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WELCOME TO FALLS AT GREEN MEADOWS

*A Newsletter
for the Falls at Green
Meadows Community*

Falls at Green Meadows is a quarterly newsletter mailed to all Falls at Green Meadows residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

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REPUBLIC GYMNASTICS & DANCE PRESENTS:
1ST ANNUAL

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Saturday August 11th

2:00pm - 8:00pm

Admission:

School Supply Donation(s)

Back Packs, Writing Utensils, Pencil Bags,
Lunch Boxes, Folders, Notebooks, etc.

by Kristi Mattheessen

Republic Gymnastics and Dance is a brand new state of the art gymnastics and dance facility servicing athletes in the Cypress community and surrounding areas. We are hosting our 1st annual Back to School Bash at our facility August 11th from 2pm-8pm.

We have vendors, food truck, shaved ice truck, games, raffles, kid friendly activities and much much more. We would love the community to come and bring family, friends, and anyone out for this GREAT event! Entry is FREE we are just asking if anyone who can please bring school supply donations as your "entry fee". We are collecting as many supplies that we can to help out our immediate community and surrounding area.

Our office will be open the entire time of the event to give information about our facility as well as sign up kiddos for FREE TRIALS in Dance and Gymnastics!

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KATY ISD STUDENT ARTWORK DISPLAYED AT STATE CAPITOL

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Western Trinkets
Yanran Wang, Seven Lakes High School
Teacher: Kim Glasgow

Two masterpieces created by Katy ISD students will be part of the Texas Youth Art Month Exhibit, soon-to-be on display at the Texas Capitol. The annual tradition compiles the artwork of students from all over the state. This year, out of the hundreds of pieces participating in the

event, two paintings created by Katy ISD students were chosen by Governor Greg Abbott's wife, First Lady Cecilia Abbott.

Wolman Elementary (RJWE) Benjamin Hervey's art piece entitled "Owl Eyes" and Seven Lakes High School Yanran Wang's "Western Trinkets" will be shown at Governor Abbott's Business Office. This yearly tradition was established in the 1990s and is coordinated by the Texas Art Education Association. Each year, students from across Texas seek to be part of this prestigious recognition. During the distinguished 2018 Governor's Gallery reception, school children in grades pre-k through high school had the opportunity to unveil their masterpieces.

"Our Katy ISD students put vast amounts of hours, as well as effort, into perfecting their works of art," said Assistant Director of Fine Arts Mitzi Jones. "To be able to display their hard work at such a respected and significant place for our state is an honor our students and the Fine Arts Department cherishes greatly," added

Jones.

The Katy ISD Fine Arts Department encourages students to develop a vocabulary for art, and the skill to graphically express and communicate their own inner ideas and attitudes by creating original artwork.



Owl Eyes
Benjamin Hervey, Wolman Elementary
Teacher: Ashley Bullard

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WATCH FOR THESE APPS ON YOUR CHILD'S DEVICE

Even If Your Child Doesn't Have A Cell Phone Yet...

It is important to be aware of the apps available for children, tweens, and teens can download.



Did you know that 22% of kids between the ages of 6 and 9 own cell phones? When they become tweens (9-12) it rises to 60%! This means even if your child doesn't have a cell phone, some of their friends probably already have them. It's important that our kids are educated in case they encounter questionable apps on friends devices.

Some ways to protect your children and make sure they are using their phones responsibly is to have them sign a cell phone contract or establish family media rules, such as having to check with a parent before downloading a new app or game. Another idea is having a common charging area so you can easily check phones could also be a good system for your family. Consider taking time to explain to them (at an age-appropriate level) why you are asking them questions and checking their phone and privacy settings. Many children do not realize just how much information they are putting out there and how dangerous it can be.

If you have an older teen, and find some questionable apps on their phone, it may be a good opportunity for discussion. Here are a few conversation starter ideas:

- What kind of things would a person want to post anonymously? Why?
- How would you personally use this app?
- Would you be okay with anyone seeing that pic?
- Why would you tell your secrets to strangers? Do you think it would be safe to accept their help/friendship?
- Are you being safe with that app?
- Are you encouraging others or criticizing them?

Want to make sure your kids can't download ANY apps without your approval....

1. On an iPhone go into SETTINGS, GENERAL,

RESTRICTIONS. You'll be prompted to create a code and then you can select any phone functions that you don't want your child to have free access to without your okay.

2. On an Android go into SETTINGS, USERS. Select ADD USER /RESTRICTED PROFILE . You will be prompted to set-up a passcode and then you can choose what they can access on their own and what they'll need you to enter the passcode to access. Or setup freeandroidspy.com ... shows nearly ALL activity even photos taken, apps downloaded, calls, texts, chats, websites visited, etc..

Examples of Apps to Watch Out For:

ShamChat	Kik
SnapChat	Poof (and similar apps)
Ghost and Vault Apps	Whisper
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Calendar Highlights

JULY

4 **Holiday • Staff**

AUGUST

2-3 New Teacher Inservice Day
7 Convocation
8 Secondary District Professional Learning Day
9 Elementary District Professional Learning Day
10 Campus Professional Learning Day
13 Campus Professional Learning Day
14 Teacher Preparation Day
15 First Day of Fall Semester

SEPTEMBER

3 **Holiday • Students and Staff**
12 Family Night (No Homework Assigned)
24 2nd Secondary Grading Cycle Begins

OCTOBER

8 Early Dismissal - Elementary Parent Conferences and Secondary Professional Learning
15 2nd Elementary Grading Cycle Begins
17 Family Night (No Homework Assigned)
19 Early Dismissal - Elementary Parent Conferences and Secondary Professional Learning

NOVEMBER

5 3rd Secondary Grading Cycle Begins
19 Thanksgiving Break Begins
28 Family Night (No Homework Assigned)

DECEMBER

21 Early Dismissal - End of Semester
24 Winter Break Begins • **Holiday • Students and Staff**

JANUARY

1-4 Winter Break • **Holiday • Students and Staff**
7 Teacher Preparation Day
8 First Day of Spring Semester
21 Campus Professional Learning Day • **Student Holiday**
30 Family Night (No Homework Assigned)

FEBRUARY

15 Early Dismissal - Campus Professional Learning
18 District Professional Learning Day, • **Student Holiday**
19 5th Secondary Grading Cycle Begins

MARCH

6 Family Night (No Homework Assigned)
11 Spring Break Begins
18 4th Elementary Grading Cycle Begins

APRIL

5 Early Dismissal - Campus Professional Learning
8 6th Secondary Grading Cycle Begins
19 **Holiday • Students and Staff**

MAY

1 Family Night (No Homework Assigned)
23 Early Dismissal - Last Day of School
24 Teacher Preparation Day
27 **Holiday • Staff**

Bad Weather Make-Up Days: Jan. 21* Feb. 18*

*If used, employees will need to make up the day on a Saturday.
This calendar contains enough minutes to cover bad weather days.

Note: 238-day employees will need to work two (2) additional days.

Grading Period	Elem. Days	Elem. Mins.	Sec. Days	Sec. Mins.	Total Days
1st	42	18,300	27	11,610	
2nd	45	19,440	30	12,540	
3rd			30	12,720	
First Semester					87
3rd	42	18,300			
4th	48	20,760	28	11,860	
5th			29	12,290	
6th			33	14,010	
Second Semester					90
Total Days					177
Total Minutes	77,790*		76,550*		

*Includes waived minutes for professional development.

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Symbol Keys:

[Begin Elementary Grading Cycle

] End Elementary Grading Cycle

< Begin Secondary Grading Cycle

> End Secondary Grading Cycle

☐ New Teacher Inservice Day

☒ Teacher Preparation Day • **Student Holiday**

○ Early Dismissal

◻ Early Dismissal - Parent Conferences and/or Professional Learning

☐ **Holiday • Students and Staff**

◆ Convocation

● Secondary District Professional Learning Day,

Elementary Campus Professional Learning Day

● Elementary District Professional Learning Day,

Secondary Campus Professional Learning Day

● Campus Professional Learning Day • **Student Holiday**

★ District Professional Learning Day • **Student Holiday**

◇ Family Night (No Homework Assigned)

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL TIPS FOR PARENTS

Found on PBS.ORG



Starting the new school year can be a time of great excitement... and anxiety. Help calm your child's fears (and your own) with these teacher-approved tips.

MEET THE NEW TEACHER.

For kids, one of the biggest back-to-school fears is "Will I like my new teacher?" Breaking the ice early on is one of the best ways to calm

everyone's fears. Take advantage of your school's open house or back-to-school night. Some teachers welcome phone calls or e-mails — another great opportunity to get to know each other before the year begins.

If personal contact with the teacher isn't possible, try locating the teacher's picture on a school website or in a yearbook, so your child can put a name with a face. If your child's teacher sends a welcome letter, be sure to read the letter together.

TOUR THE SCHOOL.

If your school hosts an open house, be sure to go. Familiarizing your child with her environment will help her avoid a nervous stomach on the first day. Together you can meet her teacher, find her desk, or explore the playground.

With an older child, you might ask him to give you a tour of the school. This will help refresh his memory and yours.

CONNECT WITH FRIENDS.

A familiar friend can make all the difference when heading back to school. You might try calling parents from last year's class and finding out which children are in your child's class this year. Refresh these relationships before school starts by scheduling a play date or a school carpool.

TOOL UP.

Obtain the class supply list and take a special shopping trip with your child. Having the right tools will help him feel prepared. While keeping basic needs in mind, allow for a couple of splurges like a cool notebook or a favorite-colored pen. These simple pleasures make going back to school a lot more fun.

School supply lists also provide great insight into the schoolwork ahead. Get your child excited about upcoming projects by explaining how new supplies might be used. Let him practice using supplies that he's not used before — such as colored pencils or a protractor — so

he will be comfortable using them in class.

AVOID LAST-MINUTE DRILLING.

When it's almost time to stop playing, give a five-minute warning. Giving clear messages to your child is very important.

CHAT ABOUT TODAY'S EVENTS AND TOMORROW'S PLANS.

While it is important to support learning throughout the summer, don't spend the last weeks of summer vacation reviewing last year's curriculum. All kids need some down time before the rigors of school begin. For some kids, last-minute drills can heighten anxiety, reminding them of what they've forgotten instead of what they remember.

EASE INTO THE ROUTINE.

Switching from a summer to a school schedule can be stressful to everyone in the household. Avoid first-day-of-school mayhem by practicing your routine a few days in advance. Set the alarm clock, go through your morning rituals, and get in the car or to the bus stop on time. Routines help children feel comfortable, and establishing a solid school routine will make the first day of school go much smoother.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

School starts in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in schools zones is prohibited!

Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.

TIME TO SLOW DOWN!

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We are working hand-in-hand with Congressman McCaul to expend \$65+ million from federal funds to build a third reservoir to capture the Cypress Creek watershed.

REGIONAL LEVEL

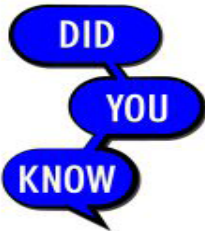
We are working with the Brookshire Katy Drainage District and surrounding counties for large scale regional improvements, channel improvements and regional detention.

LOCAL LEVEL

Voters approved a \$19.5 million bond to fix local drainage issues within the City Limits. \$14.5 million will be spent on streets and drainage improvements, and \$5 million will be spent on an expansion to our sewer plant. The City is also applying for multiple grants for funding for additional drainage improvements city-wide.



1st Street Bridge
Katy Hockley Road (Ave. D)
Fortuna/Patna and Pine Forest
Phase II Detention
Pond at Pitts Road
Land Acquisition and Expansion



We have a current Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan. All departments are prepared and capable of responding quickly, at all levels, to continue essential departmental functions in the event of an emergency, threat or disruptive event.

We have an operational Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at our Police Station. It is activated for small and large-scale emergencies. During disasters, it is the central location where we work to coordinate response efforts, make decisions, and gather and disseminate information.

We have several interlocal agreements in place in case we are in need of aid, and we are prepared with a debris and monitoring contract.

WE ARE STORM READY!

NEW & UPGRADED EQUIPMENT

- New, large Gradall for ditch cleaning
- New LMTV high water vehicle
- New Achilles swift water boat
- Lifted & added snorkels to several trucks and SUVs
- Added boat rack and boat to Police SUV
- Additional generators
- Equipment for rescue and boat operation
- More training of personnel



- Graded 23,500 linear feet (4.45 miles) of ditches
- Replaced 41 culverts
- Installed 297 tons of road material

We are actively working on open channel restoration, grading, culvert and outfall projects city-wide.



Staying informed during emergencies is important.

Along with telecommunication improvements for our first responders, the City has worked hard on better communication. Keep up-to-date with information on the City's website, social media pages and City Council meetings.

For Emergency Alerts, the City utilizes Reverse 9-1-1. We alert individuals and businesses to the risk of danger by sending a recorded voice message to landline telephones and registered cellphones. If you have a traditional landline telephone, you're already opted in. If you only use a mobile phone or digital voice service, you must opt-in to receive these alerts. To register, visit www.911.org.





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