



## Back to school

# Tips on preparing first-time students

By Jim Peipert

Kids may dread it. Most mothers welcome it.

Whatever your feeling, dread or delight, it's time to get ready for the 2016-2017 school year.

For the Fort Worth ISD, the first day of school is Monday, Aug. 22. And the district's website says: "It is very important that children are in school on the first day and every day."

The next couple of weeks will probably be spent rushing around scoping out the best back-to-school sales and buying new clothes and shoes, backpacks, notebooks and the other school supplies to put in the packs.

Returning students – to elementary, middle or high school – are used to these routines and probably are eager to greet classmates to tell them what they did during the summer break.

But for a child going to school for the first time, that first day can be stressful, even traumatic.

Such transitions, however, can be exciting opportunities for children to learn and grow. Parents and teachers share a role in making children feel safe and secure as they move to a new stage in their young lives.

Here are some tips gleaned from online sources on how parents can handle the transition.

### Establish school routines:

- Use the last days of summer to get into a school-day rhythm, such as having the child practice getting up and getting dressed

at the same time every morning. Start eating breakfast, lunch and snacks around the times your child will eat when school is in session. Let your child become involved with packing lunch or laying out clothes. Also, begin an earlier bedtime several weeks before the school year begins.

- Be enthusiastic about the upcoming change. If you are excited and confident, your child will be, too.

- Prepare yourself. Take note of how your child reacts to separation. If possible, visit the new school or kindergarten with your child. Introduce your child to the new teacher in advance.

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## A neighborhood Fourth of July

The 240th birthday of these United States was celebrated in the Triangle on July 4 in traditional fashion: a parade of kids on bikes, two bounce houses, patriotic music and good cheer among neighbors. See Pages 8 and 9 for selection of photos from the celebration.



## Two neighborhoods, one big splash!

Berkeley Place and Mistletoe Heights are having a joint end-of-summer splash bash on Saturday, Aug. 20, at Forest Park Pool (2850 Park Place Ave.) from 7 to 9 p.m.

Admission is free. Ice cream/popsicles will be provided. Bring your own food and drink. No alcohol or glass bottles allowed, and Fido must stay home that night. Come relax, get cool and meet old and new friends as we wind down the summer in this great neighborhood location.





## President's Corner

By Josh Lindsay



I've probably mentioned this before, but it sure is easy being an officer in the Mistletoe Heights Association because of the large bunch of talented, community-minded people in the neighborhood.

The Easter egg hunt, the Christmastime bow-tying party and the neighborhood Christmas party, the Fourth of July parade, wine walks,

block parties, movies in the park, neighborhood cleanup days, home and garden tours, a beautiful newsletter – all these things happen in our neighborhood purely because of volunteer power.

While some volunteers agreed to help after being asked, many of these activities and projects were dreamed up by the same people who ended up putting them into effect.

If there is something you would like to help with (perhaps Newby Park gardening?) or an idea you would like to pursue, please get in touch.

Speaking of people getting together to work things out, the installation of sidewalks on streets that don't have them has been raised at several neighborhood meetings.

The standard answer has been: "It's too expensive and complicated. You'll never get the city or enough residents to pay for it."

Well, last year the city found it had some leftover bond money.

The official in charge of sidewalks suggested that, with enough community support, that bond money could head right to our neighborhood for the new sidewalks.

The 2300 block of Mistletoe Drive and the 2200 block of Mistletoe Boulevard had been identified as locations either lacking sidewalks or with significant sidewalk gaps.

It's a rare occurrence to hear the city say yes to a request like this.

More important than the money involved, sidewalks would be a great improvement in safety for pedestrians young or old (especially along the curvy stretch of Mistletoe Drive that has no sidewalk at all).

Both the city and neighborhood officers will be reaching out to residents directly affected to gather input on this.

We will certainly discuss it at the next neighborhood meeting on Aug. 16.

But if you have any concerns or ideas, please feel free to get in touch.

All the best.

**Josh Lindsay**

**president@mistletoeheights.org**

**2238 Mistletoe Blvd.**

## Get connected

Get connected. Be more engaged. Please share with us your experiences of good will in the neighborhood to [newsletter@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:newsletter@mistletoeheights.org) and write me at [president@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:president@mistletoeheights.org). Here are some ways to find out what's going on in the neighborhood.

— Josh Lindsay, MHA president



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## Mark your calendars!



Members' meetings are quarterly on the second Tuesday of the month. Dates of the meetings for the remainder of 2016 are Aug. 16 and Nov. 15.

- Tuesday, Aug. 16: Mistletoe Heights Association members meeting at the home of Abe and Kim Factor, 1300 Mistletoe Drive, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

- Saturday, Aug. 20: Berkeley Place/Mistletoe Heights joint end-of-summer pool party at Forest Park Pool (2850 Park Place Ave.) from 7 to 9 p.m.

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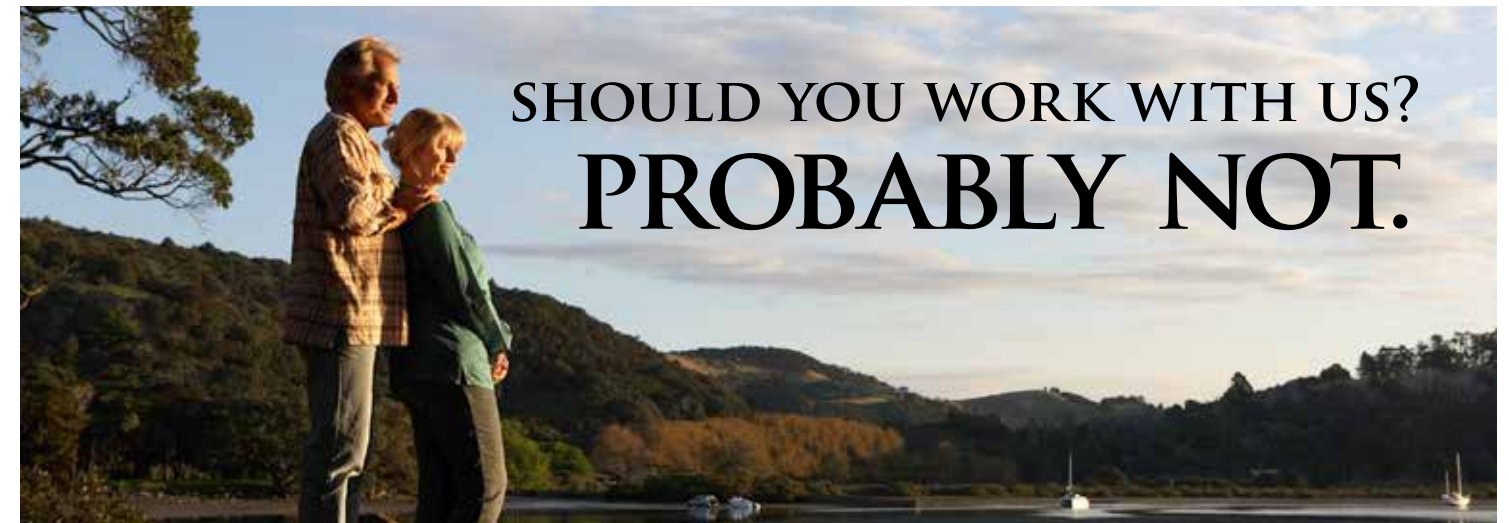
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The *Mistletoe Express* is looking for someone to contact local businesses to advertise in our newsletter.

Over the past few years, the number of advertisers has dwindled, and we need new advertisers to break even on the cost of the newsletter.

Ideally, having an advertising manager for the newsletter would remedy this situation. The position would require a time commitment of only a few hours a month

But if any individual neighbor has a contact with a business proprietor and would be willing to speak directly to that person about advertising in the *Mistletoe Express*, that would also be helpful.

If you are interested and able to help, contact treasurer Jeri Jo Blackmon for details about ad specifications, deadlines and pricing, or just look on the back page of the newsletter.

You know you know somebody!  
Thanks!

## Volunteers needed

We need more volunteers! Help us make this neighborhood better.

Are you new to the neighborhood and would like to get involved? Here are a few great ways, and you will get to meet a lot of interesting neighbors!

**Historical Preservation Committee:** We are looking for any interested people to join the Historical Preservation Committee. Help us ensure the integrity of the architecture in our community.

**Advertising manager:** We are looking for someone to solicit and manage ads from local businesses. You would work closely with the treasurer. It would require only a few hours a month. (See "Who do you know?" item on Page 4 of this newsletter for more information.)

**Social chairperson:** Are you a "people person"? We are looking for someone to help coordinate neighborhood events. Most of them already have established leaders, so it would just be a matter of coordination. Other duties would involve finding locations for members' meetings and the Christmas party and providing snacks, drinks and tableware for such meetings. All costs would be reimbursed.

**Newby Park Gardening Committee:** We are looking for a group of people to work on a rotating basis to care for the plants and flowers in Newby Park. Rosaline Eastepp Takes will provide information about the specific duties involved and will manage the schedule.

**Wine and Walk leader:** We are looking for a person or family to provide a gathering place and starting point for Wine and Walk. Wine and Walk is a fun, informal gathering of Mistletoe Heights residents, including adults, children, strollers and pets, for a leisurely stroll through the neighborhood for about 30 to 45 minutes while sipping our favorite beverages. It usually takes place on Sunday evenings at about 7 p.m. in nice weather. It's a wonderful way to meet new and old neighbors and all we need is someone's driveway to start from. Hosts do not need to provide refreshments; it's BYOB. Hosts may need to send out a reminder email regarding dates or cancellations.

**Christmas party host:** We are looking for someone to host the annual Christmas party.

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# Back-to-school tips

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- Arrange a play date with another child from the school, preferably one on one, so that your child will see a familiar face when he or she walks in.
- Start daily routines that will add to continuity. Put aside extra time, particularly on the first day, for chatting and commuting together. But remember not to prolong the goodbye. If the child whines or clings, staying will only make it harder.
- Always say goodbye to your child. Be firm, but friendly about separating. Never ridicule a child for crying. Instead, make supportive statements like, "It's hard to say goodbye."
- At the end of the work day, put aside your concerns and focus on being a parent.

## Nurture independence

- Once the classroom door shuts, your child will need to manage a lot of things on his or her own. Get the child ready for independence by talking ahead of time about responsibilities he or she is old enough to shoulder. This might include organizing school materials, writing down assignments and bringing home homework. Even if your child is young, you can instill skills that will build confidence and independence at school. Have your young child practice writing his or her name and tying his or her own shoes.

## Create a launch pad

- At home, you can designate a spot where school things like backpacks and lunch boxes always go to avoid last-minute scrambles in the morning. You might also have your child

make a list of things to bring to school and post it by the front door.

## Designate a space

- At school your child has a desk or table where he or she works. There's plenty of light, lots of supplies and enough room to work. Why not provide the child with the same type of environment for homework? A designated homework space often makes it easier and more fun for children to complete assignments at home. A desk is great, but a basket of supplies and a stretch of kitchen counter work just as well.

## Read, again and again

- It's often said that children spend the first several years learning to read, and the rest of the lives reading to learn. The written word is a gateway to all kinds of learning, and the more you read to your child, the better chance he or she has of becoming a proficient and eager reader. Try to sit down with your child to read a little bit every day, give the child plenty of opportunities to read out loud to you, as well, and, above all, have fun. While the importance of reading with your child cannot be stressed enough, it should not be the cause of stress.

## Take the lead

- Children learn by example. Let your kids "catch" you reading. Take time to learn a new skill and discuss the experience with them. Sit down and pay bills or do other "homework" while your kids do their schoolwork. If you display a strong work ethic and continually seek out learning opportunities for yourself, your kids will begin to model that same behavior in their own lives.

## Talk often

- Do you know how your child feels about his or her classroom, the teacher and classmates? If not, ask. Talk about what he or she likes and doesn't like at school. Provide a chance to express anxieties, excitements or disappointments about each day, and continue to support and encourage the child by praising achievements and efforts.

## Show interest

- Don't limit your support to your child; extend it to the teachers as well. Meet the teachers and stay in regular contact by phone or email so that you can discuss any concerns as they arise. Not only will it pave the way for you to ask questions, but it will also make the teachers more comfortable with calling you if they have concerns about your child.

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Children walking to Lily B. Elementary School as part of the Walking School Bus project on Oct. 10, 2014. Their efforts, along with the involvement of Mayor Betsy Price and neighborhood volunteers, helped move the city to install sidewalks along Jerome Street.

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## Expect success

- Perhaps the most important way you can support your child's efforts at school is to expect him or her to succeed. That doesn't mean that you demand he or she be the best student or the best athlete or the best artist. Rather, let the child know that you expect him to do his or her best.

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Much of the advice his article is from Healthy Child Magazine and other online sources.*



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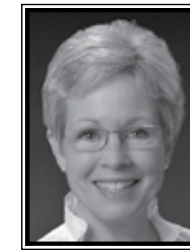
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**Mistletoe Heights observes  
America's 240th birthday on July  
4 in the Triangle with a parade of  
kids on bikes, patriotic music and  
good cheer among neighbors.**

Photos by Jim Peipert





## Yard of the month: 2218 Harrison Ave.



By Bruce Horn

The Yard of the Month award for August-September goes to Aaron and Julie Torkelson at 2218 Harrison Ave.

The Torkelsons bought their home in 2007 and did some remodeling before moving in.

Aaron is in the fire alarm and sprinkler systems business and Julie is vice president at TMX Finance. They have an 8-year-old daughter.

They put in the front landscape themselves. Their choice of plant materials in front borrows from and contributes to the architecture of their home.

Their formal treatment of the front beds with the long horizontal lines goes perfectly with the roofline of the house.



Facing south, those beds get a lot of sun, and the Torkelsons put in two varieties of lantana. You just can't beat old-fashioned lantana for a full-sun location. They keep theirs trimmed low, and the result is perfect definition for the entire bed.

In the front beds there are also some well-shaped crape myrtles.

Crape myrtles are another plant with which you simply can't go wrong in a full-sun placement.

The key, however, is pruning and shaping them with forethought, because once a cut is made in any tree you're going to live with the consequences forever.



Aaron and Julie have taken pains to shape their crape myrtles into perfect form.

The beds are layered according to height. Behind the lantanas is variegated privet. There are also some nice loropetalum and wax leaf ligustrum at accent points in that front bed.

The inviting porch has several color pots and some hanging baskets, all of which make for a really nice touch.

The pot on the east side of the porch has an abundance of hibiscus in it. Over on the west side there is a bunch of knockout roses.

What's interesting about that is that Julie told me she put them in for her neighbor's sake, because the neighbor mentioned how much she'd like to see some roses there along her driveway. We are all in this together, aren't we?

To me, the total front landscape of the Torkelsons' home is beautiful, practical and highly functional.

The manicured lawn brings you out to the curb, which is where it all kind of starts.

The design flirts with minimalism, and for their house that is the perfect goal to have set. And they just thought it up themselves and did it ... bull's eye!

Photos by Jim Peipert



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Thanks to an anonymous donor, a new baseball backstop will be installed by the city in Newby Park during the third week of August.

If you know of any other "unsung heroes," please contact [newsletter@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:newsletter@mistletoeheights.org) so we can include them in the next newsletter.

Thank you to all who help make our neighborhood better.



## Welcome to new neighbors, as of spring/summer 2016

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

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Josh Lindsay  
[president@mistletoeheights.org](mailto:president@mistletoeheights.org)

Mistletoe Heights, as a "front porch community," would like to welcome all new residents.

If you know of any new neighbors, or if you're a new neighbor, please contact our association president, Josh Lindsay, or our newsletter editor, Mary Ellen Peipert.

They will need your name, address, names of family members, age and gender of children and your contact information.

They will then pass your information on to our incredible duo of ladies, Kathy Jo Rogers and Denise Semple, of the Welcome Basket Committee, who would like to present you with a basket of goodies to welcome you to the neighborhood.

Mary Ellen Peipert  
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817-927-8876.

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fortworthtexas.gov	
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Garage sale permits	817.392.7851
Graffiti abatement	
817.212.2700	
Lily B. Clayton Elementary	817.922.6660
schools.fwisd.org/clayton	
Paschal High School	817.814.5000
paschalhs.org	
Historical Preservation	
Liz Casso	817.392.8037
liz.casso@fortworthtexas.gov	
Southside Preservation Hall	
817.926.2800	
Hallyes@earthlink.net	
southsidepreservation.com	
The T/Longhorn Trolley	817.215.8600
the-t.com	
Trinity Railway Express	817.215.8600
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2300 Irwin	
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2300/2400 Mistletoe Blvd.	
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2300 West Magnolia	
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2300/2400 Harrison	
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2300 Mistletoe Ave.	
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### Neighborhood police officers

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### MHA yearly memberships

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