

# GISD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GISD – Achieving Excellence Together!

# Weldon Elementary School Is Off To A Great Start

Every morning, the students at Weldon Elementary School start off with an invigorating, spirit filled morning assembly that gets them "pumped up" and going in a positive way.

The assembly starts promptly at 7:30 AM with a different homeroom class leading it each week.

Principal Darren Richardson greets everyone with a "Good Morning" song and chant.

The pledges to the US Flag, Texas Flag, and Weldon are then led by members of the host class.

A moment of silence is observed, and a patriotic song is sung. The host class for the week is in charge of choosing the patriotic song, and they can sing either: "The Star Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "You're A Grand Old Flag", "My Country Tis of Thee", or "America The Beautiful."

School-wide announcements are made by Mr. Richardson. Special classes of the week are then recognized. Classes can earn the distinction of being "Class of the Week" in special areas each week. Those areas are: *Art, Music, Library, PE, Computer Lab, Hallway, Cafeteria, I-Station, and Box Top Collection.* 

Student and faculty birthdays are celebrated each day with their names being called out, the "Happy Birthday" song being sung to them, and a birthday pencil being given to them.

The most fun part of the assembly though, is the chance for each class to teach a positive "team" chant or cheer to the student-body.

Once the chant is learned (as the week progresses), the host class then chooses the best or most spirited grade level, and that grade level gets to keep the spirit stick in their hallway for the next week.

The assembly ends with the singing of the Gladewater School Song and the Fight Song.

Once the assembly is over at 7:45 AM, students are sent to their "W.I.N. Time" class for 30 minutes. (W.I.N. stands for "Whatever I Need" today!) Students are grouped, and they either go to a reading/math tutorial, or to an enrichment class.

So far, excellent classroom and grade level competition has been fostered and the Weldon students are super excited, and they come to school each day with a positive attitude, and a willingness to learn!

## Scenes from Weldon's Morning Assemblies







**Top:** Mrs. Burks Class pumping it up!

Middle: Mrs. Choice's class with the spirit shakers.

**<u>Bottom:</u>** Mr. Richardson accompanying the patriotic song.

#### GISD Events

September 25 "Merica Monday"- Wear red, white, and blue	26 "Tacky Tourist Tuesday"- wear floral/Hawaiian shirts, cargo shorts, hats, sun glasses, flip-flops, slides.	"Work-out Wednesday"- Wear sweat pants, nylon wind pants with a dress code shirt.	28 "Throw-back Thursday"- Dress in your favorite decade.  District Leadership Team Meeting, 9am Board Room	29 "Fired-Up Friday"- Wear orange and black.  All School Pep Rally, 9am Homecoming vs Lindale, 7:30pm
October 2	3	4	5 Staff Development/ Student Holiday	6 Fall Break/No School
9 Fall Break/No School	10	11	12	13 Bear Football vs Springhill, 7:30pm (H)

## Announcements from GISD Departments September 25, 2017

#### **Superintendent's Office**

Happy Homecoming Week! I hope all schools participate in the week long celebration. Go Bears!

District Leadership Team Meeting: Thursday, September 28, 9:00am – 11:30am, Board Room

### **Student Learning & Student Services**

None

#### Finance & Technology

None

#### **Operations**

None