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The airplane bungalow



Mistletoe Heights has a variety of architectural styles, including a type of house design called the “airplane bungalow.”

Neighbor Martin Herring writes the first of what we hope will be a regular series of articles on the architecture of our neighborhood. See story on Page 5.

Back to School

Most Fort Worth schools began the new academic year on Aug. 24. We asked proud parents to send us photos of their eager young students as they headed for school that day. Check out the photos on Pages 14 and 15.

After an awful spate of medical problems, Charlie is fit and strong and ready to walk

By Diana Brandenburg

This is a story of a special neighbor you might have seen on occasion. His name is Charlie.

I’m Charlie’s mom, Diana Brandenburg of Clara Street, and I want to tell you more about my sweet son.

In honor of Charlie, I encourage you to come walk with us on Oct. 24 in the annual Buddy Walk, a national fundraising effort founded by the Down Syndrome Partnership (of North Texas).

More info about the walk is at the end of our story. Harrison Charles Brandenburg, “Charlie,” was born at the crack of dawn July 28, 2010, at the hospital just off Mistletoe Boulevard, Baylor All Saints Medical Center.

We didn’t know in the first moments of his life that our sweet boy had Down syndrome. He looked healthy, alert and very adorable.

It wasn’t until I was given my bundle of joy that I noticed he might have DS. In fact, I was the only one

who saw it at first.

I think it was mother’s intuition and also because some of the doctor’s thought Down syndrome was a possibility because I was an “older” mom – age 38.

I couldn’t take my eyes off him. Totally in love, I was already extremely protective. I was worried in my heart about problems that we might encounter.

As it turned out, Charlie had a heart defect, discovered two days after his birth. This heart defect (known as ASD and VSD) basically



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President's Corner

By Josh Lindsay

We have lived in Mistletoe Heights for 13 years now.

That's not a super-long time, but I've never lived in the same neighborhood for this long in my whole life.

When our daughters were getting old enough to need separate rooms, we made a big move – three houses down



the street.

It would have been more normal to widen our search to other parts of our neighborhood or the Near South Side, but my wife wouldn't leave our block.

Mistletoe Heights is a community of great neighbors, but somehow we landed on the block with the best collection of neighbors possible.

Our block has provided a much-needed support group as our family grew.

Over the years, we have shared tools, baby- (and pet-) sitters, emergency pantry items, advice and a calm timeout (or cold beer) when pressure was on.

Fortunately for Mistletoe Heights, the place is full of blocks with great collections of neighbors.

I want to give thanks to a group of neighbors who have been looking out for the neighborhood as a whole.

Thanks to Rosaline Eastepp-Takes, who has motivated many to write or call about graffiti and trash near our neighborhood. This group has gotten visible results.

Thanks also to Kathy Jo Rogers, Julie

Camacho, Suzanne Gill and anyone else who got the word out about a suspicious vehicle that ended with a police arrest.

Thanks to Marc Rogers and Richard Sybesma, who have kept us informed about a group of dogs attacking neighborhood cats and got action from the city right away.

Finally I want to thank Chandler Walters for opening his porch to people for a Sunday evening Wine and Walk.

Mistletoe Heights is full of people like this, and I would suggest it adds more value than mature trees and beautiful architecture.

It's certainly the main reason our family has stayed here this long.

Thanks, neighbors.

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Great gourds afire!

By Steve McReynolds

The mornings are once again becoming crisp, and fall is threatening. Before you turn around, it will be time for the annual Pumpkin Carving Contest.

The rules for this event are simple:

The night before Halloween (Friday, Oct. 30, this year), the elite gang of gourd judges hit the streets to evaluate this year's offerings.

All real, carved pumpkins are judged soon after dusk.

The grand prize winner will get either an all-expenses-paid trip to Transylvania or \$50 (to be decided later).

All honorable mentions get a fabulous write-up in the newsletter (i.e., an honorable mention).

Plan your gourd's grimace now. Get the whole family involved, and, remember, judging occurs the night before Halloween.

Gourds of Styrofoam or plastic do not count in the judging.

New neighbors! I should point out that trick-or-treaters flock to Mistletoe Heights from all over town.

So be prepared to deliver the hospitality and treats. And keep an eye out for the Mistletoe Halloween Street Band on their annual roam.



Free Halloween concert

Did you know that two residents of Mistletoe Heights are musicians in the Fort Worth Symphony?

Paul Unger, on Clara Street, plays the double bass, and Kathryn Perry, on Mistletoe Avenue, is a violinist.

You may have seen them performing at Bass Hall, or at Concerts in the Garden, or playing the national anthem at the Texas Rangers' Opening Day last year.

On Oct. 30, the Musicians of the Fort Worth Symphony are playing a free family Halloween concert at Arborlawn United Methodist Church.

The concert will be less than an hour. We hope you can come, wear a costume and bring your friends!

Each year, the musicians of the orchestra play a free concert, with voluntary donations benefiting a Fort Worth charity.

This year, the concert will benefit the homeless services of the YWCA.

When: Friday, Oct. 30

5:30 p.m.: Time for kids to touch and feel the instruments

6:30 p.m.: Halloween Concert by Musicians of the Fort Worth Symphony

Where: Arborlawn United Methodist Church,
 5001 Briarhaven Road, 76109

Mark your calendars!

Every Sunday – Wine and Walk. Gather at the home of Chandler and Marcus Walters, 2204 Mistletoe Ave., at 6 p.m. Bring beverage of choice, kids, dogs, strollers, scooters, etc.

Oct. 6 – National Night Out; no formal neighborhood event planned; neighbors free to organize their own porch parties or other gatherings.

Oct. 9 – Movie Night, Newby Park, 7:30 p.m. The film is *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*.

Nov. 17 – Members' meeting at the home of Hank and Linda Pereth, 1126 Mistletoe Drive, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This is an important meeting, at which we will elect officers for the coming year. Please attend and make your voice heard.

Dec. 6 – The annual Mistletoe Heights Christmas party will be held at the home of Mark and Susie Mitchell, 1410 Mistletoe Drive, from 5 to 8 p.m.



What would you like to see in the newsletter?

We want your feedback! What topics would you like to see in the newsletter? Send us your suggestions:

newsletter@mistletoeheights.org.



Yard of the Month: 1221 Clara St.

By Bruce Horn

Neyle Froh isn't 100 percent sure when her house was built. It could have been at any time from 1912 to 1915. She has lived there since 2005.

Neyle and her husband, Ryan, have twin girls: Rhett and Mills.

If you've not met the girls, you're missing out on a real treat. They both attend Lily B. Clayton Elementary School. And they're simply a delight to talk to.

The Frohs' landscape is classic and polished.

The steps to the front porch are framed by two large Burford holly bushes. All along the north side of the house are old-fashioned nandinas.

A happy date palm is in a pot on the porch.

Neyle said that, although she has always had hanging plants on the porch, this year her daughters' interest in hummingbirds has spurred the placement of hummingbird feeders where the plants have traditionally been.

She said she misses the hanging baskets, but so loves her daughters' interest in natural things of beauty, like hummingbirds!

The main bed in front of the porch has a lavish hedge of Indian hawthorn. In front of that hedge are sculpted yaupon holly bushes.

At the southern end of that bed is a well-formed and colorful Japanese maple. All the beds are lined in front with multicolored pentas, which tie in well with the color pots on the porch.

The overall effect of the landscape is well suited to the house and employs appropriate plant materials for the architecture of the Frohs' home. The yard is subtle in its beauty.

I'm convinced that "less is more" when it comes to landscaping. This yard makes a statement without being overpowering.

The differing heights and shapes of the hawthorns, yaupons and penta create a layering effect that leads the eye from the verdant lawn right up to the entry of the house.

Like a good outfit, layering builds interest, and this mix of textures and colors of foliage works well.

Good job, Ryan and Neyle! (You, too, girls!)



Airplane bungalow common design in our neighborhood

By Martin Herring

The airplane bungalow is a popular type of house design that emerged in the 1920s.

And many examples of this sort of bungalow can be found in Mistletoe Heights, including several on my own block of Irwin Street.

Bungalows, in general, have broad horizontal lines, and often have low-pitched gable roofs, overhanging eaves, a great proportion of windows to wall space and large, deep porches.

The appellation "airplane" seems to have been applied after this style appeared on the market. The design was an attempt, modest at first, to extend the bungalow on the horizontal and accent the vertical.

The low gable roof forms are key to the design. The gables are contiguous and successive as in other bungalows, but the massing on the roofs is quite different.

Not only are the roofs built so that they grow out of each other on the façade, but the gables abut the main roof on the side elevation.

Smaller gables cover the second-floor sections. This kind of house looks like sections could have been added



arbitrarily to the base structure, but this is not the case. All the roof and frame sections are tightly integrated, and there is nothing accidental about the design.

Typically, the airplane bungalow reflects the jigs and jogs in the walls.

And because these bungalows are larger than traditional ones, a hallway appears on some floor plans. Nevertheless, most of the interior spaces follow an open floor plan.

Special exterior features of the airplane bungalow include thick, battered piers and porch columns, exposed purlins and rafters and combinations of cladding and gable motifs.

The proportion of window to wall area is quite high. Windows are grouped in imaginative combinations, such as bands, doubles and triples, with wide cottage windows.

Porches are extensively developed and include multiple interior and exterior access to porch areas.

In summary, the airplane bungalow is a wide, sweeping, dynamic house that was more successful in warm climates than in cold ones.

SOURCE: Most of the information for this article was gleaned from American Vernacular Design 1870-1940, by Herbert Gottfried and Jan Jennings.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of what we hope will be a regular series of articles about the types of architecture in Mistletoe Heights.

Ingrid Kelly death

By Leslie Houston

Friend and neighbor Ingrid Kelly left us on Sept. 18 to go to a better place after a short illness.

Ingrid was a nurse and an avid gardener who helped me understand "doctor speak" and provided many plant tips.

Ingrid and her husband, Steve, lived in Mistletoe Heights at 2332 Irwin St. for many years.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, Sept. 24, at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Ingrid loved the beach so funeral service attire was Hawaiian shirts, or other such beach clothes.

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to “holes” in the heart (atrial and ventricle). It caused some problems with feeding and breathing.

Charlie wasn't able to keep up with the demands of feeding; it would literally wear him out. The doctors told me it was like he was jogging while eating.

Heart defects are pretty typical of babies with Down syndrome. With some babies, the holes simply close up and cause no further problems with their development.

However, the holes in some babies' hearts are too big to close and cause problems as they develop and get older – mainly with breathing, fatigue and generally slow development.

Charlie needed to have surgery to repair the holes in his heart. At the time the doctors told me about his heart condition, I was in shock and deeply saddened. I thought, “Holes? In his heart?”

I worried that it was a fatal problem. But the doctors assured me that he would get through it just fine. It was a difficult time for us; I was scared about the surgery and the outcome.

We were very lucky to have a rock star of a surgeon at Cook Children's Medical Center. His skills as a pediatric heart surgeon were sought all over the country.

So, in the realm of heart surgeries, we were told, Charlie's was routine. That was incredible to hear. It was such a relief to know that his problem would be fixed!

It was still extremely difficult to go through the surgery. No mother should have to see her 4-month-old wheeled away in a red wagon to be operated on – much less have open-heart surgery.

It was terrifying. I liken it to getting an arm amputated. It felt like a piece of me was being taken away. But the story does get better!

Charlie healed, quickly and well! I couldn't believe how rapidly a child could rebound from open-heart surgery.

The scar on his chest is a faint reminder of what he went through. He has a healthy heart today and can do anything he wants! We are infinitely grateful for the incredible skills of the surgeon and Charlie's amazing healing strength.

I'd like to say that Charlie's life from that point on was flawless and we just coasted along without any visits to the hospital. But it wasn't so.

A child with Down syndrome must be regularly seen by a variety of doctors to maintain a healthy life. We have to make sure his hearing and sight are where they need to be. So we have regular checkups in that area.

Thyroid problems can creep up in folks with Down syndrome, so we watch his levels. All is good there.

Charlie also had something called hypotonia, or low muscle tone. That can cause swallowing problems, which Charlie had for his first couple of years but now does not.

We used to add thickener to the liquids he drank to help him swallow better. We constantly have to check his swallowing with “swallow studies” at the hospital.



The Brandenburg family - Diana and Brock and sons Max and Charlie

Another major challenge Charlie had to endure was a bout with Guillain-Barre syndrome, a rapid onset of muscle weakness.

In January 2012, after a beautiful Christmas and New Year, Charlie got a stomach bug that lasted for days.

I noticed something strange around the fourth day: He was acting weaker instead of stronger. Although the diarrhea had subsided, he was showing no improvement in his muscle strength.

I took him to his pediatrician. He gave me antibiotics and sent me home, saying Charlie was “just weak after a bad stomach bug.”

But Charlie's arms and legs kept getting worse. He refused to do things he used to do. He didn't pull himself up in the crib; he sat a lot and played on the floor.

He also had trouble picking up his sippy cup, and he had to move his mouth to his hand to feed himself, instead of moving his hand to his mouth.

Normally happy and playful, Charlie became cranky. He stopped scooting around on his bottom and even avoided scooting over to me, which seemed odd. Still our sweet, sweet Charlie, he continued to show love and was fun, cute and talkative.

Around Day 8, I was up at 3 a.m. and then again at 5 a.m., worrying about Charlie and researching his ailment online.

Beside myself, knowing that he was getting worse, not better, I knew something had to be done soon. The final straw was the next morning when I went to his room and found that he had slept through the night and didn't move an inch.

I picked him up in tears and realized that my poor little baby was drenched in sweat. I was shaking as my “mommy radar” kicked in. I said, “We're going to Cook's!”

I remember getting Charlie into the car to go to Cook's, confident in the decision and excited because I knew we

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were on our way to get help.

I knew when we walked through the door that they would rescue him. Cook's doctors are very aware of the many problems children with Down syndrome can have. Strangely, Charlie's disorder was not one of them.

After a battery of tests – blood work, X-ray, MRI and even a spinal tap – they found the problem: Guillain-Barre syndrome, which can only be diagnosed by a spinal tap to test protein levels.

Basically, the syndrome is a very rare reaction to a stomach bug, which afflicts about 1 in 100,000 people per year, mostly men aged 30-50. This disorder typically has a recovery time of four months to many years.

I met Charlie's neurologist and discovered we were in for a long haul – at the hospital for at least four months, he said.

The neurologist warned us that the condition would get much worse before it got better, which means Charlie would become more paralyzed and even lose his ability to breathe.

He would have to be on a breathing machine.

The medication – intravenous immunoglobulins – was our miracle drug. Charlie was hooked up to a drip for four hours each night for five nights. He showed improvement almost immediately.

We did, however, learn of another problem sweet Charlie would have to face when they did the MRI. Fortunately, that problem was less serious than Guillain-Barre syndrome.

Charlie would have to have surgery at Cook's for a spinal defect called a tethered cord. We have since had that surgery as well – on June 28, a month before his second birthday, to the day. He handled that surgery with spunk and humility.



He was our hero again.

Thank goodness, all of those medical issues are long behind us! He hasn't had any medical problems since 2012!

Charlie blows me away with his strength, confidence, abilities, perseverance and, most of all, his bright smile and wonderful personality.

I'm still amazed when I look at him. I remind myself every day when I see him run around the house, climb stairs, feed himself, read his books, laugh and smile, play with his toys, his school friends and his big brother, Max, how lucky and blessed we are.

Charlie's back and stronger than ever!

So now Charlie is 5 and ready to walk in his sixth Buddy Walk!

Please come and join us!

We love our neighborhood and you'll often see us walking the dogs on Mistletoe Boulevard, an activity Charlie really loves! We welcome you to come introduce yourself to us. He loves new friends!

And if you come to the Buddy Walk, give you little neighbor a fist bump or a high five!

He will give you the biggest smile and leave you with an unforgettable sense of joy!

North Texas Buddy Walk
Saturday, Oct. 24
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
University of Texas at Arlington

BUDDY WALK!

Join your neighbor, Charlie, in the Buddy Walk on **October 24th!** We want YOU on our team **CHARLIE'S ANGELS!**

To be an Angel, CALL 214-734-9140 or log on and do it on the computer!

Go to this link:

<http://www.ezeventsolutions.com/fr/NTBW/2015BuddyWalk/CharlesAngels>

We look forward to seeing you at the Buddy Walk in Arlington or if you'd rather donate, you can do that as well!

There's lots of food, fun, fellowship, kid's activities and live music in addition to walking with the most amazing people in the world! People who have Down's syndrome!

Thank you for your support!

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Amon Carter Museum of American Art

Tales from the American West: The Rees-Jones Collection; Eighteenth century through the 1920s. Sept. 5, 2015-Feb. 21, 2016.

That Day: Laura Wilson; Diverse communities of the West, outside the suburban middle class. Sept. 15, 2015-Feb. 14, 2016.

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Permanent Collection and special exhibits:

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Minutes of the MHA meeting on Aug. 18

By Secretary Valerie Ewing

Hosts: Melanie and Flavious Smith, 2400 Harrison Ave.

Attendees: Officers Josh Lindsay, Chad Jung, Jeri Jo Blackmon, Valerie Ewing and Mary Ellen Peipert; 22 neighbors; special guest speakers Suzy Coleman and Terry Muse.

7:10 p.m.: The meeting started with Mistletoe Heights Association President Josh Lindsay mentioning that he found the latest Harper Lee novel in the Little Free Library on the Triangle and remarked that this is an indication of what a great neighborhood we live in. Then he introduced one of our special guests, Terry Muse.

7:12 p.m.: Terry Muse is the manager of Fresh Market, a newly opened grocery store on University Drive. Fresh Market stores are based in North

Carolina, but they're also in Florida and Illinois. They are small and do not try to compete with Central Market. The staff is friendly and helpful and the store offers a wide variety of services, including groceries, catering and a deli where you can order your lunch and eat it in the café or take it with you.

7:16 p.m.: Josh thanked Melanie and Flavious Smith for hosting our neighborhood meeting, which segued into Melanie introducing the next guest speaker, Suzy Coleman, who has been with Historic Fort Worth since 2004. HFW is a nonprofit organization with a small staff. Its goal is historic preservation and funding of two landmarks, the McFarland House and Thistle Hill. Mrs. Coleman then mentioned various events coming up this fall: the Art Show, a Needlepoint Love Story and Cowtown Fashion Show. In May 2016, the Hidden Gardens of Fort Worth Tour will be in Mistletoe Heights. On May 13, garden owners who have been selected will be provided a Sunset Tour along with a sit-down dinner at Thistle Hill. On May 15, the tour is open to members of the public who have purchased tickets.

Q&A: How to apply? Fill out a form and you may be selected. Gardens range in size from large to small. If your garden is chosen, your address will not be made public until the day of the tour and only to those who have purchased tickets. The tour is limited to the garden

and not the residents' home. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the tour. Contact information: Suzy Coleman, 817-336-2344, ext. 100, or suzy_coleman@historicfortworth.org

7:30 p.m.: Special guests left and regular meeting discussion began.

7:31 p.m.: Approval of minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes from the last meeting with the motion seconded and approved.

7:32 p.m.: Officers' reports: Thank you to Rosaline Takes for bringing it to the attention of the city the litter along the road near our neighborhood. They responded quickly and it was cleaned up.

Treasury report: An expense report was distributed by Treasurer Jeri Jo Blackmon, with expenses listed. Of note, we have fewer advertisers and a larger newsletter, so we could use more advertisers to help cover the cost.

7:38 p.m.: Newsletter: Editor Mary Ellen Peipert expressed a general thank you to all who have contributed to the newsletter. The consensus among attendees was that the newsletter is enjoyable and interesting to read and thanks were extended to Mary Ellen for her contribution and improvement of the newsletter.

7:41 p.m.: Committee reports: Berm update: Rosaline Takes is stepping down from her involvement with this committee and made it known that if anyone is interested in taking over, please get involved. She had a meeting with city engineers and District 9 City Councilwoman Ann Zadeh and learned that what was originally promised is not going to be fulfilled, i.e., the berm will not be graded to reduce the "snipers nest," an area near the sound wall where a person can sit and not be visible from the road. The concern is

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that this area may encourage street people to loiter or provide a hiding spot for someone with nefarious intent. Suggestion: Place a walking path along the top of the berm to increase pedestrian traffic.

Question: Who will maintain the berm? The city will not be responsible for the berm on the south side of the sound wall. Angel Morales is with the Trinity Regional Water District and is the main contact for the area west of West Rosedale South Street/Mistletoe Drive. Re-engineering of the curve where those two streets meet is slated to begin in late October, followed by irrigation and tree planting in November. The aim is to complete it all by December.

Sprinkler system will be installed this fall. Landscape preference is to be trees and less shrubbery. A discussion then occurred among those present about the type of landscaping most appropriate for this area, i.e., avoid grass so we don't have to mow, plant more substantial trees, trees that have sticky leaves to absorb sound, xerophytic vegetation to

cut down on water expense.

7:43 p.m.: Jerome sidewalks: Elizabeth Northern provided an update. There may be a plan to place another stop sign on Jerome Street to help reduce speed. Construction of a continuous sidewalk along the east side of Jerome is set to begin this fall. Once school resumes, a Walking School Bus will begin on Magnolia Avenue, and all kids are welcome to join on the walk to Lily B. Clayton Elementary in the mornings.

8 p.m.: Development Committee: Update on the multiplex residence at Jerome and Rosedale streets. The area recently underwent replatting. The developers have plans, but they say they're "not ready to show" them yet. Per the city, the replatting could not be opposed and the developers are not

accepting TIF money. Therefore they can do what they want.

8:03 p.m.: New business:

1. Email regarding the speed limit on the Chisholm Trail Parkway. The 50 mph limit was a preference of the surrounding neighborhoods to reduce noise along that stretch.

2. We do not have a host for the next neighborhood meeting in November or a host for the annual Christmas party.

Question about alleys: The city is not responsible for maintenance of alleys. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the alleys and they cannot be blocked.

8:22 p.m.: Meeting adjourned.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Hosts for both the meeting and the Christmas party have since stepped forward

In the city.

Link to city online pothole reporting form:
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Saturday, November 7, 2015

10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

1700 University Drive

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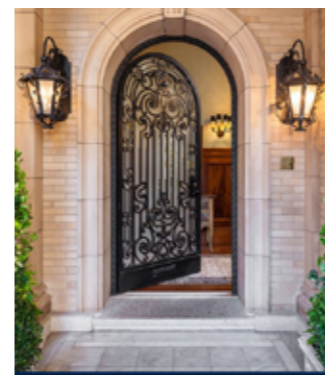
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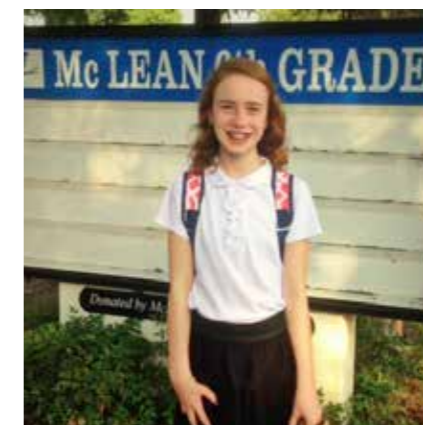
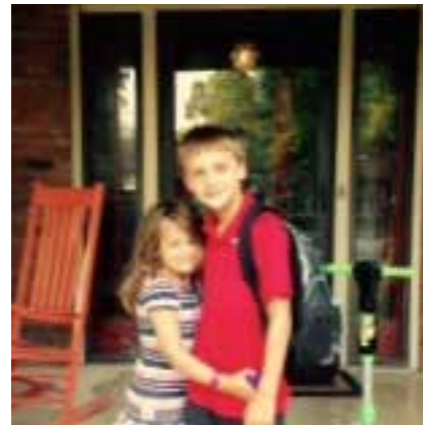
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Ready for School

We saw many fresh-faced youngsters – sporting new clothes, shoes and backpacks – out and about on the morning of Aug. 24, the start date for schools in the Fort Worth district.

So we asked proud moms and dads to send us photos of their eager students as they began the 2015-2016 academic year. Here is a selection of the photos.



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– Josh Lindsay, MHA president

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