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WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

"They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,
'Hosanna!'
'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'
'Blessed is the king of Israel!'
John 12: 13

The word Hosanna has two meanings. On the one hand, it's a cry for help. It literally means "Please, save us!" A few Sundays ago, we celebrated Palm Sunday, the day when Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and the people cried out "Hosanna." It applies to us today, we need salvation, we need to be rescued from this virus and its effects. But the word Hosanna also means "Praise God!" And that helps us remember that even in the midst of this event, we can praise God. We want to encourage you to keep praying, God come save us, but don't stop your praise, don't stop giving thanks, don't forget our God is still good, and He is still in control.

IMPORTANT

If you have any questions, prayer requests, or concerns, please call/text 713-897-1195 or message us on [Facebook](#). Also, if your teacher or principal has not reached out to you, please let us know.

IF YOU WANT TO STAY
UPDATED THROUGH
SPRINGSPIRIT, PLEASE...

Send a text to:
81010

Text
this message:
@sspitner



COVID-19 UPDATE

The COVID-19 virus continues to be an issue affecting our community. Current regulations for social distancing have been extended through April 30th. SpringSpirit is continually assessing the situation, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone in person again once it is safe to do so. For the most updated information on our response to the Coronavirus and current programming, please refer to our website at <https://www.springspirit.org/coronavirus.html>.

CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

HOUSING



Rent:

- No evictions until April 26th. (this could be extended)
- If given a "Notice to Vacate" Call Lone Star Legal Aid (713-652-0077) or the Texas State Bar Referral Service (1-800-252-9690)
- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 for rent assistance

Utilities:

- No power and water shut offs allowed until September

Unless something changes, you will be responsible to pay your bills in the future.

FOOD



School Districts:

- Houston and Fort Bend area schools are offering free meals for students Monday - Friday.
- Students must be present.
- Visit their websites for a list of locations.

Food Banks:

- Call the Houston Food Bank helpline at 832-369-9390
- text FOOD to 855-308-2282 to find the nearest food Pantry in the area.

Government Assistance

- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 and ask how to apply for DSNAP (Food Stamps)

INCOME



Unemployment:

- If have a social security number or work permit and have lost your job or work hours, apply online at twc.texas.gov (preferred)
- Or by phone at 800-939-6631.
- Keep trying if you can't get through.
- Benefits don't start until you apply

Stimulus:

- For people who filed 2018 or 2019 tax return, you can get a \$1,200 stimulus check for each adult and \$500 per child.
- Checks will come by direct deposit or mail
- Visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>
- If you need your Stimulus Check for current living expenses like food and rent, consider canceling automatic withdrawals for payday loans and other expenses.

HEALTHCARE & MENTAL HEALTH



Insurance:

- Visit HarrisHealth.org to see if you qualify for a Gold Card for free or low-cost health insurance

Clinics:

- Call 211 or 877-541-7905 for info on where you can get affordable healthcare
- For free information about symptoms call Ask My Nurse Helpline: 713-634-1110 or the Memorial Hermann Nurse Health Line 713-338-7979 / 1-855-577-7979 (Available 24/7)

Mental Health:

- The Harris County COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line: 833-251-7544 (Available 24/7)

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For the latest information on COVID-19 cases in the U.S. and federal guidelines, please refer to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

For the most current information on the Texas specific guidelines, as well as what to do if you are sick, please refer to the Texas Health and Human Services site at <https://www.dshs.state.tx.us/coronavirus/>.

For the most current information on the Harris County specific guidelines and local testing centers, please refer to the Harris County Public Health site at <http://publichealth.harriscountytexas.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus>.

Please follow these guidelines and stay safe!

COVID-19 TESTING

The Houston Health Department's two COVID-19 drive-thru sites are now open to anyone who wants to get the test, regardless of symptoms. To get a test, you must call the department's COVID-19 call center at 832-393-4220 between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM to receive a unique identification code and instructions on where to go for testing and how to obtain test results. You must get the identification code. People who show up at the test site without the code will not get tested.

Face Covering Order

Harris County is now requiring all people over the age of 10 to use face coverings when leaving the home. This includes homemade masks, scarves, bandanas, or handkerchiefs. Exceptions are made for anyone who is exercising alone, eating/drinking, or driving. This order will last until May 26th. For information on face coverings, including how to make your own, click [here](#).

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Share the newsletter with friends/family Storytime @ 6:00 pm (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84614721134)	<i>TikTok Challenge.</i> Recreate your favorite TikTok (or create your own!) and share with the staff through text or social media!	Game Night @ 7:00 pm with Juan Ramirez (https://zoom.us/j/398196452)	Pray Room @ 9:30 am with Ana Mendoza (https://zoom.us/j/528138335)	Ministry Message with David Balyeat (Instagram and Facebook)	<i>Let the Kids Play Challenge.</i> Send us a picture/video or tag us on social media of your kids playing their favorite sport.	<i>Parents Challenge.</i> Send us a picture/video or tag us on social media of you either pitching, batting, throwing, catching, or kicking a ball with your kids.

UNEMPLOYMENT

If you have become unemployed, or are a contractor/self-employed who is out of work due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for unemployment benefits. These benefits include state benefits plus an additional \$600 a week from the federal government. **It is important that you file for unemployment benefits as soon as possible.** To apply, go to [this website](#) or call 800-939-6631. Both the website and phone number are very busy so you may have to try many times.

Stimulus CHECK

If you want to check the status of your stimulus check, or have any questions regarding who is eligible and when you will receive it, please go to [this website](#). For additional assistance, contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040.

MISC.

SBISD is proud to announce a pilot program by placing a Wi-Fi enabled bus at SpringSpirit. SBISD students can access the Wi-Fi from their SBISD issued device (directions linked). Wi-Fi will be available from 9am to 2pm, Monday through Friday. Check your Remind messages for instructions.

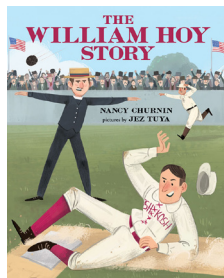
The Spring Branch Community Health Center clinics are still serving the community. Click [here](#) for more information.

Iglesia Generaciones are distributing food to families in urgent need in Spring Branch Monday-Friday 10am - 2pm 1330 Gessner Rd Houston Texas 77055. Click [here](#) to listen to Pastor Joseph Rios' message

Click [here](#) to see the SBISD food distribution schedule and pickup locations.

EDUCATION

Join us for SpringSpirit Storytime on Zoom TONIGHT (Monday, April 27th) at 6pm. We're reading a great book about a baseball player! The book is a 3rd and 4th grade reading level but anyone can participate. Come ready to listen and answer a few questions. Use this Zoom link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84614721134>



DIGITAL LEARNING

Use the links below to find the elearning resource page for your district.

SBISD

For more information, go to <https://www.springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/digitalbackpack>



HISD

For more information, go to <https://www.houstonisd.org/Page/180154>



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HOME-BASED ONGOING
MOBILE EDUCATION

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For more information, go to <https://www.cfisd.net/en/parents-students/health/coronavirus/learning-home>



INTERNET HELP



To enter the lottery for free computers in Harris County, go to <https://www.compudopt.org/covid>

To find free/low cost internet and computers by zipcode, go to <https://www.everyoneon.org/find-offers>

Our softball girls started an ice bucket challenge as a way to offer some light-hearted entertainment for the kids during this time. It has now spread to other program areas so be on the lookout for someone to challenge you!



MEET THE STAFF

Ana Mendoza



Nickname: Negrita

Biggest pet peeve: Automated call systems

Famous person that I wish I could meet one day: Tin Tan

Favorite hometown activity: Visit El Mirador del Obispado

Favorite number: 4, it represents my four kids

Favorite SpringSpirit memory: After praying for a kid that couldn't sleep for days, he came to me running the next time he saw me screaming "Miss Mendoza, the day you prayed for me, I could sleep."



Q: How do you feel about putting pineapple on pizza?

A: Love it!

Q: What does your perfect breakfast look like?

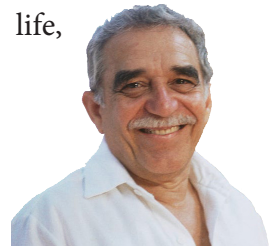
A: Spicy red salsa chilaquiles

Q: What's your favorite piece of clothing that you own/owned?

A: Ponchos

Q: If someone narrated your life, who would be the narrator?

A: Gabriel Garcia Marquez



Q: If you could have an all-expenses paid trip to see any famous world monument, which monument would you choose?

A: Ephesus Celsus Library

Q: What household chore do you actually enjoy?

A: Organizing closets

