

# TIJERINA NEWS

November 2008

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## CALENDAR

Winter Dance  
Friday, 12/12  
3:30-4:30pm



Winter Program  
Monday, 12/15  
8:30 pm and 1:30pm  
(parents invited)



PTA meeting  
Thursday, 12/18  
8:30am



Winter Holiday  
Monday, 12/22 to  
Monday, 1/5/09



Students Return to School  
Tuesday, 1/6/09



## FIVE TIPS FOR PARENTS

1. Make sure that your home has lots of reading materials that are appropriate for your child. Keep books, magazines and newspapers in the house.

2. Have your child read aloud to you every night.

3. Choose a quiet place, free from distractions, at which your child may do her nightly reading assignments.

4. Read to your baby every day starting at six months of age. Reading and playing with books is a wonderful way to spend special time with her. Hearing words over and over helps her become familiar with them. Reading to your baby is one of the best ways to help her learn.

5. Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.

## From the Desk of Principal Daniels

Hurricane Ike caused considerable disruption to the academic program in each of our schools. In realizing that there is not an easy solution to making up the missed instructional time for our students, the HISD Board of Education has authorized the district to submit a waiver for all the missed instructional days caused by Hurricane Ike. Therefore any designated school holiday will not be used to make up the instructional time.

In order to make up for the loss of instructional time, each campus has created a plan with the assistance of the Site-Based Decision Making Committee to maximize student learning. There is no specific number of days or hours that will need to be made up, but all schools should strive to ensure that core instruction is made up for all students.

The following are the actions taken at Tijerina to support student learning:

- Cutting back on school field trips/school-wide programs/assemblies/guest speakers. Any guest speakers or presentations will be scheduled during the ancillary block;
- Revising lesson plans/whole school curriculum programs. We prioritized the power objectives and integrated objectives across the content areas;
- Adding tutorial programs during the school day for those students needing additional assistance. Each grade level has an additional 30 minute block for math and reading intervention respectively.

If you have any questions regarding our plan, please schedule an appointment with me by calling Irma Torres at 713-924-1791.

## Accelerated Reader

The Accelerated Reader contest continues. Students read books and then demonstrate that they read the books by taking small quizzes on the computer. The more books they read, the more points they make. Students with the most points earn prizes. The top prize this year is a computer donated by Mr. Faz! It will be given to the student who has earned the most points by May 20, 2009.

### Top Accelerated Reader Point Earners for November

Name	Points	Grade	Name	Points	Grade
Esteban	4.9	2nd Grade	Jennifer	13.1	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Fidel	3.6	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Crystal	12.1	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Marisol	3.1	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Adams	6.5	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Christian	2.9	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Jasmin	6.4	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Enrique	2.8	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Uriel	3.8	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Karen	2.7	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Nohelia	2.9	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
David	2.7	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Victor	2.8	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Araceli	2.7	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Ruben	2.0	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Virginia	2.7	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Carolina	1.9	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Jesus	2.6	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Miguel	1.9	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Happy Thanksgiving!

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