

EAST CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT— PARENT BULLETIN January 4, 2016



Dear Parents and Students,

The first semester will come to an end on Friday, January 15, 2016. Time has flown by so quickly this school year. I hope each one of you had a wonderful and restful holiday.

It is once again time to remind parents of the importance of regular school attendance for all students. Teachers prepare lessons so that material is taught in a sequential order, and it is difficult for students to grasp the material when they are frequently absent. Students receive the maximum benefit of classroom instruction only when they attend on a regular basis.

We request that students be kept home only when it is necessary for medical reasons, and we also ask that school day appointments be kept to a minimum. When these appointments are necessary, please return the student to school as quickly as possible so that lost instructional time will be minimized.

Your cooperation and assistance in the matter of improved attendance is greatly appreciated. Parents and schools working together can meet the educational goals of all students.

Sincerely, *Alma Linda Munoz*

TARDY BELL

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

THANK YOU.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please keep your telephone numbers current on file in the office. We have numbers that have been disconnected and we do not have any way of contacting you if the need arises. Also, please provide proof of residence if you have moved during this school year.

ATTENTION

The students will have an early out on Monday, January 18, 2016. Students will be released at 1:00 PM. Please make transportation arrangements. Our teachers will be participating in a Staff Development.

The next P.T.O. meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2016, at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. A performance by the fourth grade students will be presented.

4th Grade Mock Writing Test

A mock practice test for Writing will be administered on Wednesday, January 13th to all 4th grade students. The purpose of the test is to expose students to the format and test-taking setting.

REPORT CARD INFORMATION



Student and school report cards will be sent home on Monday, January 25, 2016. Just a reminder—Family Access is a web-based application that provides parents/guardians access to information such as grades and attendance for their students. Please stop by the office if you are interested in doing Family Access.

DOMINO'S DOUGH RAISING

Support "Domino's Dough Raising Night" on January 7, 2016.

Order a pizza and earn \$\$\$ for East Cliff.



SCIENCE FAIR

Kinder, first & second grade students will bring a letter home regarding the Science Fair on January 12th. The Science Fair will be held on March 9, 2016 for k-2nd. If you would like your child to participate, please check with your child's teacher for more information.

All 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students will be required to do a science project that will be assigned the first week in January and due on February 26, 2016. It will be your child's choice if he/she wishes to enter the Science Fair which will be held on March 9, 2016, for 3rd grade and March 10, 2016, for 4th & 5th grade.





Information about Science fair is also available on the East Cliff website under the Resource tab.

PRESENTATION BOARDS **WILL NOT** BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE IN THE OFFICE.

JUST A REMINDER—HEADERS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE PROJECTS

B.E.S.T. Club News

A winter social for members was held on December 4, 2015. Members enjoyed making a wooden tree and candy sled as well as playing a snowball game. It was a delightful evening. We want to thank all the parents who helped us with the party. Sponsors for the event were Ms. Franco, Mrs. Ramirez, Mrs. C. Smith, Ms. Reitmann, Mrs. Duran and Mrs. Munoz.

The next B.E.S.T. Club meeting will be held on February 3, 2016.

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END-OF-SEMESTER AWARD ASSEMBLY

The End-of-Semester Award Assembly for each grade level will be held on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, in the cafeteria. The scheduled time for each grade level is as follows:



8:15-9:00 AM-3rd, 4th and 5th grade 9:05-9:20 AM-Kinder,1st and 2nd grade

Awards presented include:

- All A Honor Roll -Grades 1/2/3/4/5
- Perfect and Outstanding Attendance Award All Grade Levels
- Citizenship Award (1 per teacher) All Grade Levels
- B.I.G. Award (1 per teacher) All Grade Levels
- Kiwanis Perfect Attendance Drawing-All Grade Levels
- Book It Award—Kindergarten





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January 2016 is **School Board Recognition Month**, with a goal of building awareness of the crucial role elected board of trustees play in our communities and schools. We would like to show them our appreciation for their dedication and hard work. They are extraordinary people who voluntarily tackle the

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enormous job of governing school districts. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children. East Cliff Elementary says "Thank you, School Board".

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

by Sharon Musich

Six Pillars of Character 1st Semester

Citizenship—cooperate, obey laws and rules, respect authority, and protect the environment Responsibility-Do what you are supposed to do, use self-control, do your best Respect-Treat others the way you want to be treated, don't threaten, hit, or hurt anyone

Cool Kids skills for the month of January are:

Working Together

- 1. Look, listen.
- 2. Show your interest.
- 3. Use kind words.
- 4. No arguing, whining, or pouting.

Giving a Compliment

- 1. Look at the person and smile.
- 2. Use a pleasant voice.
- 3. Make a positive remark about the person.

Accepting a Compliment

- 1. Look at the person and smile.
- 2. Say "Thank You".
- 3. Do not disagree with the compliment.

January Newsletter Choir News The choir had a busy December. We had over 30 students join in the Community Choir Concert. Then over 20 students entertained the attendees to the Chatwork Club Tour of Homes. Our local tour was on December 17. We went to Brookdale Northshore, Central Office Tri-Sun Coastal Palms, Tri-Sun Assisted Living, and Frost Bank. With the help of generous parents, we ate at Pizza Hut. Thank you to the parents who donated! Thanks especially to those who helped chaperone the tour. Finally we performed and then lead a singalong for the students on **ユユユユユユユユユユユユユユユ** December 18. Choir is now officially over for the year! Great job, Little Cat Choir. **ID UIL Music Memory**- We will continue to meet every Monday from 3:40-4:15 until the meet on February 8, 2015. The meet will be in Kingsville on Saturday, **February 13**, 2016. 4th Grade Winter Concert The 4th grade will provide the entertainment after the January 26th PTO meeting. The PTO meeting begins at 6:00. The students will need to be in their homerooms at 5:55 p.m. They will need to wear their class shirts and blue jeans. 4th Grade Recorder Karate- The 4th grade has been studying recorders this fall. I am very proud of their progress. The final results for belt check-off is as follows. Black Belts Ms. Foley's class: Lyndsey Donka, Erin Ebers, Penelope Floerke, Parker Holsonback, Made-🔽 lyn Pantoja, Kylee Powers, Jens Quam, Abby Sciba, Megan Stendebach, Mark Trevino, Clarissa Villanueva, Zia Wier Mrs. Wiatrek's class: Jessica Abt, Taylor Baker, Isaiyah Barry-Ureste, Lilly Brewster, Harlynn Falor, Eli Gerick, Frank Miguel Gonzales, Samantha Gregory, Camryn Kahl, Brodie Miller, Max Obregon, Rachelle Powell, Hailey Rasmussen, Madison Snody, Boede Talamantez, Breanna Willeford Mrs. Zipprian's class: Brooklin Davis, Maria Natalia Garcia, Henry Gilliana, Olivia Kies, Rebekah Nolen, Bayleigh Reed, Brianna Rush, Tiana Salinas, Aly Wade, Samantha Weisz Mrs. Ramirez' class: Garrett Carter, Coleton Christman, Gracie Cox, Savannah Diaz-Korff, Michael Hernandez, Jr, Madelyn Makar, T.J. Pacheco IV, Ranger Weatherford, Elijah Young

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Vicki Krebs, P.E. teacher

Just a reminder: Students should wear appropriate clothing for P.E. Tennis shoes are required and girls must wear shorts under their dresses or skirts. Open-toed or open-heeled shoes are not acceptable.

All jackets (and other clothing) left in the gym will be donated at the end of January. Please stop by the gym to check for any lost clothing item before then.

Thank you for your cooperation!



HEALTHY REMINDER

I hope your holidays were safe and that you found some time to relax. Just a reminder: If your child brought home a Vision, Hearing or Acanthosis notice (referral), and you have taken your child to the doctor or other medical specialist, please send me the paperwork that they completed at the time of the visit. Routine yearly screening is required for Kinder, 1st, 3rd and 5th grades, and is complete for this year.

From the Box Top Counters— Total Box Tops for December

The class winners are as follows: Way to go!
Kinder - McVay
1st - Krumnow
2nd - Serrano
3rd - Pyles (Trophy winner)
4th - Zipprian (Trophy winner)
5th - Coleman
Suggestion: Don't hold on to your Box Tops....send them in! We are still losing some each month due to expiration dates. So don't hold on to them, get them in. Also, check out the Box Tops for Education website for opportunities to earn more Box Tops for the school given away each month. Go to boxtops4education.com for more info and
Keep clipping those Box Tops!

English: It is the policy of Gregory-Portland ISD not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or handicap in its programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Spanish: Es norma de el Escolar Independiente de Gregory-Portland no discriminar por motivos de raza, religion, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividadaes tal como lo requieren en Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmienda; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación, de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmienda.