



# Nimitz Middle School

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Dear Parents,

We had a fantastic Greenback Night! It was so nice to see so many of you at school. Our **PTA collected** right at \$900 on Greenback Night and I am proud to say the teachers pitched in to make it an even **\$1000!** This is a big increase from last year and all of the money will come back to our kids.

The **College Committee** is busy planning for a College Fair on November 17th. More information to come as we get closer to the date.

Our **Character Counts** Committee is busy finding ways to recognize all of our students that are doing a great job showing good character traits every day. We focus on one character trait a six weeks and this week will end Trustworthiness. Next 6 weeks the focus is Respect. The color for respect is gold, for the "Golden Rule". Students will be learning about respect and we will be recognizing students who show respect at school.

The **Start On Time** program has been a huge success. Our students are getting to class on time and our teachers are in the halls encouraging them to get to class. This program has increased instructional time for students and has decreased our discipline. Thank you for supporting the school and encouraging your child to get to class on time.

This past week I spent two days learning how we can incorporate wellness into our school programs. Ironically, I became ill at the end of the week, hence the late email. However, there are many exciting things we can do to encourage wellness with our students, teachers, parents and community members. One event that promotes wellness is coming up quickly.

North East ISD is proud to support the City of **San Antonio's Siclovía event on October 2, 2011 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Siclovía is a four-mile car-free route on Broadway (from Brackenridge Park to McCullough) for the community to bike, run, walk and enjoy outdoor activities in the street. Plus, it's free!

For more information on this community Wellness event, visit the Siclovía Web site at <http://siclovía.org/> or view the event flyer at [http://siclovía.org/images/stories/print\\_graphics/Siclovía%20Eblast%20600x800\\_2.pdf](http://siclovía.org/images/stories/print_graphics/Siclovía%20Eblast%20600x800_2.pdf).

There are many more events that are coming your way soon - I will try to give you plenty



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of advanced notice of each event. Speaking of which, **LEE - esta** is coming soon! Lee-esta is a Lee cluster parade. Yes, I said parade. The parade goes through the surrounding neighborhood to celebrate the Lee community and the longest football rival in NEISD, Lee vs. MacArthur. Nimitz student groups are invited to participate, our Nimitz Band will march with the Lee Band, it is about a mile parade walk. At the end of the parade the students come back to Robert E. Lee for a Pep Rally and food booths. It is a lot of fun and I encourage you to attend if you can.

I want to thank all the parents that brought their children up to take advantage of our **Success Saturday** on September 17th. We had a total of 51 students come to school and work on missing assignments or make up failing grades in the core content areas. We have scheduled Success Saturdays to coincide with each 3 week grading period to help students stay on top of their grades and not fall behind. Students must arrive promptly at 8:00 a.m. but may leave as soon as their work is completed. Our next Success Saturday is scheduled for Oct. 8th. Attached is a flyer with all of the dates.

Our 6th graders are doing a great job with their **attendance**. They hit 97% almost every day. I am sad to say that our 7th and 8th graders are not sharing in the success. Having just been ill myself, I understand the need to go home when you are running fever, however we want our students at school every day they are well enough to come. Please help us improve our attendance by making sure your child comes to school.

To close I want to give a shout out to the Castle Hills Elementary students who did a wonderful job on their musical this past week. What a talented group of students! Nimitz was honored to host their play in our auditorium.

Have a restful weekend.

Sincerely,  
Dana Stolhandske  
Nimitz Principal  
Honor \* Courage \* Commitment