla** 5811 Berkman Dr. (Photography)
- **David Leonard** 1804 Corona Dr. (Painting)

This is a great way to check out local talent, as well as meet your neighbors. For more information about neighborhood artists check out <https://www.facebook.com/23East>. For more information about the overall event go to <http://www.eastaustinstudiotour.com/>. Maps will be available at local libraries, including the Windsor Park branch.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: WHIT WILLIAMS

Martin Luecke

Our neighbor on Glenvalley Drive since 1999 with wife Ashley (former WPNA newsletter editor), Whit is recipient of the 2014 Mississippi Review Poetry Prize, and his collection, Backmasking, won the 2013 Robert Phillips Poetry Chapbook Prize from Texas Review Press. He was also featured in the 2014 University of North Texas Kraken Reading Series, and his poems have been published in numerous literary journals. His latest collection, Lost in the Telling, is available at Malvern Book Store. And oh, by the way, he is guitarist for the rock band Cotton Mather.

Whit first came here as a Windsor Park librarian, back when libraries lived in strip shopping centers! (Current WP library built in 2000). Although he now works at a UT library, he still puts in a weekly volunteer night at our library. Old habits are hard to break!

Whit first tried poetry in college, and discovered he was not all that good at it. Later as a rock band guitarist he was writing lyrics on a regular basis, but as Whit puts it, rock lyrics are not poetry. It wasn’t until 2008 while working with a poetry grad student at a UT library, Whit was encouraged to pick up the pen and try poetry again. (yes, that rhymes on purpose!) For some reason he suddenly got the knack for it.

These days he tries to write every day, sitting by the window on quiet weekend mornings on Glenvalley, listening to the voices in his head, “tapping into the small little universe in my brain.” Most people think a poet waits around for the muse, but Whit says he doesn’t depend on inspiration, for it is fleeting. The real writing comes because you “sit and do the work.”

“When I started, I kind of liked being surprised at what pops into my head, and when you get to writing and like how the words come out, you don’t have time to wonder where that came from. For the most part I try to let the language dictate where the poem might go.” You will find one of Whit’s poems printed here, below.

Whit has published three poetry books, a half dozen chatbooks (20-35 pages), recorded a self release music cd, and released several cds with the band Cotton Mather, in addition to doing studio guitar work for various artists around Austin. I ran into Whit at a poetry reading at Malvern Books on 29th street.

Thanks for all the nominations this month! Martin Luecke 536.0465 or [mwluecke@hotmail.com](mailto:mwluecke@hotmail.com).

Mapmaking: The Early Years

So look: I’ve drawn this field. It marks the spot  
Where morning sun will wake the larks and cattle.  
One time it burned, but let’s not talk of that.  
Here’s Thomas, shirtless, biking into battle  
With arrows, bow. We track the trolls that lurk  
In woods up here along this northern border  
And also Chickasaw, as we are Creek.  
The mileage scale and legend aren’t in order  
But there’s the road to school. Go south, those hills  
Where giant eagles hunt and roost begin  
To rise. I’ve rendered them to size. This feels  
As though it needs a stippled bog or fen.  
Except for chocolate smudge, my west is blank  
And bare. Someday I’ll fill it in, I think.



Andrew Elementary  
*Saleem Blevins, Principal*

As always, October was a very busy month at Andrews Elementary. We had a fantastic family night put on by GirlStart focused on the STEM subjects, and our own Fall Festival that was very well attended. Our Fall Festival serves as our single biggest fundraiser of the year. A large group of students and families also attended the kickoff of the Marathon Kids program which is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. This year all students in grades Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> will be running or walking each day as part of their wellness activities, and throughout the year they will work towards completing the equivalent of 4 full marathons. We also had a group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders be the first students ever to represent Andrews as members of the National Elementary Honor Society. We had a great induction ceremony attended by family, friends, and special community guests.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM we will have a Harvest Festival at LBJ High School in conjunction with the other schools in the LBJ vertical team. This will be an opportunity for us to come together for a wonderful feast and to show off many of the wonderful things that are going on at our campuses. It will also include student performances. We hope to see you there!

I had the opportunity to attend the October meeting of the WPNA and really enjoyed sharing information about our school and answering questions from your members. We are always looking for additional support from the community and would be happy to have community members come out and visit. We have Parent Coffee meetings the first Friday of every month at 8:15 AM and CAC meetings the first Wednesday of each month at 3:30. We would be happy to have you join us to find out more about our school and to share information about what is going on in the community.

Blanton Elementary  
*Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator*

Fall is in the air, students are busy with their studies, but quiet plans of Halloween and Thanksgiving are being whispered in the Blanton hallways...fun and family time is on everyone’s mind.

Our Blanton Adult exercise class is still going strong, they meet each Monday and Tuesday in the gym from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. everyone is invited to come join us in becoming fit and healthy. One of our own Blanton staff members is leading this class and everyone participating seems to enjoy it greatly. Camp Fire is back with their ‘Play to Learn’ program that is offered to parents and pre-kinder students not in school. They are learning about literacy and becoming more prepared to join us when they are of school age.

November 1 Daylight Savings Time ends, so set your clocks back an hour and enjoy the extra sleep. We have two holidays in November where there is no school: November 11 for Veteran’s Day, and Nov 25-27 for Thanksgiving. On November 11, the ACE program will host a presentation for parents and friends of the third grade group who have been attending after school classes on architecture. The presentation will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will show everyone in attendance what the students have been learning from the instructors. ACE will also continue collecting t-shirts for the ‘T-Shirts for Hunger Program’ which will be an ongoing activity. The shirts are collected to make grocery bags to be used by the food bank when handing out food to the needy. Clean, gently used (no holes) t-shirts may be put in the t-shirt barrel at school and ACE will see they are delivered to Travis County. The best sizes are youth large, adult small and adult medium - long-sleeve, short-sleeve or tank tops. We welcome our community to participate in this activity. The ACE program also welcomes donations of old magazines, please send an email to the address below or leave a message at 512-841-5678. **Many thanks to those who have already donated!!!**

Our PTA will meet on November 19. Our Principal’s coffee is November 20 at 8:30 a.m. where parents and community have a chance to visit with her about the school. Also, every month we have a garden/beautification work day to work on our fruit trees, raised planting beds and general landscape upkeep. We invite the community to join us in keeping our school grounds healthy and vibrant. The work day this month is November 21 starting at 10:00 a.m. We encourage the Windsor Park community to join us for the fun and enjoyment of any special events whenever they have the opportunity. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator at [karon.smutzer@austinisd.org](mailto:karon.smutzer@austinisd.org) or call 512-841-5678 to leave a message.

Harris Elementary – Early College Prep  
*Gloria Cano, school counselor*

Autumn is a busy time for scholars at Harris. In October parents attended workshops giving them information about our SEL curriculum that helps students with social emotional skills. Our Hispanic heritage program was also held on October 14. Students in the program performed songs, dances, and traditional games. Our Fall Festival was held October 30 sponsored by PTA. Those attending had a great time. The Book Fair was successful again this year - students and parents had a great time picking out books. Finally, as part of our No Place for Hate events, we participated in Positive Chalk. Classes created chalk art with positive messages about treating others with respect and promoting positive feelings for all at Harris.

We want to give a shout out to our partner United Memorial Methodist Church. We are planning to offer English as a Second Language classes in partnership with Manos de Cristo beginning in January at UMMC. More information about registration will be forthcoming. Neighbors, please remember to follow the school speed zones in the morning and afternoon on Wheless Lane and Berkman Drive. We want to keep everyone safe and appreciate your cooperation.

Bertha Sadler Means YWLA  
*Ashley Ayala, Parent Support Specialist*

Our Sadler Means young ladies are speeding through the semester, and our PTSA has been working hard in and out of school. Our ladies are excited about the upcoming Harvest Festival where they will be able to share their talents (and dinner!) with our community at LBJ. We would love to see you all there.

Picture retakes have been completed and that means that YEARBOOKS are officially on sale!!! Ms. Matula is available to take your order. Our students have each received their laptop and are learning so much. If you would like to learn more, or brush up on your computer skills, please contact Ms. Ayala at 512-841-5793. Our ESL classes are going strong and we’d love to have you join us so that we can practice our English language skills.

We’ve begun to tour our neighborhood elementary schools to share some of the great things our students are doing, if you’re interested in our campus as an option for your student, please call and schedule a school tour! Now that the temperatures are cooling (and hopefully staying that way), we will be starting our Walking for Wellness group on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Lace up your sneakers and join us at 8:00 am.

As always, thanks so much for supporting Bertha Sadler Means YWLA where our girls are LEADING THE WAY!

John H. Reagan Early College High School  
*Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Service Specialist*

Great things are happening at Reagan High School. The football team is 3-3 and growing stronger every week. Check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Reagan-Raider-Football-393727757358850/>

On October 24 the school partnered with Maximum Taekwondo and Yoga to offer a free self-defense class to parents, students, and staff. October 30 - The theatre department hosted their annual Halloween Haunted House. It was spooky!

More students are taking ACC and UT classes with several on track to get their associates degree. If you have a student interested in taking early college classes contact Ms. Dillawn at 512-841-3113. Please join us for these upcoming events on campus:  
November 7, 9am to Noon- Saturday School  
November 18- StandUp for Reagan- This annual community dinner is a great way to show your support for Reagan as well as offer feedback on ways to improve the campus.  
“Not Without Honor” - Thank you for your continued support of the Reagan community.

