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May 6, 6pm: Star Wars vs. Star Trek, a night to nerd out

May 7, 2pm: Family Movie Matinee: The Peanuts Movie

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May 10, 3:30: Lego Lab

May 10, 7pm: Book Club: *This is How You Lose Her*, Junot Diaz

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

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Everyone is invited to attend and participate.

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Editor's Note: In place of the President's Letter this month, we have an update from our School Committee

School Committee Update

Emily Vitris

At our April meeting, we heard from AISD Board President, Kendall Pace and District 1 Trustee, Ted Gordon. There are many things on the current AISD docket that Trustee Gordon urged us to become informed on. Some of the items include:

- A recently approved equity study that will focus on equity issues among all our AISD schools. This study will take time and the hope is that after the study is completed and we have identified the problems, we can then focus on implementing reforms where needed.
- Mueller school: Trustee Gordon said there are many ideas as to what this school should look like. Commonly discussed is a co-gender middle school option for those who prefer their child not go to a single gender school. Trustee Gordon said he will oppose any elementary school being built at Mueller. There is a 5 year plan for Bertha Sadler Means and Garcia Middle School to demonstrate success. According to Gordon, "The problem is that there is a real difference in the quality of the facilities at Means and Garcia. A Mueller school is an opportunity to address this problem and could provide a coed option."
- How to retain teachers: We have a tremendous amount of turnover in AISD. How can we increase salaries to supplement the high cost of living in Austin? Could we turn unused AISD facilities into affordable housing for teachers and their families?
- As we concentrate on how we invest in schools, we need to develop a plan that would best serve the needs of the schools and students in Northeast Austin.
- School names: The board recently approved changing the name of Lee Elementary. Do people in east Austin feel Reagan High School should be changed? Reagan was the Confederate Postmaster General - although he also held a long political career both before and after the war, being elected to Congress after the Civil War and holding state positions as well.
- There is talk of the city taking over some of the social services that AISD provides. Mayor Adler's recent proposal to do this is worth exploring, but there are politics at play at the state level. This article from the Statesman can provide some context: <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/news/opinion/what-is-raised-in-austin-stays-in-austin-under-adl/nqSLb/>
- Ms. Pace said she would like to come back to a future WPA meeting to discuss the results of the equity study.

The members of the WP schools committee urge you to get involved.

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There are several ways to get involved with local schools:

1. Come to a school committee meeting: We meet the first Wednesday of every month. If you’d like to stay informed about our meetings, please email Meghan Dougherty at doughtastic@gmail.com
2. Attend a school board meeting: Regular meetings of the Board are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM unless otherwise indicated. Board meetings are held at the Carruth Administration Complex (CAC) located at 1111 West 6th Street, Room B-100, Austin, Texas, 78703. If you are unable to make a school board meeting, you can also email the board at trustees@austinsisd.org
3. Celebrate east Austin schools: With all the focus on what isn’t working in our schools, we tend to overlook all the amazing things that are working. Let’s remember to celebrate our hard-working teachers and administration during Teacher Appreciation Week: May 2-6. A kind note, a bowl of fruit, or a word of praise can go a long way!

The school committee has extended the deadline for our annual Reagan scholarship due to an anonymous \$2000 donation we received! We will continue to update the WPNA on the scholarship and any decisions that are made.

Lastly, three members of our committee have joined the AISD Boundary Advisory Committee! The purpose of this group is to assist in developing recommendations for the creation of, and adjustment to, school attendance zone boundaries.

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May 2016 Mueller Update

Rick Krivoniak

On April 11, Catellus announced that Texas Mutual Insurance Company, the state’s leading workers’ compensation insurance provider, will consolidate its Austin offices and move its headquarters and more than 600 employees to Mueller’s Aldrich Street District. Catellus will manage the construction of the 4-story, 270,000 s.f. building that will be owned by Texas Mutual. Construction is anticipated to begin in early 2017 with move-in by fall of 2018. Texas Mutual will fully occupy the building with the exception of approximately 20,000 s.f. of first-floor retail space.

Texas Mutual joins Seton Family Healthcare, American Institutes of Research (formerly SEDL), Dell Children’s Medical Center, UT’s Dell Pediatric Research Institute, and H-E-B as major employers at Mueller, where an estimated 5,000 people currently work. Catellus estimates more than 13,000 people will work at Mueller upon completion.

Mueller’s second community pool, at John Gaines Park on Sorin St. (between Vaughan and Tilley) is scheduled to be open by Memorial Day. Much like Ella Wooten Pool (see more info at <http://www.muelleraustinonline.com/pool.php>), John Gaines Pool will host Open Swim hours for non-Mueller residents for a small fee.

Aldrich at 51st Street is expected to open by August, and the full-width construction of Berkman Drive continues northward, reaching Simond Avenue in mid-April and expected to be fully complete by October. It’s anticipated that a traffic signal will be installed at the Market District driveway by the end of 2016. The City’s Transportation Department is also studying the potential for a 4-way stop at Berkman and Zach Scott, though that may have to wait until State-mandated traffic triggers are met. All of these elements are anticipated to slow traffic (the fully-built street width will have narrower lanes) and possible lessen some cut-through traffic. Tilley Street will eventually stretch from Manor Road through Mueller to 51st Street, and Zach Scott Street will connect Airport Boulevard and Manor Road, offering alternative routes for some travelers.

At April’s Robert Mueller Municipal Airport Plan Implementation Advisory Commission, Council Member Delia Garza’s appointee Michael Jones was re-elected as chair, and Mayor Adler’s appointee, yours truly, was re-elected as vice-chair. The next RMMAPIAC meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 6PM at Parque Zaragoza Recreation Center, 2608 Gonzales Street. Address Mueller questions and comments to bc-rick.krivoniak@austintexas.gov.



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April 2016 - Yard of the Month

Sara Jane Lee

The May winners are Rebecca Monti and her husband, Chris Faggioni. They have lived at 1802 Corona Drive for two years. Rebecca was inspired by her parents. She and Chris really enjoy using Texas natives which require very little water. There are flower beds near the house on either side of the side walk and a large flower bed about halfway between the house and the street.

They have Bluebonnets, Mexican Hat, Gaillardia, Mexican Oregano, American Beautyberry, Baby Blue Eyes, Purple Coneflower, Coreopsis, Horsemint, Phlox, Skullcap, Skeletonleaf Goldeneye, Aster, and Purple Mist. They also have several varieties of Sunflower, Blue Mealy Sage, Indigo Spires, and a variety of Lavenders. They also have several ornamental grasses such as Mexican Feather Grass, Purple Fountain Grass, Gulf Muhly, and Bamboo Muhly. They also have some small trees including Peach, Plum, Lemon, and Redbud. In the middle of the lawn all by itself there is a little bitty Fig Tree. Yes, they do have a front lawn.

They love the mixtures of color and texture. They also enjoy the visiting bees, butterflies and lizards. It has taken Rebecca and Chris two years to get their yard to its present state. Rebecca works on it every weekend. She advises the new gardener to try new things to see what works in your yard. She also suggests playing with different textures and colors.

Rebecca and Chris 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? Tell us. 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, P O Box 16183, Austin, Texas 78761.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: BOB TOLERO

Martin Luecke



Our neighbor on Wight Cove since 1990, Bob Tolero wears a lot of hats in the theater profession here in Austin and around the country. “I’m a dabbler: actor, stage manager, director” says Bob, who currently also is Adjunct Professor at St Edward’s University teaching stage management and directing shows. “You gotta love what you do and I -Love - It!”

Most of the time Bob is a stage manager. “Theater is a composite art, it’s a village, and a stage manager keeps the village together and communicating” by organizing the entire production, all the schedules for props and sets and costumes and talent. “And then when the show starts, you’re in charge of keeping the show tight by calling all the sound cues, all the light cues. Nothing happens unless you tell it to happen. Every night is different because it’s live, every audience is different. You almost have to become a character in the play.”

Bob has managed many a show and star “from Walter Cronkite to Willie Nelson!” This statement leads to several very funny stories. (I was there for hours!) Bob was on board with Ray Benson and Asleep at the Wheel when they staged the Bob Wills play “Ride With Bob” that appeared at The Kennedy Center, among many other places. And Oh By The Way, Bob spent two decades stage managing Greater Tuna, working all over America including the bright lights of Broadway. “I bought my house because of Greater Tuna.”

Born and raised in Ohio, Bob got the showbiz bug while serving in the army (of all places). He received his Master’s Degree in Theater at Trinity University in San Antonio, and spent the next six years at Dallas Theater Center. Bob won an Emmy Award in 1982 for directing a play in Cleveland which was broadcast by PBS and included a cast of deaf and hearing actors where sign language was used alongside spoken word.

His current job is stage managing the hit show at Zach Scott called “Ann”, about Ann Richards. Written by Emmy award winning actress Holland Taylor, Bob was there from the beginning six years ago helping Taylor stage the one woman play. Bob actually knew Ann Richards from his days at Paramount Theater in the 80’s when Ann would stop by the ticket office and chat and go to movies by herself. “She was so genuine it was like talking with your mother.” The play appeared on Broadway in 2013 and earned its star a Tony nomination for best actress. Holland is so convincing in the part that one of Ann Richard’s sons had to leave the theater. The A-list of back stage visitors went from Tom Hanks to Meryl Streep. Hillary Clinton came twice, the second time bringing her husband. “Bill Clinton was holding Holland and weeping from what he saw on stage. It was surreal!” No - Wonder - You - Love - It!

Bob is a member of the Actor’s Equity Union, but is working lots of different jobs in a year, some lasting a few days, others a few months. “I tell my students: Diversify. Have many skills in your profession because you don’t know which ones will get you work.”

His next job is stage managing a play at St Edward’s, and then directing a play in January for a different company. After “Ann” closes this month Bob is taking a vacation from the hectic pressure of live theater. “That, and fix my roof.” Oh the glamour of it all!
Thanks for all the nominations! Martin Luecke 536.0465 or mwluecke@hotmail.com

Whiteflies

Wizzie Brown

Whiteflies are small, soft bodied insects with piercing-sucking mouthparts. They are creamy white and adults have a mealy wax coating their body and wings. Immatures, also called nymphs, are small, oval, flattened and wingless.

Whitefly populations can increase quickly when temperatures are warmer. The insects like to be on the underside of leaves, often in clusters. Common species of whiteflies have a wide host range and can switch host plants.

Whiteflies suck plant juices and large populations can cause foliage to turn yellow, appear to be dry or even fall off the plant. Some whiteflies cause plant distortion or foliage to turn silver in color. Whiteflies produce honeydew, a sticky substance secreted by some insects. Honey dew causes foliage to become shiny in appearance and can attract a fungus called sooty mold. Some whiteflies are capable of transmitting plant viruses.

Try to encourage natural enemies to help manage whitefly populations in your garden. To do this, make wise pesticide choices. Try to choose pesticides to target specific pests and/ or specific areas. Also, you may need to manage ants that tend the whiteflies to obtain honeydew. The ants protect whiteflies from natural enemies that may normally keep the pest population at manageable levels.

In vegetable gardens, you may want to try reflective mulches to make the underside of the leaves where whiteflies hide less habitable. As for chemical treatment, you can use high pressure water sprays, insecticidal soap, azadirachtin, d-limonene, botanicals or a synthetic product. Target your treatment to the underside of the leaves to get to where the whiteflies like to hide.

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

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We encourage the Windsor Park community to join us for the fun and enjoyment of any special events whenever they have the opportunity, just keep an eye on this column to find out what has and will be happening at Blanton Elementary. For more information, please feel free to contact Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator at karon.smutzer@austinisd.org or call 512-841-5678 to leave a message.

Harris Elementary

Gloria Cano, school counselor

Good news! Our first class of ESL parents in partnership with Memorial United Methodist Church, AISD and Manos de Cristo will be graduating soon. We had a great group who attended classes twice a week to learn English. We are already looking forward to our next class that will begin in August. If you want to learn more about how to sign up come to our meeting on May 4 at 12:45 here at Harris. If you want to attend ESL classes in summer contact Manos de Cristo at 512-477-7454 extension 104.

Our final “No Place for Hate” event was a great success. World Music Day saw folkloric dancers from our school. PK-2 grade dancers under the direction of Ms. Arrellano, one of our PK teachers, led the students in three dances. Our violin group performed the beautiful song “Imagine” by John Lennon and the cheerleaders performed for our big Harris family. We all danced to music that everyone enjoyed. Thanks to Ms. Napoles our music teacher, Ms. Dollar who led the violinists, and Ms. Cano who coordinated this event.

Thank you to our volunteers, Partners in Education and mentors. They were honored with a luncheon for all the help and support they provide to our students and staff.

We want to send a big thank you to our folks in the ACE program and all the parents who came out to complete our Monarch butterfly garden. Mrs. Martinez, our second grade teacher, and other committee members took on this project and now we will get to enjoy the fruits of their labor before the school year ends.

John H. Reagan Early College High School

Julia Remington, LCSW

Reagan High School continues to be recognized as a model community school. On April 15, fourteen staff from Sterling Aviation High School of Houston toured Reagan. Students impressed them with their knowledge of robotics, their enthusiasm about note taking skills they learned through the AVID program, and with the amount of college credits they have accrued. As the community school model expands in Austin, Reagan stands ready to continue to lead.

A huge kudos goes to theater teacher, Mr. Trevino. He teamed up with LASA for a spring field trip of a lifetime. Mr. Trevino took eight Reagan theater students and several LASA students to New York City to see Broadway first hand. A great time was had by all.

In other exciting news, Seniors are looking forward to prom. Held on May 21, this year’s theme includes the romance of Paris. Tickets are on sale now. Please contact Ms. Washington if interested in helping or purchasing tickets.

Upcoming events:

- May 10, 500 pm- Campus Advisory Committee Meeting
- May 12, 530 pm- Attendance Orientation (required if your student has missed 5+ days of school this semester.)
- May 13, 630 pm- Trustees Awards
- May 27, all day- Student Holiday

Bertha Sadler Means

Ashley Ayala, Parent Support Specialist

Greetings from Sadler Means YWLA! We are having a Marvelous May! Sadler Means is busy with all of kinds of activities this month. Teacher Appreciation week is May 2nd and we hope you'll join us in appreciating our teachers by sending a thank you note. Our students are busy preparing for their STAAR tests the week of May 9th and we're sure that you will help support our girls by ensuring that they get a good night's sleep and a filling breakfast.

May 13th will be our DRAGON FEST Spring Carnival. We hope that you will bring the family and enjoy an evening of fun! We continue to offer ESL classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 as well as Computer Literacy classes on Fridays at 9. Tuesday, May 24 is our Spring Showcase and we can't wait to show off all of the amazing things our Sadler Means Lady Dragons are doing.

Our wonderful librarian, Ms. Cantu, recently had her DonorsChoose project fully funded and our students are so excited to read this year's Bluebonnet Award winning books. Our Dragon Book Club just finished reading "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" by Jenny Han.

As always, we invite the Windsor Park community to participate in any of the fun and engaging events we have at Sadler Means. For more information, please feel free to contact Ashley Ayala, Parent Support Specialist at ashley.ayala@austinisd.org or 512-841-5793. Thanks again for supporting Sadler Means YWLA.

Blanton Elementary

Karon Smutzer, ACE Site Coordinator

Just a few more weeks and school will be out for the summer. The staff and students are looking forward to a well-deserved rest after a full year of study. For summer, please note, the ACE Summer Camp will run from June 6 through July 22.

We invite any adult to attend our **FREE** exercise classes, now we are doing Zumba on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons sponsored by the ACE program, they meet in the gym from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m....everyone is invited to come join us in becoming fit and healthy.

May 16 will be our garden/beautification work day, starting at 10am. The school has created a beautiful Monarch butterfly garden and we invite the community to come see it, plus join us in keeping our school grounds healthy and vibrant.

May 29 we will host a Principal's Coffee, in the parent support room (108)...our PTA meeting date will be announced soon. Parents interested in Blanton Elementary are invited to attend either or both of these meetings.

Our Spring Fling carnival was fun for all featuring water slides, water balloons, many booths and lots of food. We hope you were able to take the time to come by for a visit.

The ACE program ends its regular after school programming on May 19. We will spend the next two weeks getting ready for our ACE Summer Camp, June 6 – July 22nd.

*****ACE continues to collect t-shirts for the 'T-Shirts for Hunger Program'. The shirts are collected to make grocery bags to be used by the food bank when handing out food to the needy. This program is coming to an end on the last day of May...if you have shirts to donate please do so before May 31....MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED AND DONATED TO THIS WORTHY CAUSE.**

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