



EAST CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT— PARENT BULLETIN February 1, 2016



Dear Parents,

Regular school attendance is necessary and very important. The first semester attendance ending average was very low at 96.99%. Just a reminder our attendance rate effects our accountability rating. Our goal is 97%. All academic lessons are sequential with each lesson built on previous lessons. Each day of school missed is lost. We ask that each student attend school everyday, unless an illness or emergency prevents them from doing so. Therefore, we ask that family fun trips be scheduled on school holidays. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated. Parents and school staff working together can meet the educational goals of all our students.

Sincerely,
Alma Linda Munoz

5th Grade Mock Math & Reading Tests

A 5th grade mock practice test for Reading will be administered on Tuesday, February 9th and on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd the mock math will be administered to all 5th grade students. The purpose of the test is to expose students to the format and test-taking setting. On these days all our students will be eating in their classroom for lunch.



**NEWS
FLASH!**

College Days

Students, parents and faculty, please join us in helping to promote higher education on our campus. The first Wednesday of each month will be **College Day!** Wear a college shirt in support of your favorite college, your alma mater, or where you hope to attend one day! Dates: Feb. 3, March 2, April 6, May 4.



Nurses Station
From
Sonia Marquez

IT'S COLD & FLU SEASON AGAIN!

It's not always easy to tell the difference between a cold and the flu, but here are some general symptoms that may help differentiate between them:

Flu Symptoms	Cold Symptoms
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sudden Onset• High Fever• Severe Exhaustion• Dry Cough• Headache• Decreased Appetite• Muscle Aches• Chills• Usually no sore throat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slow Onset• No (or mild) Fever• Mild Exhaustion• Severe or Hacking Cough• Usually no headache• Normal Appetite• Usually no muscle aches• Usually no chills• Sore Throat

Important note: Symptoms vary from child to child; call your child's healthcare provider if you suspect the flu.

HAND WASHING TIPS

Wash before eating and cooking
Wash after touching animals
Wash after using the bathroom
Wash after blowing your nose, coughing, & sneezing
Use warm water
Use soap and lather for 10-15. Make it fun by singing a favorite song!
Use colorful soap made for kids – some even come in fun shapes and scents!
Make sure to get in between your fingers, under fingernails, and around the wrists
Rinse & dry well with a clean towel

QUIZ

1. Children get more colds than adults do. True or False?
2. There are more than 200 viruses know to cause colds. True or false?
3. What is the best way to prevent the spread of a cold or the flu?

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. True
2. True
3. Hand Washing!

(Source: www.kidshealth.org)

Box Tops for Education from PTO

The numbers are in and 2016 is off to a great start.
Kinder McVay with 195
1st Dendy with 466 - Trophy winner!
2nd Garcia with 202
3rd Grade Pyles with 212
4th Grade-Foley with 218
5th Grade-Duran with 66

Thanks to all for supporting with Box Tops.....

B.E.S.T. CLUB NEWS



The B.E.S.T. Club will have its next meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:20 AM in the gym. Members will make valentine sacks for the children at Driscoll Hospital. There will not be a meeting in March because of Spring Break.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS

GPISD will again be offering Self-responsibility Education classes to our fifth graders as mandated by law. There will be a Self Responsibility Informational Meeting for Parents on Tuesday, Feb. 23rd at 5:30 pm at T. M. Clark Elementary where an overview of the program will be presented. Self Responsibility classes will be on March 8, 9, and 10th through P/E Music classes.



Just a reminder the tardy bell rings at 7:50 AM. Please have your child to school before this time.

THANK YOU.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Cool Kids skills for the month of February are:

Making an Apology

1. Look
2. Use a calm body and voice.
3. Say what you are sorry about.
4. Say what you will do differently.

Asking for What You Want

1. Look at the person.
2. Use a nice voice.
3. Say "Please" and tell what you want.
4. Say "Thank you."
5. Or accept "No."

P. E. News

There are a few jackets in the lost and found in the gym. Parents, please write your child's first and last name inside jackets.



We are still having students come to P.E. without tennis shoes. This will affect the student's grade in P.E., as they are not allowed to participate. Thanks for your help!

Coach Krebs



OFFICE DEPOT
5% BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM
HELP EAST CLIFF GET
FREE SUPPLIES!
ID # 70100252

When parents and teachers provide our ID number while shopping at Office Depot, East Cliff will receive credit equal to 5% to use for FREE SUPPLIES!

Thank you for your support of our school!

Spring Student Pictures



Spring student pictures and classroom group pictures will be taken on February 5, 2016. The backdrop for the individual picture will be a "Ranch Style Theme." Spring student pictures are not pre-paid. You and your child will have the option of buying some or all of the pictures. The cost of the entire packet is \$45.00 which includes 1-8x10, 1-5x7; 4-billfolds of each pose; montage of 3 poses. The following is the price list for individual sheets: 5 sheets = \$39.00; 4 sheets = \$33.00; 3 sheets = \$27.00; 2 sheets = \$21.00; 1 sheet = \$14.00; and the collage = \$24.00. **Payment for the homeroom GROUP PICTURE is due on picture day. The cost is \$10.00.** Please make checks payable to Strawbridge Studios. The spring pictures will be sent home in 2-3 weeks.



*** Dear Parents:**



*** Just a reminder if you have a change of address or phone number, please update your new information in Skyward or notify Mrs. Sacky in the office.**
*** We will need proof of residence if there is an address change. The school's automated messenger uses this information to update the public about any school changes.**



☐ SCIENCE PROJECT

☐ Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have been assigned their Science project and they are due on Thursday, Feb. 26, 2016. We encourage parents to help each child choose a project that will be of interest to them, so they will work hard and have a GREAT project to enter in the Science Fair. There will be a question and answer session for any kinder thru 2nd grade parent interested in entering their student into the science fair, on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, in the library from 4-5p.m.

☐ The East Cliff Elementary Science Fair will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, for Kinder through 3rd grade and Friday, March 11, 2016, for 4th and 5th grades.

☐ More information about the Science Fair will be sent home later.

4th GRADE FIELD TRIP

The 4th grade students will be going on a field trip to San Antonio on February 26, 2016. Reminder to parents who will be joining them on the field trip to be sure and have their criminal background check in by February 12, 2016.



February Newsletter

3rd grade-The new recorders are on order! When they arrive, you should be hearing some recorder melodies when your children practice at home. Students will be earning belts by playing assigned songs for me. Please be patient with these budding musicians and encourage them to practice. Please help them to keep track of their recorders and folders. **The recorders will be used again in 4th grade.** Recorders may be washed in hot soapy water.

Music Memory- East Cliff has a three U.I.L Music Memory teams. The 3rd grade team includes Cali Gregory, Elena Miller, Bella Reed, Haleigh Cook, and Sienna Miller. The 4th grade team includes Sami Gregory, Maria Garcia, and Hailey Rasmussen. Olivia Rittel, Livia Smith, and Ella Sanchez are the 5th grade team members. The Elementary UIL meet will be held on February 13, 2016 in Kingsville. Good luck to the participants.

1st Grade Program-Save the Date

The 1st graders program will be Tuesday, March 1st at 5:30. It will coincide with Open House. More information will be sent home.

RECYCLE: Don't forget to recycle with E.C. Music. This company recycles ink cartridges, laser cartridges, cell phones, mp3 players, gps devices, digital cameras, and laptops. I am trying to earn enough money to get a new iPod or perhaps even an iPad for the music room. Businesses may help as well. Just go to www.fundingfatory.com and sign up. You just need our school ID- East Cliff Elementary ID# 307547. Then you can send in items and they will credit our school. Thanks to those parents who have faithfully supported us!