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## Windsor Park Library **Updates and Events**

**Events and Book Club** Oct 13, 3:30pm: Lego Lab Oct 13, 7pm: Book Club: Norwegian Wood by Haruki Marakami Oct 14, 7pm: Social Security Benefits Workshop Oct 15 & 22, 10:15: All Ages Storytime Oct 29, 10:15: Wild and Wacky Weather **10:15:** All Ages Storytime 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

Library hours: Monday - Thursday: 10am - 9pm Friday: 1pm - 6pm Saturday: 10am - 5pm Closed Sundays

5833 Westminster Dr. • 512-974-9840 http://library.austintexas.gov/windsor-park-branch

We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting bring a neighbor & your coffee cup! **Saturday** Oct 10th, at 10am

Numbers count! A strong neighborhood association advocates more effectively for Windsor Park! Join us today!

#### **Austin Police District Representatives**

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West of Berkman **Officer James Hyatt** (512) 974-5500 | james.hyatt@austintexas.gov



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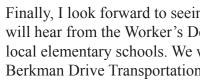
Published Monthly by the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association • Austin, Texas **OCTOBER LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT** 

Dear Neighbors:

Thanks to everyone who attended our September meeting where we had a very lively presentation by West Hansen on his various adventures kayaking through the Amazon. The WPNA hopes to schedule a screening of his documentary in the near future and will keep you posted.

As those of you who attended the last meeting already know, the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association and Austin Achieve have agreed to begin discussions about placing a restrictive covenant on their property that would permanently limit use of the site to educational purposes. Unless WPNA membership agreed otherwise, this would prevent any future development of high-density residential on the parcel, which is currently allowed on the site in the neighborhood plan but opposed by many neighborhood residents. The covenant would also prevent commercial development without the Neighborhood Association's consent and direct input from those in the immediate vicinity. We believe that this could be a positive step for the WPNA and the community more generally.

Many residents in the community (myself included) would very much like to see the school overhaul its pick-up/drop off policy, perhaps by building a 'traffic loop' on the actual premises of the school thereby reducing/eliminating traffic flow on surrounding residential streets. Furthermore, having now spoken with Windsor Park residents on numerous occasions about this issue, I am quite certain that the school placing an enrollment cap on the site and committing to refraining from building additional structures on the parcel would do much to allay concerns and ease tensions. The WPNA has not yet received a commitment from Austin Achieve on either front, though I am hopeful that we will in the near future. My understanding is that the school's board is considering both options. We will keep you posted on any developments in that regard.



Sincerely,

Karen Pagani President of the WPNA

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# WINDOW on WINDSOR

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at our October meeting. At this meeting we will hear from the Worker's Defense Project, as well as from the three principals at our local elementary schools. We will also have a presentation summarizing the results of the Berkman Drive Transportation Survey. Lots to cover in a busy meeting!

#### School Committee Update

Meghan Dougherty, Committee chair

The school year is back in full swing! The schools committee is excited to kick off another year of collaboration with our local public schools. We have invited the principals of our three elementary schools – Andrews, Harris, and Blanton – to come and speak at our neighborhood meeting in October, so this will be an excellent opportunity to hear about some of their initiatives and goals for their schools.

Don't forget Blanton Boo Fest which will be held on October 30 from 4-7 pm. Even if your children don't attend Blanton Elementary, all are welcome to this fun, popular Halloween event. Windsor Park Neighborhood Association will have a table there, so please stop by and say "Hi"!

Thank you to the Mennonite Church for holding a pancake breakfast on September 26 to raise money for our scholarship fund. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of the church and community at large. We're looking forward to being able to offer another scholarship, or hopefully two, this year! Remember you can always donate at our monthly neighborhood meetings or online at www.windsorpark.info.

We are attending monthly meetings with our AISD District 1 trustee Ted Gordon to keep in touch about issues facing our local schools. We're also sitting on a committee examining ways to increase diversity in AISD magnet schools, particularly looking at Kealing and LASA. It will be an interesting opportunity to learn more about the history of these schools and explore ways to improve achievement among the economically disadvantaged in our Austin community. If you'd like to help advocate for the schools in our community, please join us! We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 at the Windsor Park library. You can also contact Meghan Dougherty, doughtastic@gmail.com if you have questions.



#### Annual Bazaar – Sprinkle Club

The ANNUAL BAZAAR of the Sprinkle Club of the Travis Education Extension Association will be held: October 17, 2015 At Hope Lutheran Church - 6414 North Hampton (across from the former Pearce Middle School) - from 9am – 12pm. All home-cooked and hand-made items. Goal is to raise \$1,500

#### 100% of the proceeds go toward scholarships for Travis County 4'H'ers

The Sprinkle Travis Education Extension Association (TEEA) is a non-profit organization - Operating under the Texas A+M Agrilife Extension. New members are welcome. TEEA meets at 9:30am on the third Monday of the month at The HEB in Mueller.



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## Update from Council Member Greg Casar

#### First City Budget for the 10-1 Council

In September, the Council adopted a new budget for the City of Austin, and I am so proud of what we accomplished! I believe that thanks to the work of community advocates, the City Manager's team, and Council, this budget will help steer us toward becoming a more socially just and inclusive Austin. Here are some of the highlights:

- Plus, health insurance for the large majority of our low-wage temp employees (also a first).
- reductions in the number of citizen complaints.
- erts just northwest of Windsor Park.
- residents living in substandard building conditions.
- ridor.
- Increased Tax Exemption for seniors and the disabled.
- over Austin, including many in District 4
- sion levels.
- higher rates. Furthermore, we reduced the average everyday resident's electric bill.

#### Keep in Touch

My next set of office hours will be on October 23rd at the Little Walnut Creek Branch Library from 1 to 4pm. Please contact my Communications Director Shelby Alexander at 512-978-2157 or Shelby.Alexander@austintexas.gov if you would like to set up a 20 minute appointment. As always, my office and I are available at 512-978-2104.

If you are not currently on our email newsletter list to receive more updates from my office, please contact my Chief of Staff Neesha.Dave@austintexas.gov. You can also follow me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GregorioCasar. If you need to reach me immediately please shoot me an email at Greg.Casar@austintexas.gov.I want to hear from you!



## Note from Delwood : Please keep dogs out of playing fields in Bartholomew.

Delwood is asking the dog walking community to refrain from entering the baseball fields. We are asking the PARD to provide the needed signs to notify the public. The Delwood playing fields are designed to provide sports venues for any child wishing to participate. Dog urine and waste are causing damage to the fields. Please keep your dogs outside the fields and respect these community resources.

• Raised the minimum wage to \$13.03 for all City employees, including temporary employees for the first time.

• More than \$3 million to begin equipping APD officers with body cameras. Scientific studies have shown a 60 percent reduction in officer use of force once body cameras are deployed, among other benefits, including major

• \$500,000 for master planning and construction of the Georgian Acres Park, in one of Austin's greatest park des-

• \$350,000 to create the Residents Advocacy Project, a grassroots outreach and education program to empower

• \$7.5 million increase in Health and Human Services investments, including support for Healthy Food initiatives, rental assistance, staffing for the sobriety center initiative, and community health workers in Rundberg Lane cor-

• Capital improvements to Austin's top 5 most dangerous intersections, including Lamar and Parmer, Lamar and Rundberg, and Cameron and 183; plus \$3.5 million allocated for continued improvements to East 51st Street.

• Continued support of several AISD Family Resource Centers and Parent Support Specialists serving families all

• \$520,000 for PrimeTime afterschool programs; and funding to return City library hours back to their pre-reces-

Enrolled every eligible Austin Energy and Austin Water customer from the Customer Assistance Program waiting list; there are hundreds of working poor families who qualify for lower utility rates, but were still being charged

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[Mueller Update, Continued from p. 3] Google's goal is to make it easier and safer for everyone to get around by designing a vehicle that will take passengers where they want to go at a push of a button.

The City will be doing traffic counts in and around Mueller later this year to help determine traffic patterns as Mueller build out. Speeding on the Mueller portion of Berkman Drive is expected to subside when its fullwidth is completed in late 2016. No more signals are anticipated for 51st Street. Aldrich will connect to 51st early next year, but the center median will prohibit leftturns onto 51<sup>st</sup>.

The next RMMAPIAC meeting is Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 6 pm at the Carver Library, 1611 Angelina, Meeting Room #1.



### ARE YOU CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH **DEMENTIA?**

Discover resources at this FREE workshop series. October 13 – November 17, 2015

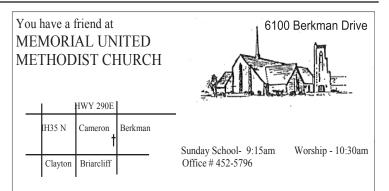
Caring for someone with dementia is a role like no other, and that role requires training. These small group discussion classes address the progressive impact of the illness and skills needed to address daily caregiving responsibilities. In the six-week class sessions, you will learn about dementia and its effect on behavior and will develop effective strategies for caregiving,

Who should attend this workshop? Anyone caring for a loved one with dementia, Alzheimer's, or other cognitive disease and looking for caregiving resources, needing caregiving guidance and wanting to master caregiving decisions and learn from emotions.

Time and Dates: Tuesdays, Oct. 13th - Nov. 17th from 1 - 2:30 P. M.

The classes will be held at: Hope Lutheran Church, 6414 N. Hampton Dr., Austin, TX 78723. Look on the Church's web site for map and driving directions: www.hopelutheranaustin.org

Register for the series by calling: 512-926-0708 or by email at steague@hopelutheranaustin.org



We would love to see you this Sunday

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## October 2015 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

By the time you read this, Austin's National Night Out Kick-Off Event (Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>) will probably be done – hope you got Fax: (512) 451-5204 to attend at the Mueller Hangar, and then enjoy yourselves at National Night Out festivities on October 6<sup>th</sup>. On Friday evening Oct 9th, the popular Movies at Lake Park return to Mueller's Lake Park amphitheater with the 2014 version of **KNIPPA PROPERTIES** ANNIE, with Jamie Foxx and Cameron Diaz. Free parking P.O. Box 162906 Austin, Texas 78716 is available in the McBee Parking Garage, and attendees are welcome to bring picnics and blankets, but please - no lawn chairs out of courtesy to other viewers. Popcorn is served starting at 6:30 p.m., and the movies begin at dusk.

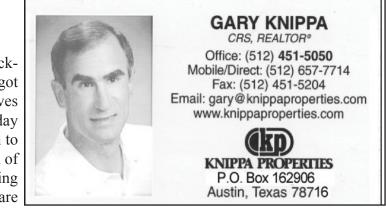
Two new local restaurants have been announced at Mueller. Opening this fall, Gino's Vino will be located in the Residence Inn Marriott at 51st & Lancaster, with authentic Italian specialties like pasta, paninis, wood-fired pizza, steak, chicken & fish entrees, and specialty cocktails. Gino, wife Li Ping, and Chef Luis Reves will offer wine dinners, wine seminars and catered off-site parties. Also this fall, L'Oca D'Oro.will open in the AMLI at Mueller on Simond Avenue. Austin locals Adam Orman & Fiore Tedesco will focus on homemade pastas, salumi and cheese and will feature family-style entrees. They also plan to host themed dinners every month celebrating cultural events from film anniversaries to sports championships. See more at: http://www.muelleraustin.com/news/journal/new-restaurantshelp-keep-mueller-local/#sthash.9kvhidu3.dpuf

Two apartment developments were recently announced at Mueller. The Overture, a four-story, 201-unit Greystar project, will be located at Berkman and Barbara Jordan, and will be designed specifically for active adults of at least 55 years of age. Thirty units will be reserved for Mueller's Affordable Homes Program for those earning 60% or less of Austin's median family income. Overture's features will include a pool/spa, community gardens, sports lawn, yoga/wellness room, fitness studio, private dining room, a display kitchen for cooking classes, game room/lounge and media room, and social meeting areas. Approximately 2,000 square feet of first-floor retail is also planned. Breaking ground later this year, the first residents are anticipated to move in by the fourth quarter of 2016.

AMLI's second Mueller apartment community will consist of two, 4-story buildings with 318 units (48 will be in the Affordable Homes Program) near Aldrich and Barbara Jordan. It will include a mix of studio, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units, many of which will have downtown skyline views. With average unit sizes 100 square-feet larger than the existing AMLI at Mueller complex. Amenities will include a fitness center, business center, resort-style pool, a cabana with an outdoor kitchen, two lush courtyards and a skydeck with views of the Austin skyline. Like AMLI at Mueller, this community will be LEED registered targeting a Gold certification. Groundbreaking will be in late 2015, with occupancy scheduled for the first quarter of 2017.

Currently an estimated 4,800 people work at Mueller and another 5,000 people now call Mueller Home. More than 2,280 residences & 1,220 apartment units have been built, with 25% in the Affordable Homes Program as planned. The Mueller Foundation was formed to assist in retaining longer-term affordability. The Mueller neighborhood now has the highest concentration of homes with rooftop solar panels in the nation.

You may have seen the eye-catching Lexus SUVs of Google's Self-Driving Car Project in the area. Google launched the program in Mountain View, CA and right here in the heart of Austin, choosing Mueller for its nice mix of different streetscapes. The prototype vehicles have sensors designed to detect objects as far as two football fields away in all directions. Objects detected include everything from cyclists to birds, with software processing the information to help the car safely navigate the road, and "drivers" testing software in different environments, traffic patterns and road conditions can be found throughout Mueller. [Continued on page 10]



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#### October 2015 Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The October winner is Kirk Brandenburg of 2310 Rogge Lane. Mr. Brandenburg has lived on Rogge about two years. It took about two or three months to replace the older landscape.

This yard is definitely xeric. He has removed all the grass. The landscape looks terraced. Most of the yard is covered in pea gravel. A row of black rock faces the street. Between it and the pea gravel, there is a row of river stones. Strips of sawed limestone are used to separate the different types of stone. It is also low maintenance. On either side of the house, there are shallow stone trenches provide drainage. They and the flagstone paths to the door and to the garage provide a nice contrast to the pea gravel.

Near the house are Plumbago, Esperanza (aka Yellow Bells), Trailing Lantana, and Red Lantana. The red lantana, which probably is either a Dallas Red or a Bandanna Red cultivar, is spectacular. It provides a great contrast to the charcoal gray brick of the house. It also works well with the light blue Plumbago, the lavender trailing lantana, and, of course, the yellow bells. In the large expanse of pea gravel there are some Agaves and other Succulents and one red lantana.

Mr. Brandenburg 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 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, call 928-0681 or write WPNA YOMC, PO Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761



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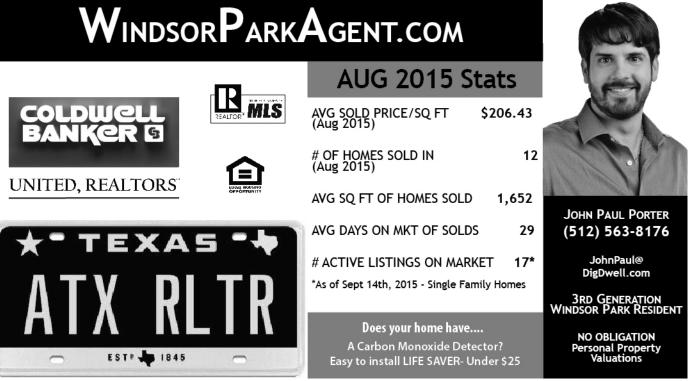




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#### **Clothes Moths**

Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist

Clothes moths can cause considerable damage to materials containing wool, fur or other animal-derived products. There are two common clothes moths, case making clothes moths and webbing clothes moths. The names describe the larval (caterpillar) stage of the moth. Case-making clothes moths spin silken cases that they drag along with them while they feed. Webbing clothes moths feed within silken burrows that they spin over the surface of fabric.

Adults are small, tan moths about 3/8 an inch long. They are weak fliers and avoid light. Larvae like to feed in protected areas, such as folded clothing, and rarely leave their food source. To reduce or avoid clothes moth problems, the following tips may be helpful:

- Locate & remove any infested items
- Launder or dry clean clothing
- Periodically shake & air out items such as rugs & clothing
- Use heat and/ or cold to kill insects in infested items
- Thoroughly clean storage areas
- Store clothing in tightly sealed containers
- Cedar is not that effective in repelling clothes moths
- Mothballs (naphthalene or paradichlorobenzene) can be used to repel insects
  - Read & follow all label instructions

• Use only in sealed areas or closed containers • Note that the fumes from these products may soften or melt some plastics • Insecticide sprays can be used to supplement sanitation techniques • Remove all items from the area before treating with an insecticide • Allow area to completely dry before returning items For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

• Look in drawers & closets; on the floor; on or under furniture; on or in walls, ceilings & attics

• Cedar must be freshly cut or chipped for vapors to be effective & vapors lose potency quickly

#### **Berkman Drive Transportation Survey** Rodney Ahart

The Windsor Park Transportation Committee would like to thank the 270 residents that completed the Berkman Drive Survey. The purpose of the survey was to gather comments on Berkman Drive existing street and any concerns, changes, or user experiences. The timing could not have been better. Currently, Council Members Houston and Casar are soliciting feedback from their constituents on transportation concerns.

A summary of the survey will be provided at the October 10 neighborhood meeting. The committee will utilize the survey results, the input gathered via the list serve and responses provided at the meeting as a basis for creating a prioritized list of transportation projects to recommend to the City of Austin. Please attend. With your input we can increase safety, enhance connectivity and improve traffic flow. Thanks again and see you at the meeting!

#### **MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: PLEASE HELP!** Martin Luecke

This monthly story I have begun only works if you, dear reader, makes suggestions for people to feature. I have received exactly one suggestion in the past four months. So I have run out of options for this month and request that Windsor Parkers look across the street to your neighbors and find something interesting about them and then contact me.

Just make something up. I'll confirm it later. What you may find charming in a neighbor I will find also. Just give me the chance. 512.536.0465 or mwluecke@hotmail.com

#### **Newsletter Routes needing Deliverers**

We need volunteers for the following routes - please email newsletter@windsorpark.info if you can volunteer.

1) 5300 - 5411 Westminster - 50 newsletters. This goes from Blanton Elem east to Manor, along Westminster.

2) Harwill Circle - 14 newsletters. This is a small cull-desac off Wheless, north of North Hampton.







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## John H. Reagan Early College High School

Julia Remington, LCSW Bilingual Social Service Specialist

The Reagan Raiders are excited to celebrate their 50th year anniversary. There will be celebrations throughout the year starting with a large tailgate before the September 18 homecoming game. The Reagan Raiders defeated Lanier with an amazing score of 67-0 and the game was the best attended in the last 12+ years. The senior class, alumni, staff, and other students came to the game in strong numbers to support the team.

Last year, Reagan had an average student size of 1227! This year we are anticipating even higher enrollment. We start this year pleased to know that the Texas Education Agency reported that Reagan had earned a "Distinction" in Academic Achievement in Social Studies. We are working hard to earn additional distinctions this year.

On 9/11/15, Leonard F. Temoney, Lt Col, USAF (RETIRED) led 250+ cadets and band members in a moving tribute. This year's AFJROTC has grown tremendously thanks to a new student sharing program. Over 55 students from LBJ and Anderson High School come to Reagan to participate in this esteemed program.

A very special thank you to Assistance League of Austin. On September 22, they held the Teen Outfitter Project. 70 students from Reagan participated. The students met at Target and were provided \$120 each to spend on school clothes and shoes. Thank you for supporting the families of our school!

Please join us for the 10th Annual Hopefest on Oct 17th from 9-3:30. http://www.austinvoices.org/events/hopefest-15/

\*If you are interested in volunteering on campus please contact John Harris at 512-414-6366. If you are interested in mentoring on campus please contact Julia Remington at 512-414-6361.



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#### **Andrews Elementary School**

Saleem Blevins, Principal

The school year is off to a great start at Andrews Elementary! We had a number of changes over the summer, including welcoming two new assistant principals, Andrea Williams and Crystal Castaneda. They have quickly become part of the Gator Family and have brought a wide range of skills and experience with them that will contribute to our students reaching their academic, social, and developmental goals.

Our major construction project got underway in early June, a project that will expand our administration office and library, as well as provide new heating and AC units to all of our classrooms. We will also have a beautiful new courtvard in the front of the school that will create a much more inviting and welcoming entrance to our school. We are grateful to taxpayers of the city of Austin for approving the bond which covers the costs of these much needed renovations and look forward to the completion of the project later this year.

This month we will host our annual Fall Festival on October 30th. This is in addition to our regular parent coffee and PTA meeting on the first Friday of the month, which begins at 8:30. We would love to have parents and community members join us to learn more about our goals and objectives for the year, provide us with feedback, and find out ways that you can help to support our efforts throughout the year. Thank you for your continued support!

#### **Blanton Elementary**

Karon Smutzer. ACE Site Coordinator

Blanton is beginning another wonderful year... hallways filled with smiling faces on the students and teachers alike. Everyone appreciates all the changes over the summer - it is like coming into a brand new school. We had a busy September filled with activities – and we are continuing strong into October.

Oct 7<sup>th</sup> - Dress up and look your best for Picture Day! The first pictures will be taken on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and the students will be bringing home information from the studio taking the pictures.

Oct 12<sup>th</sup> - Our second holiday of the year is only for the students. This is a day off for students while the parents and teachers set up conferences to discuss how the students are progressing. This is a very important conference time since it sets the tone for student expectations during the new school year.

As recently chosen participants in the Reading Rock Stars program, Blanton Bobcats are proud to host children's authors featured in the Texas Book Festival for the next three years. On October we will warmly - and festively welcome three authors featured in this year's festival: Bob Shea "Ballet Cat", Kathryn Russell Brown "Little Melba and Her Big Trombone", and Nathan Hale "Hazardous Tales: Underground Abductor". Each and every student in the school will not only meet and read with the rock star authors, but they will also have the privilege of going home with autographed copies of the books!

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> - Every month we have a garden/beautification work day beginning at 10am. We invite the community to join us in keeping our school grounds healthy and vibrant.

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Our Principal's Coffee; then return that evening for our PTA Boo Fest from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We hope our community, parents, staff and students will join us for this fun event.

Each month, we have continuing programs: Exercise/Dance class each Monday and Tuesday from 3:15-4:15 p.m. (everyone is welcome) and our 'Play to Learn' literacy class organized by Camp Fire, for selected 3-4 year olds not attending school.

Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - The ACE program will host 'Lights On After School' where parents and community may come and visit the

various classes offered after school between the hours morial Methodist for feeding our staff to welcome us of 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. ACE will also continue collecting back to school. They also collected school supplies for t-shirts for the 'T-Shirts for Hunger Program' which our student. The City of Austin also collected school will be an ongoing activity. The shirts are collected to supplies and backpacks to give those families in need. make grocery bags to be used by the food bank when Thank you to Cameron Road Church of Christ for the handing out food to the needy. Clean, gently used (no shirts that are helping our students with Harris new dress holes) t-shirts may be brought to the school and put in code. They donated royal blue polo shirts for our stuthe t-shirt barrel and ACE will see they are delivered dents. This year students are wearing blue or white polo to Travis County. The best sizes are youth large, adult tops with khakis or jeans. We appreciate your genersmall and adult medium - long-sleeve, short-sleeve or osity. If you would like to volunteer please call Benita tank tops. We welcome our community to participate in Rodriguez at 512 841-5417 or Gloria Cano at 512 414this activity. 4653.361.

\*\*\*Special Request: If any of the parents or community have old magazines they would like to donate to the ACE program they would be most appreciated...you can Leadership Academy send an email to the address below or leave a message Ashley Ayala, Parent Support Specialist at the phone number so we can make arrangements to pick them up. <u>Many thanks to those who have already</u> donated!!!

We had a great start to our school year and are still riding high from the news that we met Academic Stan-For more information about any activity or about the dards!! Our teachers and staff are doing such great work school, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE educating and supporting our students and we're glad its Site Coordinator at karon.smutzer@austinisd.org or call reflected in the great scores our girls are getting. Our 512-841-5678 to leave a message. young ladies are busy excelling in the classroom and out. Students are learning about the Thirteen Colonies and how to manage their time utilizing AVID strategies.

#### **Harris Elementary School**

Gloria Cano, school counselor

Thomas G. Harris Early College Prep Elementary: Welcome to our new staff members at Harris! They are Ms. Sonya Wyatt, our new assistant principal formerly from Jordan Elementary, Ms. Garza our new second grade teacher, Ms. Coffee third grade, Ms Coe first grade and in fifth grade Ms. Sileo and Ms. Mitchel. We are so happy to have them here joining our Bulldog family.

We are busy getting to know our students and teaching them our new routines to keep them safe and on track for learning. We start our mornings with an assembly to school song and encouragement to have a good day.

make sure our students feel they are part of our school community by reciting the pledge, singing our new If the job calls for fast professional printing Back to school night was held on September 17 and our or duplicating, you need: first morning coffee with the principal on September 10. New PTA officers were elected as well and we are asking **G&F Discount Printing** all our parents and staff to join PTA. When we work to-Austin, TX 78723 gether great things happen for our students and the community. 512-929-0585 We want to thank Cornerstone Church, and United Me-

## **Bertha Sadler Means Yong Women's**

We've got some great school and community events this month and we hope to see you at one!

- Oct 6 is Literacy Night
- Oct 22nd is Math Night
- Oct 29th is our Fine Arts Fall Festival

We welcome all of our Windsor Park community to join us at any of the events we have. If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer, contact Ashley Ayala at ashley.ayala@austinisd.org or 512-841-5793. Thanks for supporting Bertha Sadler Means YWLA where our girls LEAD THE WAY!