



EAST CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT— PARENT BULLETIN

February 2, 2017



Dear Parents,

Regular school attendance is necessary and very important. Please be sure to read page 3 of our newsletter this month. It contains some very important information regarding our school accountability. Parents and school staff working together can meet the educational goals of all our students.

Sincerely,
Alma Linda Muñoz

LOST AND FOUND

As stated in our January newsletter, all items in the Lost and Found, located outside the office by the gym, are going to the local homeless shelter for donation. All items will be removed on February 8th.

If you have missing items, please be sure to check the Lost and Found before then. There is no way to retrieve these items once they have been taken.

To help with this in the future, please be sure to mark your child's personal items with a name so that, if found, the item may be returned to them.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Nurse's Station Sonia Marquez, R.N.

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

Just a reminder the tardy bell rings at
7:50 AM. Students should be in the



P. E. News

We are having students come to P.E. without tennis shoes. This is a safety issue, and may affect the student's grade, as they are not allowed to participate without appropriate footwear. Thanks very much for your help!



College Days



Students, parents and faculty, please join us in promoting higher education on our campus. The first Wednesday of each month is College Day! Wear a college shirt in support of your favorite college, your alma mater, or where you hope to attend one day! Remaining Date for 2016-17:

Box Tops for Education from PTO

2017 is off to a great start for the classroom Box Tops for Education collection!! Here are the homeroom winners for January:

Kinder - Ochoa
1st Grade - Seay
2nd Grade - Kearns
3rd Grade - Garza
4th Grade - Wiatrek
5th Grade - Shafer

The next collection date will be February, 16, 2017.

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE PARENTS

GPISD will again be offering Self-Responsibility Education classes to our 5th graders as mandated by law. There will be a Self Responsibility Informational Meeting for Parents on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:00 p.m. at East Cliff in the cafeteria, where an overview of the program will be presented. Self-Responsibility classes will be held on March 6th, 7th & 8th during the usual PE/Music class times.



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."

B.E.S.T. CLUB NEWS



The B.E.S.T. Club will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, February 8th at 7:20 A.M. in the gym. Members will make valentine sacks for the children at Driscoll Hospital, and motivational cards for upcoming STAAR testing. There will not be a meeting in March because of Spring Break.

Library News

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will begin on February 27, 2017 and conclude on March 7, 2017.



Our Book Fair will be open during the Spring Open House on March 7 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.



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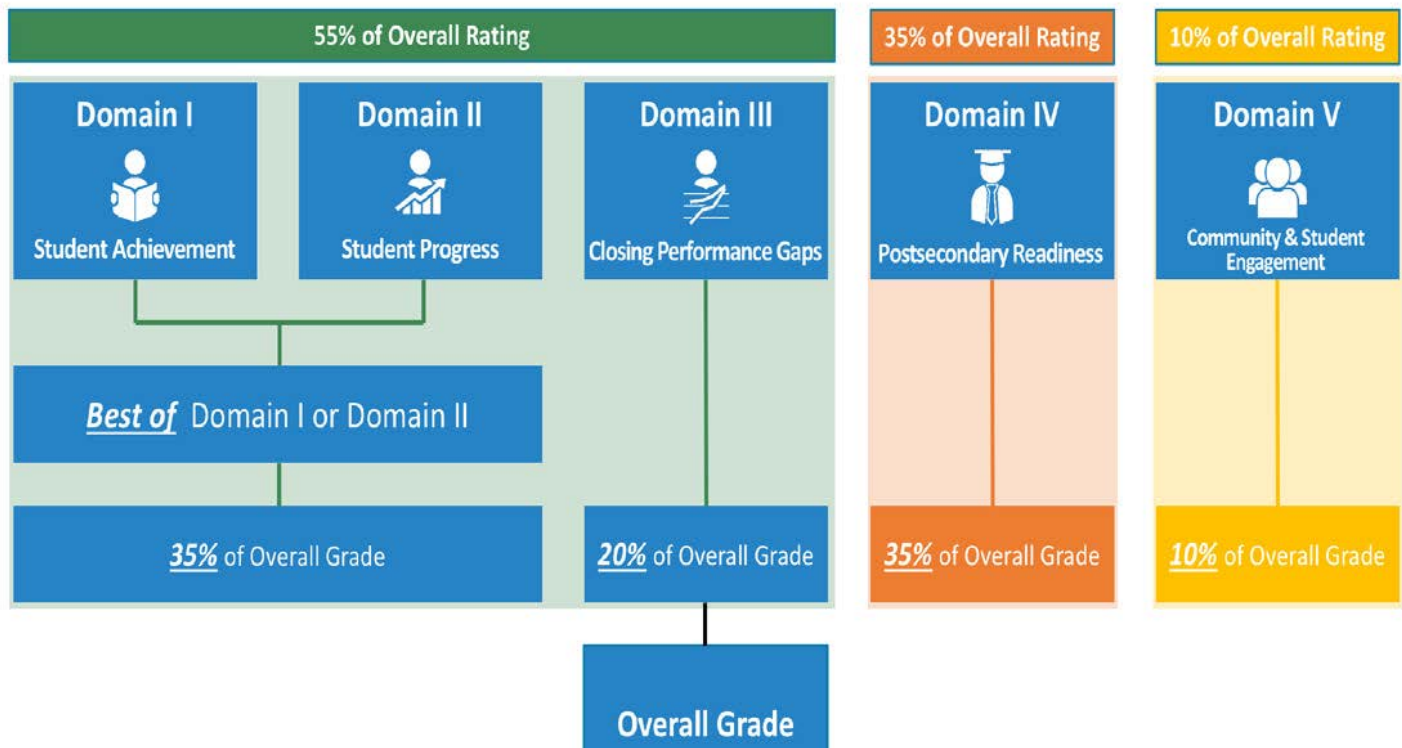
Thank you for your support
of our school!

Dear Parents,

Daily attendance in classes is important to the success of your child and of East Cliff Elementary. Numerous studies show a strong link between academic performance and consistent attendance. I would like to take this opportunity to share some information with you regarding Texas' new school accountability system that the 84th Legislature passed so that every campus and district receives one of five ratings from A–F. Think of accountability as the grades or numbers on a report card that your child brings home at the end of our nine week grading period. Like your child is evaluated, so too is our school and district. A school's reputation is strongly connected to the accountability rating it receives, and that, in turn, depends on the performance of its students. The Texas Education Agency evaluates public schools and districts under state accountability requirements including attendance rates.

The law requires schools and districts to be issued grades based on five different areas of performance or “domains,” and those five grades must be combined into a single overall rating. The domain I would like to focus on is Domain IV.

Current Work-In-Progress Model: Overall Grade Calculation



Domain IV, which is 35% of a campus's overall grade, relies on indicators other than STAAR. At the elementary level this will involve the use of **chronic absenteeism**. East Cliff Elementary attendance rate was **96.5%** for the 2015-2016 school year. It was below the state minimum requirement of 97%. Our school's campus student attendance rate goal for this year is meet/exceed **98%**. East Cliff's current fall semester attendance rate is **96.68%**. If East Cliff Elementary fails to meet the standard in Domain IV, the campus may be issued a letter grade of an "F" for postsecondary readiness.

Elementary schools lay the foundation for life-long learning and good attendance helps our children do well in middle school, high school, college and at work. We need your assistance in maintaining your child's attendance at an acceptable rate which inevitably effects East Cliff's overall school attendance rate. We appreciate your efforts to avoid unnecessary absences for your child and encourage you to assist us in nurturing a habit of regular attendance for our students. At East Cliff Elementary, we want every child, in every seat, every day and on time.

Respectfully yours,

Alma Munoz, Principal

Spring Student Pictures



Spring student pictures and classroom group pictures will be taken on February 3, 2017. The backdrop for the individual picture will be "Down by the Dock," a lakeside setting. Spring student pictures are not pre-paid. You and your child will have the option of buying some or all of the pictures when they arrive. The cost of the entire packet is \$45.00, which includes 1-8x10, 1-5x7, 4-billfolds of each pose, and a 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 must be paid in advance on picture day. The cost for this group picture is \$10.00.** Please make checks payable to Strawbridge Studios. Spring pictures will be sent home in approximately 2-3

*** Dear Parents:**

*** If you have a change of address or phone number, please update your information in Skyward or notify Mrs. Sacky in the office.**

*** If there is an address change, we will need proof of residence. The school's automated messenger uses this information to update the public about any school changes.**

SCIENCE PROJECTS

Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have been assigned their Science project and they are due on Monday, Feb. 20, 2017. 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. If you have questions concerning the Science Fair or science projects, please contact Mrs. Tina Garza at tgarza@g-pisd.org.

The East Cliff Elementary Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 for Kinder through 3rd grade and Friday, March 3, 2017, for 4th and 5th grades.

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

Spelling Bee 2017



Our school spelling bee was held on Friday, January 27, 2017. Our champion was Eli Gerick, and our alternate was Max Obregon, both 5th grade students. The regional competition will be held in Corpus Christi on February 25, 2017.

February Newsletter

3rd grade-The recorder orders are due on Friday, February 3, 2017. We will start recorders as soon as the recorders come in. 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 UIL Music Memory teams. The 3rd grade team includes Cooper Edwards and Emily Franks. The 4th grade member is Elena Miller. 5th grade team members are Hailey Rasmussen, Alysa Cantu-Benware, and Clarissa Villanueva. The Elementary UIL meet will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 in Flour Bluff. Good luck to the participants.

1st Grade Program-Save the Date

The 1st graders program will be Tuesday, March 7th at 5:30. It will coincide with the Spring Open House. More information will be sent home.

4th Grade Recorder Black Belts

The 4th graders last chance to check off was Wednesday, February 1, 2017. Students were allowed to continue where they were last year. If they earned a black belt last year, then this year they worked toward a Gold Bead. Earning black belts this year are:

Ms. Foley's class: Aiden Aguinaldo, Aubrie Fountain, Trevor Lacy, Elena Miller, Jayden Schmidt, Julian Warren. Henry Butler, Braeden Cannon, Camden Muston

Mrs. Ramirez's class: Kade Adams, Damian Chavez, Haleigh Cook, Nicholas Loveland, Reagan Rodriguez, David Sanchez, Keira Simerl, Reece Voyles, Chloe Weir. Juan Pecina

Mrs. Wiatrek's class: Brady Buchanan, Braelin Cates, Cali Gregory, Luke Kohleffel, Graham Melerine, Avri Novak, Marie Shiloh Sawyer, Nate Schultz, Nina Steele, Ian Ward.

Mrs. Zipprian's class: Austin Vasquez, Drew Willot, Mia Barrera, Kaitlyn Lippen, J.T. Moebius, Tyler Pearson, Bella Reed. Tyler Pearson, Bella Reed, Mia Barrera, Nick Garza, Megan Griffith

RECYCLE: Don't forget to recycle with E.C. Music. This company recycles inkjet cartridges, laser ink 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.fundingfactory.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. We appreciate all your efforts!

5th Grade Corpus Christi Symphony Field Trip: On Friday, February 17th, the 5th grade students have the privilege of attending the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra's Patricia Furley's Education Concert at the Performing Arts Center at Texas A&M-CC. The concert is free, thanks to generous community sponsors. There is limited seating so only students and staff members will be able to attend. Students are asked to wear their class shirts so that our group is easily identifiable from the other schools who will be attending. Permission slips are due on Wednesday, February 15th.