

Paw Prints

A Message from our Principals...

I think for once Punxsutawney Phil got it right!! Bring on the spring time weather!!! **Kindergarten and 1st grade parents**.....the Bears have a special treat for you today!! The program **starts at 6:30 p.m.** in the cafeteria. See you there!! Please be sure to check the calendar on the back of this newsletter, our Facebook page and our campus website for upcoming events. **Next week is HUGE!** Ready, Set...Go!! **Book Fair starts Monday.** YAY! **Thursday, the 25th is our Super Scholar Showcase Night- 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. AND Carnival is Saturday, the 27th.** The fun starts at 4:00 p.m. We are looking forward to a SUPER week full of family fun!!!! See you there!! Bear hugs!

Proud to be a Birmingham Bear! ☺ Mrs. Doolan-Principal & Mrs. Kishindo-Assistant Principal ☺

Counselor's Corner...

Hello Bears! Over the past several weeks in guidance, we have continued with the theme of Grit and Preparation by focusing on college and careers. See what your students are learning this month!

Kindergarten- This week we took a tour of some Texas college campuses with Flat Stanley! We learned that Birmingham is very similar to a big college campus in a lot of ways. Ask your child how college and Birmingham are similar and how they are different.

1st Grade- First graders had a chance to enter the world of Richard Scarry and the busy jobs that many people have. They learned that it takes many jobs working together to keep Busy Town running smooth! It was great to hear what they wanted to be when they grow up!

2nd Grade- In second grade, I read one of my favorite books, When I Grow Up by Al Yankovik. What a fun discussion! We then played a fun game of Career bingo and discussed some of the many career options out there!

3rd grade- Third graders listened to the story Mahalia Mouse Goes to College by John Lithgow. Students then worked together in teams to discuss the similarities and differences between Birmingham and a college/university. Each group shared with the class and we added that to our class Venn diagram.

4th grade – In fourth grade, students completed a Career Interest Inventory. With this information, we will go to the computer lab to research these careers and a college or university of their choice. I hope this research inspires them to think about college and their future.

~Bear Love, Katie Ray

Campus Happenings...

BNN is brought to us this week by the following crew members:

Ashley King	Bella McCord
Berenice Ceballos	DJ Franklin
George Johnson	Kerbie Cash
Martez Williams	

This week's Animoto presentation is by Elias Bravo and Tea Matievic.

From the Library...

It's Book Fair time again!! Our Fair will run from Monday, February 22 to Friday, February 26. We will also be open during Super Scholar Showcase Night on Thursday from 5:30-7:30 pm, as well as during our Carnival on Saturday, February 27 from 4:00-7:00 pm! There will be a lot of old favorites, as well as some great new books! For Star Wars and Lego fans – we're going to have a big section of both! I can't wait to see you at the Fair!

Happy Reading! Mrs. West

From Nurse Kara...

February is American Heart Month, a great time to commit to a healthy lifestyle and make small changes that can lead to a lifetime of heart health. For more heart health tips go to www.heart.org/.



Regular aerobic activity and weight resistance training is important to making strong hearts. Remember, remaining sedentary has multiple health risks. Even some exercise is beneficial! Make the commitment to daily activity!

February/March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15 NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day	16	17	18 <i>Think College Thursday</i> Kindergarten & 1st Grade PTA Program – 6:30 pm	19 4th Grade Plano Symphony Trip	20
21 Book Fair- all week! 	22 PDQ Spirit Night	23	24	25 <i>Think College Thursday</i> Super Scholar Showcase Night 5:30-7:30 pm Book Fair will be open! 😊	26 Bear Boogie 1:45-2:15 pm	27 Carnival 4:00-7:00 pm Book Fair will be open! 😊
28	29	March 1	2	3 <i>Think College Thursday</i>	4	5
6	7	SPRING BREAK			11	12
13	14 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night	15	16	17 <i>Think College Thursday</i>	18 Bear Boogie 1:45-2:15 pm 4th Grade All-District Choir Concert – WHS, 7:30 pm	19



Be caring for everyone and everything.

Everyone show respect.

Attitude... Have one of gratitude.

Reach for "it" with grit.

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PTA News...

Our Spring Box Top Contest finished on February 12th! Mrs. Watkin's class won for week 5 with 488 Box Tops! Congratulations to our top 3 classes: 1st Place – Mrs. Childers, 2nd place – Mrs. Watkins, 3rd place – Mrs. Allen. Thank you to everyone who turned in Box Tops!

Birmingham Elementary's PTA received the 2015 President's List Award from the Texas PTA!!! This significant award represents that by December 19, 2015, Birmingham Elementary School PTA had achieved Active Status with Texas PTA and recruited more members than all of last year!

Carnival is 2/27/16 and PTA needs your help! Please send unopened Pringles/Lays Stax, unopened soda bottles (any size) and gently used stuffed/plush animals. Please bring your items to the Cub's Den. Please remember to donate to your grade level basket for the raffle.

Dates:

2/18/2016 – PTA General Membership Meeting
2/22 to 2/26 – Book Fair
2/22/2016 – PDQ Spirit Night
2/25/2016 – Super Scholar Showcase

2/27/2016 – Carnival (4 to 7)
3/14/2016 – Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night
3/22/2016 – PDQ Spirit Night
3/30/2016 – Meteor Burger Spirit Night



The Wylie Way – Core Values

3rd Nine Weeks – Grit and Work Ethic

January 20 – Day of Grit
February 3 – Follow-up Grit Day

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