



EAST CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT— PARENT BULLETIN

March 1, 2016



Dear Parents & Students,

Students and educators throughout the state are taking time during the month of March to host Texas Public Schools Open Houses. Texas Public Schools Month is a celebration in which everyone — parents, grandparents, family and the community can see first-hand how we are preparing our students for the future. This observance gives us an opportunity to spotlight our students and their wonderful achievements. East Cliff will host its Spring Open House on Tuesday, March 1, 2016, from 6:30-7:30 PM. for classroom visitation. There will be a P.T.O. meeting at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria. A special music presentation will be done by the First Grade students. This year's theme is "Gearing Up for Growth". We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,
Alma Linda Munoz

**End of the 3rd Nine Weeks is
March 24, 2016.**

Early Release

**Early Release is on Monday, March 7, 2016,
at 1:00 PM. Please make transportation
arrangements for this time.**

Spelling Bee

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The annual Spelling Bee was held on Friday, January 22, 2016. Our winner was Ian Longoria a 5th grade student.

Spring Break



Spring Break is just around the corner — March 14-18, 2016. School will resume at the regular time on Monday, March 21, 2016.

HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE BREAK!

Library News!



Our Spring Book Fair will be Feb. 29-March 4. The theme will be, "The Feeling Groovy Book Fair." Please join us for Family Night on Tuesday, March 1st from 6:00-8:00. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Melinda Longoria or you may sign up in the library. No experience necessary!

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 actividades 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.

Science Fair News

The East Cliff Elementary Science Fair will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2016 for K-3 and March 11, 2016 for grades 4-5.



A note will be sent home for the Kinder, First and Second Grades, explaining that their projects are due at school on Monday, March 7, 2016. Please take it to the home room teacher, and the third graders will go by and pick up the projects that day. Mrs. Garza will organize the projects, and the students will be able to view the projects on Thursday, March 10th, after the Science Fair.

Third, Fourth and Fifth Graders have already turned in their projects and will be set up in the Library on Thursday, March 10th, after school. They will be able to view their projects Friday, March 11th, before the Science Fair starts.

If you have any questions, please contact Tina Garza, 3rd grade Science teacher in room 11 or email tgarza@g-pisd.org.

4th Grade STAAR Writing Test and 5th Grade STAAR Math and Reading Tests

Our 4th and 5th graders will be involved in the 4th grade STAAR Writing test and the 5th grade STAAR Math test on Tuesday, March 29. The 5th grade Reading Test will be on Wednesday, March 30, 2016. Make up test will occur on Monday, March 31 and April 1. K-5th grade students will be having lunch in their classroom on Tuesday, March 29th and Wednesday, March 30, 2016.



NURSES STATION

Sonia Marquez ,R.N.

Medication

The daily routine of the school nurse includes the management and monitoring of medications.

Upon arrival to school, students must turn in all medication to the school office or school nurse along with a written request from their parent as to the administration of medicine. Prescription, as well as non-prescription medication, must be in the original, properly labeled container and accompanied by a note from parent and / or guardian. *Education Code 22.052*

Short term medications, prescribed for fewer than four (4) doses per day, are to be administered at home.

The U.S. Surgeon General, the F.D.A., and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that aspirin and combination products containing aspirin not be given to children under 19 years of age during episodes of fever-causing illnesses. Research has shown an association between the development of Reye's Syndrome and the use of aspirin (asalicylate) for treating the symptoms of influenza-like illnesses, chickenpox, and colds. Herbal medications, non-F.D.A. approved medications, vitamins and/or prescriptions filled in foreign countries will not be administered by school personnel.

B.E.S.T. Club News

Thank you to everyone for helping make Valentine sacks for Driscoll Children's Hospital. The members made 70 sacks stuffed with assorted goodies. The hospital was delighted to receive them. The next B.E.S.T. Club meeting will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 in the East Cliff gym at 7:20 AM.

P. T. O. PROGRAM

The 1st grade program will be on **Tuesday, March 1st at 5:30 p.m.** Students need to wear their class t-shirt and blue jeans or capris. The students will also perform for the school at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1st. They will need to dress up for that performance also.



Box Tops for Education from PTO

The numbers are in...The total box tops collected for February is 1213 We are well on our way to our goal. Thanks to everyone for submitting your Box Tops. The class winners are as follows:

Kinder	Ochoa 222
1st	Dendy 379 -TROPHY WINNER
2nd	Reitmann 266
3rd	Pyles 208
4th	Wiatrek 70
5th	Coleman 68

As always, *any one* can go to BTFE.com and try for extra box top earnings in games. There's always ways to try for more Box Tops. For now, keep on clipping those Box Tops!



**Gifted and Talented nominations
for Grades 1-11 will be from
March 1-24.**

DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016

MARCH MUSIC NOTES

from Betty Vacek

Kindergarten

The kindergarten program will be on **Tuesday, March 1st**. Students should wear a red, white, or blue shirt or blouse, **with blue jeans**. Their dress rehearsal will be Tuesday morning at 8:15 a.m.

3rd grade

Third graders have begun recorders. They may come for tutoring any morning before school except for Wednesdays. We have begun the preliminary studies. Check off music for Recorder Karate will be sent home soon.

CALLING FOR OLD RECORDERS: If you have an old recorder floating around your house that no one wants, please donate it to the music room. My supply of recorders that I keep on hand in case someone forgets theirs is greatly diminished. Fourth graders need to keep theirs, because we will still use them next year.

Thanks to those of you who send recyclable ink cartridges, cell phone, and old electronics. This is an ongoing fundraiser.



EAST CLIFF YEARBOOK ADVERTISING!!

If you are interested in purchasing some personal (P) or commercial (C) ad space please email Terra Lovins at mindy14038@yahoo.com. The deadline is March 4.

Advertising Prices are as follows: 1/8 page is \$30 (C) and \$20 (P), 1/4 page is \$35(C) and \$30 (P), 1/2 page is \$50 (C) and \$40 (P), whole page is \$90 (C) and \$75 (P).