



EAST CLIFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT— PARENT BULLETIN October 3, 2016



EARLY RELEASE

Dear Parents,

Our first Early Release will be on Monday, October 10, 2016 at 1:00 PM, and all other Early Releases will occur at 1:00 PM as well. Teachers will participate in Staff Development sessions for the remainder of the day. Students will be released promptly at 1:00 PM. The lunch schedule has been revised for early out:

KINDERGARTEN

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| 10:22-10:52 | OCHOA |
| 10:25-10:55 | MCVAY |
| 10:28-10:58 | RUSSELL |
| 10:31-11:01 | RHOADES |

SECOND GRADE

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| 10:40-11:10 | WARD |
| 10:43-11:13 | SERRANO |
| 10:46-11:16 | GARCIA |
| 10:49-11:19 | KEARNS |

FIRST GRADE

| | |
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| 11:00-11:30 | DENDY |
| 11:03-11:33 | CLANCY |
| 11:06-11:36 | SEAY |
| 11:09-11:39 | KRUMNOW |

THIRD GRADE

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| 11:20-11:50 | PYLES |
| 11:23-11:53 | MCKINNY |
| 11:26-11:56 | GARZA |
| 11:29-11:59 | OWEN |

FOURTH GRADE

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| 11:52-12:22 | FOLEY |
| 11:55-12:25 | WIATREK |
| 11:58-12:28 | RAMIREZ |
| 12:01-12:31 | ZIPPRIAN |

FIFTH GRADE

| | |
|-------------|---------|
| 12:10-12:40 | SHAFER |
| 12:13-12:43 | COLEMAN |
| 12:16-12:46 | DURAN |
| 12:19-12:49 | JACKSON |

The BEST Club



Our campus' drug-free/community service organization, BEST club— "BECOMING EXCELLENT STUDENTS TOGETHER" - is for all 4th and 5th grade students and has about 75 active members. The club held its first meeting on September 7th. To be a full-fledged member in the BEST Club, each student must complete the application, and then have their parent or guardian sign the application. The student must also sign the application. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2016, at 7:15 AM in the gym. We will be decorating the school for Red Ribbon Week. BEST Club t-shirts have been ordered. Officers elected for this year are Brenna Meier, President; Cali Gregory, Vice President; and Sami Gregory, Secretary. The sponsors are Cassandra Smith, Jill Ramirez, Susanna Serrano, Cari Krumnow, Stephanie Duran, Amanda Owen and Melba Franco.

PARENT NOTIFICATION STATEMENT ABOUT SCHOOL-SPONSORED EVENTS-PHOTOS AND VIDEOS

In an effort to promote and celebrate the variety of student talents and accomplishments in GPISD, the District will be taking photographs and creating videos of students at various school-sponsored events including extracurricular activities, awards banquets, assemblies, Board meetings and other student events or activities open to parent and public attendance. These photographs and videos will be used only for the purpose of promoting our District and our students, and may be posted on the District's website, Twitter account, Facebook page, any other district-operated social media account, or otherwise used in District publications.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PROGRESS REPORTS

The second progress report will go out on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. **The first nine weeks will end on October 21, 2016.**



Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated during the week of October 25-October 31, 2016. More details on the Red Ribbon Activities will be forthcoming as the week approaches.

KOLODZIEJ'S FUNDRAISER ITEMS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 13, 2016. PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP YOUR STUDENT(S) AFTER SCHOOL BECAUSE OF ITEMS THAT NEED REFRIGERATION.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF EAST CLIFF ELEMENTARY!!!



PE / MUSIC "EARLY RELEASE" SCHEDULE

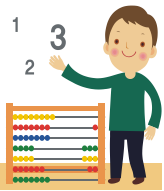


The PE/Music schedules have been revised for Monday, October 10, 2016, due to the early release for the students. The revised schedule is as follows:

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| | 8:30-9:10 | 5th Grade |
| 9:10-9:50 | 3rd Grade | |
| 9:50-10:30 | 1 st Grade | |
| 10:30-11:10 | 4 th Grade | |
| 11:10-11:50 | Kinder | |
| 11:50-12:30 | 2nd Grade | |

FAMILY READING NIGHTS!

East Cliff will host our Family Reading Night on Monday, October 17, 2016 for our Kinder, 1st and 2nd Grade students in the cafeteria from 6:00 - 7:00 PM. Family Reading Night for our 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade students will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 6:00-7:00 PM in the cafeteria.



Please mark your calendars and come enjoy an hour of Reading Fun!

LUNCH MONEY NOW



Lunch Money Now is offered by Wildcat Café and is an internet-based system to view activity on your child's account as well as add money. There is a \$2.50 convenience fee charged by Lunch Money Now when adding funds. Wildcat Café also offers email notifications for low balances, which may be set by the parent. You can choose from \$2.00, \$5.00 or \$10.00 and once your child reaches that remaining balance amount, you will receive an email to remind you to add money to the student's account. Lunch Money Now may be accessed at www.wildcatcafe.org. Click the link in the middle of the page for "Prepay For Meals Online" and follow the prompts to either create a login/password, or click the link at the bottom of the page for "Classic Login" and access your child's account by entering his/her 6-digit Student ID and birthdate.

If you have questions concerning your child's meals, please feel free to contact the food and nutrition supervisor at 361-777-1098.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

East Cliff Elementary students have been practicing the *Cool Kids* behaviors. Through the *Cool Kids* program the students are learning social skills and social responsibility. Everything we do in school and outside of school requires the use of these skills. Please take time to practice these skills at home with your children.

Cool Kids Skills of the Month

1. Greeting

- A. Say hello.
- B. Look and smile.
- C. Keep hands and feet to self.
- D. Look and listen.
- E. If you disagree, bring it up later.

2. Interrupting Appropriately

- A. Wait quietly for the best time.
- B. Use polite attention words.
- C. Say what you need and why.
- D. Say "Thank you."

3. Making a Request

- A. Look.
- B. Use a pleasant voice.
- C. Ask for what you want.
- D. Say "Please" and "Thank you."

Thank you so much for your support. Feel free to contact me at any time if you have questions or concerns.

Tycee Sanchez
East Cliff Elementary Counselor

Re-Take School Pictures Strawbridge Photography

Pictures will be taken on Friday, October 14th for students who were absent on September 9th, or if you would like for your child's previous picture to be retaken. If you are requesting a re-take, please return the picture packet to the office before October 14th.
THANK YOU.



DREAM

I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher—the tools he used
Were books, music, and art.
The other, a parent, worked with a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day, the teacher toiled with touch
That was deft and sure,
While the parent labored by his side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought,
For the thing they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought.
And each agreed they would have failed,
If each had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.

—Author Unknown



G-PISD School Nurses will be doing Vision/Hearing and Acanthosis screenings on October 18, 2016, for Kinder, 1st grade, 3rd grade and 5th grade students. Students new to the district are being screened as they enroll.

Nurse's Corner—Sonia Marquez, R.N.

For the health and wellness of our students and staff: Please remember that the School District has a policy (following recommendations from Texas State Health Services) that addresses conditions for which a student be excluded from the classroom. Along with communicable diseases, this policy requires that schools **exclude students who are vomiting, have diarrhea, or fever over 100 degrees**. It also requires that they be excluded from the classroom for 24 hours after the LAST incident of vomiting/diarrhea/fever. The “fever free” portion of the rule specifies that the student must be fever free (**without** the use of fever reducing medications like Tylenol/Motrin) for 24 hours prior to returning to school. The exception to this re-admission policy is that with a note from the MD or Nurse Practitioner which states the student's condition is not contagious, the student may be re-admitted prior to the 24 hours.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions.



Box Tops for Education from PTO

The Box Tops program got off to a great start on September 15th! Our first collection of this school year was 1527 which is over \$150! Way to go! The next collection day is **Thursday, October 20th**. Remember that you can send your box tops with your child to turn in at any time during the month. The collection date is simply a reminder of when they will be counted for that month, and the collection date each month will be the 3rd Thursday of the month. Thank you for a great month, and keep on clipping!

For our first month, Mrs. Pyles' 3rd grade class was the overall school-wide winner. Kudos to them for their diligence in collecting those box tops! Here are our grade-level winners for September:



Kindergarten: Ms. Rhoades (239)
First grade: Mrs. Krumnow (217)
Second grade: Ms. Kearns (224)
Third grade: Mrs. Pyles (479) - **WAY TO GO!!!**
Fourth grade: Mrs. Wiatrek (142)
Fifth Grade: Mrs. Coleman (226)

LIBRARY NEWS

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to all the library volunteer parents. I am so thankful for all you do and feel fortunate in getting to know each and every one of you. Your time and talents are greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Longoria



East Cliff Fitness Club

This year's Fitness Club will begin on October 6th. Information has been sent home to those who requested it. A permission slip, signed by the parent/guardian, is necessary in order to participate. Students in the 4th and 5th grades will practice on Thursdays from 3:45-4:30 PM. If you would like to volunteer to help, please come by the gym or email me at vkrebs@g-pisd.org to obtain a volunteer background check application, which must be approved prior to volunteering.

Coach Krebs

**WITH COOLER WEATHER COMING,
PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL
COATS, JACKETS AND SWEATERS
WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT!**



Dear Parents,

If your child is ill or injured and cannot participate in P.E., please send a note with them addressing it to me. Students are required to attend PE class daily. If you are writing the note it is only valid for 3 days; after that, a doctor's note is required. Please be aware that students who do not participate in PE cannot play during recess or any other outside physical activity. Tennis shoes are required in order for students to participate.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Coach Krebs

Music Notes



EXCITING NEWS! With our new music adoption, **MusicPlay**, all our students are allowed access to online access to songs, games, and recorder and ukulele practice! Please help your child go online and check out the fabulous music this site offers! There are tabs across the top for the grade levels. Recorder and ukulele songs are on the left sidebar. Games are along the bottom. The info is as follows:

www.musicplayonline.com

Student id: gregory st (with a space between)

Password: 0923 (all numbers)

5th Grade: Fifth graders have begun their ukulele unit. Home purchase for ukuleles is NOT required. If you are purchasing one, choose one with guitar gears for tuning NOT tuning pegs. Students may also practice on the bottom four strings of a guitar. Their music is also available on the MusicPlay website.

4th Grade: Fourth graders have started their recorder unit. All of their check off songs are on MusicPlay as well. If you prefer, an app called Learn and Play Recorder Lite is free and corresponds with our music. The same app is available for purchase with music accompaniment.

NEXT PROGRAM: 4th grade on November 15 after the 6:00 PTO meeting.

SMENCILS will be for sale starting this month. This ongoing fundraiser helped me purchase items like tambourines for Kidstix and an IPAD to replace my old IPOD. THANK YOU!

CHOIR: Over seventy students joined choir! We meet every Tuesday and Wednesday during the fall semester.

UIL MUSIC MEMORY: For the Music Memory contest, students listen to a selection of music and name its title and composer. Students are provided with packets of music and CD to study. Practice will be on Mondays starting soon.