



EAST CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT— PARENT BULLETIN

December 1, 2016



Winter Break

Winter Break will begin with early dismissal at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 16, 2016, and continue through December 30, 2016. Homeroom parties will be from 12:15-12:45 PM on December 16th. School will resume at regular time on Monday, January 2, 2017.

Have a Safe & Wonderful Holiday!



P.T.O. Meeting 5th Grade Holiday Road Trip Program

Our next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 6:00 PM. Our 5th grade students will perform a Holiday Road Trip Program.

VOLUNTEER CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

A volunteer criminal background check needs to be completed before volunteering in any capacity in our school district. Parents, we appreciate your being sure this has been done, especially if you are planning to help with Dec. 16th classroom parties.



4th Grade Mock Writing Test

A mock practice test for Writing will be administered on Tuesday, December 6th to all 4th grade students. The purpose of the test is to expose students to the format and test-taking setting.

Please see the memo dated December 1, 2016 that was sent home to 4th and 5th grade parents regarding a change in the 4th and 5th grade lunch schedules for that day.



GIFTED-TALENTED KINDERGARTEN NOMINATIONS

Gifted and Talented (GT) Kindergarten nominations began on Monday, November 14, 2016. Nominations will be accepted through Friday, December 16, 2016. 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 16, 2016.** Kindergarten students who are identified as G-T will begin program participation by

March 1, 2017.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



by
Tycee Sanchez

*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..

ATTENDANCE NEWS:

A few Attendance Reminders:

- If your child is absent, please send a note. (parent or doctor note).
- Notes may also 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 be assigned recess detention each time they are tardy after that.
- If you have any questions, please contact Abby Sacky at (361)777-4255, or send an e-mail to asacky@g-pisd.org.

P.E. News from Vicki Krebs, P.E. coach

Reindeer Camp begins Monday, December 5, 2016 for all P.E. Classes. We will be practicing various activities requiring skills reindeer use.

Cooler weather is approaching. Please be sure to 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 read-



December Music Newsletter

Choir News

Dec. 1 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 15- Choir Tour- (tentative date) All students with good attendance- Be on lookout for permission slips and information.

Choir Performance-Sing Along- Dec. 16

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

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



B.E.S.T. CLUB NEWS

The B.E.S.T. Club met on November 2, 2016. Members decorated boxes for the food drive for the Portland Food Pantry. Boxes were placed in all classrooms the week of November 7th. The class that collected the largest amount of canned goods in each grade level will be rewarded with a treat.

The Winter social will be held on Friday, December 2nd 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.



PARKING LOT SAFETY

Everyone's cooperation is needed for the safety of our children. When traveling through the drop-off area, please be sure to **SLOW DOWN**. Watch out for children crossing at 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 NOW BEING SOLD AT THE LOW PRICE OF \$35.00. GET YOURS NOW BEFORE THE PRICE GOES UP TO \$40.00!

Please make checks out to **EAST CLIFF PTO** and place in an envelope labeled with the following information:

YEARBOOK ORDER

(Your Child's Name)

(Your Child's Teacher)

Contact Telephone Number: (Your Number - Including Area Code)

We will be selling love lines for \$20.00 a message or a picture. You can purchase as many as you wish. Personalize your yearbook with a nameplate on the cover. Send in decals or photos by going to <http://www.images.balfour.com>.

Box Tops for Education from PTO

The numbers are in for this month: 1904! We have reached 10,798 of our goal of 25,000 for the year. This means we have made \$1,079.80 so far for our school! We are thankful for your continued support. Keep sending those box tops in!

Collection day is on the 3rd Thursday 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: Russell (270) Trophy winner!

1st: Dendy (307)

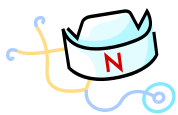
2nd: Kearns (377)

3rd: Pyles (135)

4th: Foley (479) - Trophy Winner!!!

5th: Duran (336)

Next collection date: Thursday, December 15th. Thank You!!



Nurse's Station - by Sonia Marquez, R.N.

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.