

EAST CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT— PARENT BULLETIN

December 1, 2015



Winter Break

Winter Break will begin with early dismissal at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 18, 2015, and continue through January 1, 2016. The home-room parties will be from 12:15-12:45 PM on December 18th. School will resume at regular time on Monday, January 4, 2016.

Have a Safe & Wonderful Holiday!

B.E.S.T. CLUB NEWS

The B.E.S.T. Club met on November 4, 2015. Members decorated boxes for the food drive for the Portland Food Pantry. Boxes were placed in all classrooms the week of November 19th. The class that collected the largest amount of canned goods in each grade level received a treat.

The Winter social will be held on Friday, December 4th from 6:00-7:00 in the cafeteria.

ONLY members will be able to attend this meeting. Members will need to have their pledge cards turned in to Mrs. Ramirez before receiving an invitation.



P.T.O. Meeting 5th Grade
Winter Wonderland Program

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Our 5th grade students will be performing a Winter Wonderland Program.

VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK

A volunteer criminal history check needs to be completed before a person can volunteer in our school district especially if you are planning to help with Dec. 18th classroom parties.



GIFTED-TALENTED KINDERGARTEN NOMINATIONS

Gifted and Talented (GT) Kindergarten nominations began on Monday, November 16, 2015. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, December 18, 2015. If you wish to nominate your child, please pick up a nomination packet in the school office. **Nominations forms need to be turned in by Friday, December 18, 2015.**

Kindergarten students who are identified as G-T will begin program participation by March 1, 2016.

**NEWS
FLASH!**

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



by
Sharon Musich

Cool Kids Skills for the Month of December:

Accepting Feedback or Correction

1. Look and listen.
2. Say "OK."
3. No arguing, whining, or pouting.

Accepting "No" As an Answer

1. Look.
2. Keep a pleasant face.
3. No arguing, whining, or pouting.
4. If you don't understand, ask why.
5. If you disagree, discuss it later.

Character Pillars

Introduced During the First Six Weeks:

- I. Citizenship
 - A. Cooperate
 - B. Obey the laws and rules
 - C. Protect the environment
- II. Responsibility
 - A. Do what you are supposed to do
 - B. Do your best
 - C. Use self-control
- III. Respect
 - A. Treat others the way you want to be treated
 - B. Be polite and courteous
 - C. Be accepting of differences in others

FITNESS CLUB

Just a reminder for parents-FITNESS CLUB is from 3:40-4:15 pm. Please pick up your child in the front parking lot at 4:15 pm.

Thank you! Coach Krebs

ATTENDANCE NEWS:

A few Attendance Reminders:

- If your child is absent, please send a note. (parent or doctor notes).
- Notes can be e-mailed to asacky@g-pisd.org.
- Doctor notes will be required after 4 consecutive days absent.
- When a student is going to be out, because of a trip or vacation, please contact the office and teachers as soon as possible before the trip. Teachers can work with students to keep them ahead if they have plenty of notice.
- When checking out students, please try to check them out at a time when they will miss the least amount of class time. If you know ahead of time that your child will be checked out early, let the teachers know so they can make sure they do not fall behind in getting work done.
- Tardies-Please remember that the tardy bell rings at 7:50 AM. After 5 tardies, students will start having recess detention every time they are tardy after that.
- If you have any questions, please contact Abby Sacky at (361)777-4255 or e-mail her at asacky@g-pisd.org.

P.E. NEWS from

Vicki Krebs, P.E. teacher

- ★ Reindeer Camp begins Monday, November 30, 2015 for all P.E. Classes. We will be practicing various activities requiring skills reindeer use.
- ★ Cooler weather is approaching. Please put your child's name in their jacket.

★ Thank you for your cooperation! ★

LIBRARY NEWS

from Melinda Longoria



Our fall book fair was a huge success! Thank you to our East Cliff Volunteers for all your help throughout the book fair. I appreciate all the support from our students, parents, and teachers. A special "thank you" to all of the grandparents who visited the library on Grandparent's Day! Happy reading!

December Newsletter

Choir News

Dec. 3 Community Choir Concert with other elementary schools

(Limited to 35 members) Meet at the Community Center at 6:40 p.m. The list of students who earned the right to attend was sent home.

December 5- All choir students-Sing for the Christmas Tour of Homes hosted by Chatwork Club- Students need to be at the Community Center by 3:15 p.m.

December 17- Choir Tour- (tentative date) All students with good attendance- Be on lookout for permission slips and information.

Choir Performance-Sing Along- Dec. 18

The choir will perform for the school and then lead the students in a sing along. This will replace the school wide sing along.

4th Grade - Recorder Karate

Congratulations to the students who have worked hard on Recorder Karate. As of November 13, the following students have earned their Black Belts:

Ms. Foley's class: Kylee Powers, Jens Quam, Megan Stendebach, Zia Weir

Mrs. Wiatrek's class: Jessica Abt, Izaiyah Barry-Ureste, Lilly Brewster, Sami Gregory, Camryn Kahl, Brodie Miller, Max Obregon, Rachelle Powell, Madison Snody, Boede Talamantez

Mrs. Zipprian's class: (getting close)

Mrs. Ramirez' class: Garrett Carter, Gracie Cox, Elijah Young

The deadline for checking off songs will be December 11.

1st grade: The instruments that the 1st graders made and brought to school were fantastic. Thank you parents for helping with that.

PARKING LOT SAFETY



Everyone's cooperation is needed for the safety of our children. When traveling through the teachers' parking lot, please SLOW DOWN. Watch out for children being dropped off or crossing the crosswalk. Please remind your children to walk their bikes around the campus.

Thank you for your cooperation.

East Cliff Yearbooks on Sale!!!

YEARBOOKS ARE LOW PRICE OF \$25.00. GET YOURS NOW BEFORE THE PRICE GOES UP TO \$30.00!

Checks made out to **EAST CLIFF PTO** IN AN ENVELOPE LABELED WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. YEARBOOK ORDER, YOUR CHILD'S NAME, TEACHER, AND A PHONE NUMBER.

We will be selling ad space to help cover the costs so if you are interested in purchasing some personal (P) or commercial (C) ad space please email Terra Lovins at mindy14038@yahoo.com.

Advertising Prices are as follows: 1/8 page is \$25 (C) and \$15 (P), 1/4 page is \$35(C) and \$30 (P), 1/2 page is \$50 (C) and \$40 (P).

Box Tops for Education from PTO

The numbers are in for this month.....2885! That brings our total up to just over 10,000! Our goal is 25,000. We are thankful for your continued support. Keep sending those box tops in!

Collection day is always around the 10th of each month. The Box Tops team will gladly accept box tops in baggies or on sheets. If you place them on sheets please do not staple them. You can turn in your box tops anytime during the month.

The class winners for November are as follows:

Kinder: McVay (647) Trophy winner!

1st: Dendy (132)

2nd: Reitman (201)

3rd: Pyles (435)

4th: Wiatrek (29)

5th: Jackson (347)

Next collection date: Thursday, December 10th. Thank You!!



Nurses Station- by Sonia Marquez RN

With the cold season here, I just wanted to remind you of the following requirements if you need to send medication to school for your child. **First**, make sure that medication is in the original container and appropriate for your child's age. **Second**, check the expiration date. And **finally**, send a permission note that tells the child's name, the medication and dosage, and the times it can be given (or state " as needed every ____ hours"). There are pre-printed permission slips with appropriate blanks available in the clinic. Cough drops, if provided by you for your child, will be stored in the clinic and administered **ONLY** to your child. Thank you for taking care of your child's medication needs.