

1. HIGH FLYING ASSEMBLY

Students were treated to "High-Flying Excitement & A Knock-Out Message" assembly [on Tuesday](#). Funded by Wyatt PTA, this assembly was an eye-catching, high-energy assembly that delighted students and staff of all ages. [Plano](#) Police Officers Christopher Biane and Arthur Privett encouraged kids to stay safe, avoid the negative and destructive consequences of drug abuse and violence, and to make positive choices. This assembly is the culminating event of Red Ribbon Week.

2. CLOSETS FOR A CAUSE

Please join the Wyatt family in a new effort to raise funds for the Fielding family. In a few weeks, we will begin coordinating a recycling campaign for the remainder of the school year to help the Fieldings with Carter's medical expenses.

How does it work? World Wear Project, LLC. will pay by the pound for donations of clothing, toys, etc that Wyatt receives. All proceeds from donations will go directly into the Fielding Family Fund.

What donations are accepted? World Wear Project, LLC. accepts only the following items: clothes (including belts, hats, scarves, caps) bags (including purses, wallets, backpacks, and totes) shoes (no metal) hard, durable toys (including stuffed animals and dolls) bedding and metal and wooden kitchenware. Please note that they do not accept any electronics, anything with an electrical cord, knives, books, CDs, DVDs or videotapes or furniture of any kind.

Where will the donations be collected? After we receive the collection bin, you will be able to deposit donations inside the bin near the kindergarten wing in front of Wyatt. Please do not leave donations outside of the bin at any time.

If you have any questions, please call Geri White in the front office at [\(469\) 752-3802](tel:4697523802) or contact Martha Chalhoub at pmchalhoub@sbcglobal.net. Thank you so much for your help and support for the Fielding family.

3. PACE

Plano Academic and Creative Education (PACE) services academically gifted/talented students in grades K-12. Referrals can be made by parents, teachers, and the students themselves.

Referrals for kindergarten are [due November 9, 2011](#). The testing process begins later in November. Placement decisions are made by the end of February and mailed home to parents. Services begin [March 1, 2012](#).

Referrals for grades 1-5 are [due March 2, 2012](#). The testing process begins later in March. Placement decisions are made by the end of the school year and mailed home to the parents. Services begin the following school year.

For a referral packet or more information visit this website:

<http://www.pisd.edu/parents/advanced.academics/gifted.pace/index.shtml>
or contact Mrs. Ramirez at kim.ramirez@pisd.edu or your child's teacher.

4. MIDDLE SCHOOL PACE

Beginning with the 2012 -2013 school year, middle school PACE assessment will only be offered in the

spring. If you believe your child should be assessed for sixth grade PACE services, your child must be assessed in spring of her/his fifth grade year. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Ramirez at kim.ramirez@pisd.edu

5. CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Wyatt's Annual Canned Food Drive is starting next week! Bring in your canned food November 7-22 to help hungry families in our area. This project is sponsored by Wyatt's student council and benefits the Plano Santas. Food will be delivered to needy families early in December. Thank you ahead of time for your generosity! Questions - contact Mrs. Ramirez at kim.ramirez@pisd.edu

6. BOOKFAIR

Mark your calendars - Book Fair is coming soon! This year's theme is To the Book Fair and Beyond - Reading is Out of This World! Family Day will be on Sunday, November 13 from 3-5pm. Students will visit the Book Fair with their classes November 14-17.

Volunteer help is needed for Book Fair - Thank you for your fantastic response. There are only a few shifts left:

Friday November 11 for Wish list 8-2:45 (choose your time to help create wish lists for the Wyatt teachers and be the first to see what's new this year at the Book Fair) and Wednesday for class visits - 7:30-10, 8-10, 10-12 and 12-2:45. If you are available to help, please contact Cathy Black black.family@sbcglobal.net or Gillian Adey gadey@tx.rr.com

7. VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

The Wyatt Kindergarten would like to invite you to a special program for Veterans' Day on November 11, 2011. The kindergarten children will give one performance for the students and then another performance for the public at 9:00 am.

Students in all grades may invite family members or friends to be our guests. Please have your child invite his grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins or neighbors, who have served in the armed forces, to come and be honored on Veterans' Day. Don't forget to wear red, white, and blue.

We would like to put together a collage of photographs honoring our veterans. If you have a photo of a family member who is a veteran, or is currently serving in the armed services, we would love to make a copy of it and include it in the presentation. Please do not send the one and only copy you have of the picture! We will take very good care of all pictures, but accidents do happen. There is not much time so please send the photograph, in an envelope for protection, to Mrs. Brewton (in kindergarten) by November 8th. Please include the name of the veteran, the name of the Wyatt student who is related to the veteran, and give the how the veteran is related to the student. The name of the student with the picture is very important so we can return the photo after it has been scanned. We hope you will be able to attend. This will be a very special program. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Brewton at julie.brewton@pisd.edu.

8. TARDIES

On November 1st, twenty-two students were late to school. That means if they got here after 7:45 they were all in a line in the office to wait for their tardy slip to be written. That means some of them may have missed morning announcements and morning work! Students must be in their seats by 7:45 and the doors close at that time. Policy says that three tardies equals one absence day. At twelve tardies you may go to Truancy Court at Collin County. You can check your students tardies as well as absences on Parent Portal. Please help us remedy this situation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Moilanen at debby.moilanen@pisd.edu.

9. STARR TEST

New STAAR Test for grades 3-5: Tip: The STAAR test will now have a time limit of four hours per test. In the past parents and teachers have encouraged the students to take as long as they needed (for some students this was the entire day). The state feels this is adequate time for students to complete the tests, therefore we will be encouraging our students to work carefully in a timely manner. We will be sharing more changes as they become available. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Moilanen at debby.moilanen@pisd.edu.

PLEASE DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS EMAIL. If you have questions, please call Wyatt Elementary at 469-752-3800.

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