

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS,

Spring is just around the corner!

ACADEMICS

Academic Family Night: We want to thank all 2nd ó 5th grade parents for attending the Academic Night. We hope you gained information that will be useful to you in helping your child at home.

PK-1st grade teachers are preparing for their Academic Night. This academic night will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2017 from 5:00 ó 7:00PM. Please come and visit the classroom for strategies to use at home with your child.

BOOK FAIR

The ECC campus will be hosting the annual Spring Book Fair. The ECC book fair will be from Monday, March 6th ó Friday, March 10th. We invite parents/guardians to come and visit the book fair Tuesday through Thursday from 8:00 ó 10:00AM or 2:00 ó 3:00PM. You may also visit the Book Fair on Academic Night, March 9th from 5:00 ó 7:00PM. In addition, the ECC will host two morning events for you to bring your child to the book fair. The days and times are as follows:

Tuesday, March 7th – Donuts for Dads – 7:15 – 7:55AM

Wednesday, March 8th – Muffins for Moms – 7:15 – 7:55AM

We hope you have an opportunity to come and visit the ECC Book Fair with your child! If you are available to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Ruth Hester at the ECC campus.

SPRING BREAK is scheduled for March 13th to March 17th

ENJOY YOUR BREAK!



COFFEE TALK ECC and NES continue to host Coffee Talks for the remainder of the school year. Our next coffee talk will be on Friday, March 10th at 9:00AM at the elementary school. This is a great opportunity to provide suggestions, or ask school-related questions, and meet with other parents to share ideas.



ARRIVAL

The school days is from 7:55AM to 3:20PM for K ó 5th grade students. Please remember that students should not arrive earlier than 7:30AM as duty personnel arrive at this time. We want to ensure that students are being properly supervised. Thank you for your assistance.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

We do ask all parents to maintain the same transportation arrangements to keep consistency for student and teacher. In the event that a change will need to be made, please make a note in your child's planner.

Thank you for your assistance in providing transportation changes in a timely manner.

STATE ASSESSMENTS

STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) season is also upon us.

The students will be tested as follows:

March 28th - 4th grade Writing;
5th grade Math

March 29th - 5th grade Reading





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- ❖ Pace yourself, use your time wisely.
- ❖ Take slow, deep breaths to relax.
- ❖ Read instructions carefully.
- ❖ Commit to doing your best.

5th grade Parents/Guardians:

As required by the Student Success Initiative (SSI), all fifth grade students are required to meet satisfactory level on their Reading and Math for grade promotion (along with any other district requirements). Parents will be notified of any additional tutorials that may be required for fifth grade students as outlined by SSI. Fifth grade students will be given three opportunities. Additional testing will be in May and June 2017.

Visitors on the ELEM campus will be limited on March 28th and 29th due to state assessments. There will be no visitors allowed for testing grade levels.

TUTORING:

In order to help prepare students for the upcoming assessments, tutorials are available in specific grade levels and subjects. Elementary tutorials are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and/or Thursdays from 3:30 ó 4:20PM. Please note that there will be **NO TUTORIALS the week of March 27th due to STAAR testing.**

COUNSELOR’S INFORMATION:

I met with K-5th grade students last month focusing on career development, while PK’s lesson was on kindness. In kinder and 1st grades we played a game of “Whose vehicle is this?” and then discussed job qualifications for the professional. We also discussed that both males and females could do the job, as many felt some of the professions were only for men! In 2nd grade, students picked tools from a bag and we discussed what professions could utilize the tool. We then read a book called “When I Grow Up,” and students completed a paper on what they wanted to be in the future. Third graders were placed in small groups, selected a professional doll from a bag, and then answered questions pertaining to the profession they picked. Whole group discussion was held regarding their findings. The fourth graders completed a multiple intelligence quiz and learned their strengths. It was interesting to see what they selected and if it matched! The fifth graders completed an Interest Survey, which led them to a career cluster. They were encouraged to go on the website to learn more about their cluster and perspective jobs within the cluster. The lessons were held in preparation for the upcoming Career Fair this Friday! We are excited to have several guests coming to the elementary campus to share about their profession. The ECC campus will also have professionals coming to share about their job and show off their vehicle to the students (weather permitting). Enjoy your spring break!

Mrs. Cara Rakowitz, ECC/ELEM Counselor

Students of the Month for February – Recognizing students for Kindness

- PK ó Adela Terrazas
- K ó Tracy Nicole Najera
- 1st ó Ayden Jung
- 2nd ó Julianna Castro
- 3rd ó Jasamin Sanchez
- 4th ó Syrene Gallegos
- 5th ó Fabiola Almendariz

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Anna Maria Lopez, ECC/ELEM Principal

Mr. Terry Howard, ECC/ELEM Principal

