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Fundamental 5 Monthly Spotlight~Sivells Elementary

This month's Fundamental 5 Spotlight teacher for Sivells is Erica Castellano. Mrs. Castellano was selected based on her ability to be an excellent role model to her team by incorporating the Fundamental 5 focus-framing the lesson in her virtual lessons. She encourages her students to be successful by infusing instruction with the daily implementation of compassion and dedication to her students! Mrs. Castellano is a lifelong Wharton Tiger. She graduated from Wharton High School in 1994. She then graduated from The University of Houston-Victoria in 2003 with a Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. This is Mrs. Castellano's 17th year of teaching and her 16th year teaching at Sivells. Mrs. Castellano is a true asset to Sivells Elementary! Wharton ISD is glad that she chose to remain a proud Wharton Tiger!



Erica Castellano

Fundamental 5 Monthly Spotlight~Wharton Elementary

This month's Fundamental 5 Monthly Spotlight teacher for WES is Mrs. LaKursha Vykukal. Mrs. Vykukal has been teaching for 12 years. She truly loves what she does! She has taught in several districts in the Houston area; with 2 years overseas in Abu Dhabi, which is a little over an hour drive from Dubai. Mrs. Vykukal has taught all subjects in Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st Grade. WES is extremely excited about having her join their campus this year teaching 4th Grade ELAR/Social Studies. Wharton ISD is happy that she is a part of the Tiger family!



LaKursha Vykukal

Fundamental 5 Monthly Spotlight~Wharton Junior High

This month's Fundamental 5 Monthly Spotlight teacher for WJH is Mr. James Menephee. This is his very first year teaching and WJH is proud to have him join their team. He has shown a dedication to setting an expectation of excellence from the students in both his virtual and face to face classes. Mr. Menephee has done an outstanding job framing out his Texas History lessons with his students. The students he teaches know what they are learning and why they are learning it. He has made a commitment to utilize the Fundamental 5 strategies to assist him on the quest for success. Wharton ISD proudly welcomes him to the Tiger family!



James Menephee

Fundamental 5 Monthly Spotlight~Wharton High School

This month's Fundamental 5 Spotlight teacher for WHS is Erica Garza. She is in her 31st year as a teacher and coach. Her impact as a coach is beyond measurable and it continues to produce quality young ladies each year. This month Coach Garza is being recognized for her great work inside the classroom. This past month's Fundamental 5 strategy was "Small Group Purposeful Talks". Throughout the week Coach Garza effectively implemented all of the Fundamental 5 strategies, the Instructional Play of the week (Exit Ticket) and the TTESS strategy (Classroom Culture). Wharton High School is a better campus with Coach Erica Garza as one of our staff members. Wharton ISD is happy to have her on the Wharton Tiger Team!



Erica Garza

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world".

~Nelson Mandela

What's Happening In Technology

With the addition to COVID 19 to our lives, like all of you, the technology department has been busy doing their best to stay ahead of the demands this Pandemic has put on each of our lives. Because this is an unprecedented time in education, it required thinking differently on how we educated our students and the role technology played. However, it also required looking forward and understanding the decisions we make today affected the learning of our students in years to come. Dealing with face to face, asynchronous and synchronous learning environments, the technology department had to shift our filtering to accommodate these new learning platforms. Although a stressful time, with the help of dedicated faculty communicating their educational needs, the technology department has navigated these new waters successfully. We are looking forward to introducing a new Learning Management System Schoology in the upcoming months to assist our faculty in their "Virtual" and face to face needs.

As always, we are always here to assist each of you in technology needs.

Operations Department

This month, the Operations Department would like to honor and recognize Ms. Alison Robledo. Ms. Robledo holds the position of Director of Child Nutrition for the Wharton School system.

Since we broke for Spring Break on March 6, 2020, Mrs. Robledo has lead her team through the new terrain of serving the students and community of Wharton through the COVID-19 pandemic and has done so diligently and gracefully. Mrs. Robledo's list of responsibilities range from organizing staff, responsible for training and safety as well as compliance, works with the managers to set the menus, handles all food orders, organizes distribution, plans after-school meal compliance, just to name a few. Her staff loves her, the students love her, and the community appreciates her commitment to the school and community. Thank you Ms. Robledo for your love and dedication to the students of Wharton ISD. We appreciate you!



"Peace begins with a smile"
~Albert Einstein

Preparing Today
For A
Competitive
Tomorrow



November
Month at a Glance

November 20th ~ Teacher Professional Development
(no school for students)

November 23-November 27th ~ School Closed/Holiday

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

