

# Wanke Wire Principal's February Newsletter



**Carl Wanke Elementary  
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## Greetings, Wanke Wolves!

It has been a wonderful first half of the school year and we are solidly into the routine for half number two. We have had a very successful PTA fundraiser on the Wanke Walk and look forward to helping these folks meet their goal when we host the Third Fiesta De Los Lobos in April. We also look forward to an Open House in March, and the assessment season which starts with 4<sup>th</sup> grade on March 3<sup>rd</sup> with TAKS writing. There have been a few changes in the testing dates this year with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade testing now in April. They formerly tested in early March. Please see the Wanke master calendar at [nisd.net](http://nisd.net) for exact testing dates in March, April and May. I want to thank you, the Wanke community, for supporting our school in many ways, but mostly in how you help the children embrace the idea of how important an education is to their future. While they may seem unextraordinary, things like getting the kids to school on time daily, getting them to bed at a good hour to ensure enough sleep, asking them about their homework and signing folders nightly, attending parent and student led conferences, coming to the award assemblies, and letting them know that YOU expect great things from them make it easier for teachers to make sure that all students will know, will understand, and can do all of the things required of them as they progress through these important years. Wanke families...we cannot do it without you! Thanks again for sending us the Greatest Kids on the Planet!

## Pack Meeting

Wanke will be having a Pack Meeting on Friday, February 5th at 7:45-8:25. You are welcome to experience our Wolf Pride! This is a fun time the students experience together. The morning begins with the WNKE Studio Team starting off the school news. We will then move into student, classroom, teacher, and campus celebrations! Join the pack and you will see...Wanke is the place to be!!

## PTA

Yearbooks still on sale! \$25.00  
Love and Logic-parent training was held on January 12th! We had a great turn out and appreciate everyone's help in organizing such a wonderful event! Our next PTA night will be held March 11th at 6:00pm along with Open House and Book Fair Night!

## Questions? Concerns? Suggestions? Celebrations?

In order to increase two-way communication between school and community, please feel free to write your comments below and return them to the school office with your child. We appreciate your input.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Parent Conferences

During this time of year, I meet with your child's teacher to review students' progress toward meeting NISD promotion requirements. Your child's teacher will be contacting you in the next couple of weeks if your child's rate of progress causes us to predict that promotion requirements may not be met by the end of the year. **It is extremely important that you meet with the teacher and discuss specific ways to accelerate your child's learning.** We ask for your support in helping your child succeed.

## Nurse's Corner

Hello Wanke community! I hope everyone is staying healthy during these winter months. I just wanted to remind everyone that even though we are in South Texas, the cold weather is not done yet! Please take into consideration the weather and temperatures when sending your children to school and dress them appropriately. If it is chilly outside they should have a jacket for recess, etc. Thanks so much for your help in this!

Jodi Meyer, RN, BSN  
Wanke School Nurse



## Spelling Bee

On January 15, Wanke held a school-wide spelling bee for the winners of each 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classroom spelling bee. Congratulations to 5th grader, Krishna, who was our campus winner and will represent Wanke in the Express News Regional Spelling Bee in March.

Classroom Winners include: Third Grade– Jacqueline C., Aidan C., Kyle H., & Louie M. Fourth Grade– Emily I., Yamuna P., Cherry R., Gaby R., and Jessica S. Fifth Grade– Nathali B., Christian C., Chang G., Alayah L., Courtney L., Ethan P., Michele P., Kareem S., Julia S., & Michelle V.!

## Attendance Counts

Every minute of instruction matters. Please send your children to school by 7:45 everyday. However, if your child is sick please keep them home. If your child is absent or tardy from school, the parent/guardian should send a note to the school, within 5 days, explaining the reason for the absence. Notes must include: date of the note, child name, date of the absence/tardy, the specific reason for the absence/tardy and the parent's signature. Thank you for helping us Stay Strong!