

## 2018 Tournament of Roses Presidential Visit–What you need to know

On May 18-21, the 2018 Tournament of Roses President, Lance Tibbet, and his wife, Amelia, will be visiting with the Westlake Marching Thunder. The purpose of his visit is to help promote the band and to help us raise money. This is also an opportunity to form relationships that will continue through our trip to the 2018 Rose Parade. While parents and students will not be involved in every aspect of this visit, there are several key events that do require band member participation and volunteer help. Here are the details that will apply to band members and parents. Please make note and plan to participate!

**May 19 Cool School of the Week with Fox 13:** On Friday, May 19, Westlake will be featured as the Cool School of the Week on Fox 13. The band will be featured several times during this morning. We need students to arrive at Westlake by 5:20 a.m. dressed in Westlake gear and ready to cheer and be excited. They will be directed where to go and what to do once they are there. All students are expected to participate. 9<sup>th</sup> Grade students may also attend this but will need transportation back to the Middle School, particularly if they attend Frontier Middle School. The final segment is at 9:45 am, so students should be ready to return to classes at around 9:50 am.

**May 20, 8:00-11:30 am, Service Project and ChickfilA lunch:** On Saturday, May 20, students (and interested parents) will **meet at Westlake High School in the Band parking lot between 7:45 and 8:00 am.** In conjunction with our 2018 Rose Parade theme of “Making a Difference” we will be carrying out service projects in both the Saratoga Springs and Eagle Mountain communities. The Tibbets will be in attendance at both projects at different points during the course of the morning. We will divide and send students to the two projects as they arrive so we can be sure that both projects get the volunteers they need. City representatives will be on site at each project beginning at 8:30 am, so we need to have students divided and sent and on site for instructions by this time. Projects are anticipated to last 2 hours, finishing at 10:30 am so students can return to Westlake for lunch at Westlake at 11:00 am, provided by ChickfilA. (We will send a signup to help provide side items for this lunch) Students should plan to wear gloves and sturdy shoes and bring rakes, hoes, shovels, and clippers if they have them. These are cleanup projects, so please dress accordingly. All students are expected to attend and help with this project.

**May 20, President’s Gala 6:00-8:30 pm:** On Saturday evening, we will hold the 2018 Tournament of Roses President’s Gala. This Gala is a fundraiser that has a target audience of business owners and philanthropists. The ticket price is \$120 per plate—which is intended to push our audience outside of our circle of parents and into the community. Our target is to sell 200 tickets. We have 2 weeks to do this (we must give the caterer a count 1 week before the event) and we will need your help! If every student were to find one person to purchase a ticket, we would already be almost to our goal!

The Wind Symphony and Jazz Band will be performing at the Gala. They will be required to attend and will be helping to serve. We will need additional student and parent help as well. A signup will be sent out for this purpose. We will also hold a Silent Auction in conjunction with this event. Section Parents will be in touch with members of their sections to help put together one themed basket per section (2 for large sections like Front Ensemble and Color Guard) to be auctioned off that evening. We will also need volunteers to help run the auction.

We are in need of parent volunteers who will help sell tickets for the Gala and procure donations for the auction. If you can help with any aspect of the Gala or auction, or any of these activities, please contact Charlotte Ducos ([cdducos@gmail.com](mailto:cdducos@gmail.com), 801-420-5269) and she will get you set up to help where you are needed. Thank you!