

EISD Update



January is School Board Recognition Month!

EISD thanks our board members for all their hard work and dedication to the students, staff, and community!

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News Briefs

- *January 10—Middle School Basketball Pictures*
- *January 10—Intermediate Semester Skating*
- *January 11—State Cheerleading Competition*
- *January 11—Intermediate Semester Awards*
- *January 13—Middle School UIL Contest*
- *January 15—Holiday*
- *January 19—20—Middle School Band All-Region Concert and Clinic*

Dual Credit Program Continues to Grow

Eustace High School students continue to take advantage of the opportunity to take dual credit and certification courses that are funded by the district. The program provides for the cost of tuition, textbooks, and certification exams for juniors and seniors. With the completion of the new Ag facility, Eustace was fortunate to expand onsite welding certification courses. Thirty students earned welding credit in the Fall semester. At the completion of the required courses, students will be able to earn an industry certification in Welding at Eustace High School.

Working closely with TVCC, students have the capability of taking

courses at the EHS campus, in Athens, or via the web. Students must meet the college admissions criteria for the course(s) they wish to take. They must also earn at least a grade of 'C' in those courses to be eligible to continue participation in the district's program. For the Fall 2017 semester, ninety EISD students earned college credits for English 1301, English 2322, Government, US History, College Algebra, Calculus I, Speech, Psychology, Economics, Criminal Justice, Welding, and Medical Law for a total of 179 college courses completed. We look forward to the continued growth of this program.

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Middle School News

Art

Happy New Year!

I have new 7th and 8th grade students this semester. Please bring, white poster-board, markers, colored pencils, hand held sharpener and Clorox clean-up wipes. These supplies are used by all art students during the semester. All art students need a pencil every day. Mechanical pencils work for most projects, but an ordinary #2, wooden pencil is best. Remember Artsonia.com. Eustace Middle School showcases student art on this awesome international website. You must register for your student's art to be visible to the public. I will send your student's code, if you will email me at cspivey@eustaceisd.net

Incentive Trip

Mrs. Smith will be taking a group of students to the movies in February. In order to qualify for the trip students must have: an 85 or higher on their report card/progress report, have no more than 6 absences, and 0 discipline referrals.

UIL

Due to scheduling conflicts with the host school, the Middle School UIL Competition will be taking place over the course of a few days. All timed testing events will be held on campus, during the day, on January 11th and 12th. Speaking events, music memory, and listening skills will take place January 16th, after school, in Kemp.

Immunizations

Now that we've begun the second semester, it is a good time to encourage the parents of our 6th grade students to go ahead and think about getting immunizations. Students entering the 7th grade have several immunizations they are required to have. They are required to have received a 2nd dose of the varicella vaccine (chicken pox), a meningococcal vaccine, and a Tdap vaccine (or adult tetanus). These are requirements by the state of Texas for all 7th graders. Remember, 7th grade students will not be able to attend school if they have not had these vaccines. Each year we have had numerous students that we have had to send home the first day of school because they did not have their immunizations up to date. It is best to go ahead and

take care of this early. Frequently, those that wait until the last minute have a hard time being able to schedule appointments with Dr.'s offices and clinics. Once your child has had the immunizations, please send records to the office so we can update their file.

Free Breakfast and Lunch

Eustace Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School are continuing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for 2017-2018. Schools that participate in CEP provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at no charge for ALL students enrolled in that CEP school.

Stay Informed

Aside from our monthly updates there are a variety of ways you can keep up with EMS!

Like us @ [facebook.com/EustaceMiddleSchool](https://www.facebook.com/EustaceMiddleSchool)

Follow us @ twitter.com/EustaceMS

And Read the Bulldog Buzz written by our students:

[Bulldog Buzz](#)

Students of the Month and Employee of the Month

The Students of the Month and Employee of the Month are chosen by the faculty at EMS. These individuals are polite, respectful people who go above and beyond every day. They set the example for everyone around them and show us what it means to be Bulldog Proud!

6th Grade: Destiny Potter and Zachary Blankenship

7th Grade Breanna Jones and Colten Castillo

8th Grade: Madison Sutton and Joey Womble

Employee of the Month: Ginger Plunk

Important Dates

January 10th: MS BB Pictures

January 11th: MS Boys BB @ Edgewood

January 11th: MS Girls BB v. Edgewood

January 18th: MS Boys BB @ Kemp

January 18th: MS Girls BB v. Kemp

January 19th-20th: MS All Region Concert and Clinic

January 22nd: MS Boys BB v. Scurry-Rosser

January 22nd: MS Girls BB @ Scurry-Rosser

January 25th & 27th: MS Girls BB District Tournament

@ Kemp

January 29th: MS Boys BB v. Edgewood

Enrollment Update (1-9-18)

Primary Campus		Intermediate Campus	
PK	81	3	108
K	102	4	119
1	132	5	111
2	100		
Total	415	Total	338

Middle School		High School	
6	116	9	131
7	115	10	113
8	99	11	105
		12	100
Total	330	Total	449

Total District Enrollment 1,532

Total District Enrollment Year Ago 1,554

High School News

Yearbook: For the first time in over 15 years (maybe longer) the Bulldog yearbook will be delivered in May at the end of school. One of the reasons for purchasing a yearbook is to have all of your friends sign your book. We will have a signing party on May 16 at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria. Only those who have purchased a book will be invited. There are 12 students on staff and they already have 2/3 of the main book finished and are working diligently on the last third. There will also be an additional 16 pages completed in April. The last chance to purchase a book will be February 2. All sales must be complete by that date. Books are currently \$50 and will remain so until the deadline of 2/2.

Book Club: Book Club is reading its fourth book of the year: *Please Stop Laughing at Me* by Jodee Blanco. There are around twenty students who regularly attend the meetings with ten more students who just read the book. Book Club meetings elicit critical thinking skills as students analyze, evaluate, and make connections with the reading. Students engage in respectful and thoughtful discussions, which makes Book Club a fun and thriving club.

UIL: Mady Bragg will be competing at State in UIL Congress. This will be her 3rd trip to State. Because Mady has been to State, she is qualified to apply for the prestigious scholarship, Texas Interscholastic League Foundation. Let's please congratulate Mady for her great success!

Cheer: The cheerleaders are gearing up for the State Championship this week. We compete Thursday, January 11 in Ft. Worth. The team hosted a showoff this past Saturday for 9 schools and did a great job. The team is looking forward to representing Eustace and showing the judges, what hard work and dedication looks like!

Basketball: The Girls and Boys Basketball teams are fighting hard in district play and are working to earn a spot in the playoffs. Both teams enjoy a unified schedule throughout January and going into the month of February. All games in Eustace will begin at 4:30 with the Girls and Boys JV games, with one team in the E.L. Kirk Gym and the other game taking place in the Old High School Gym. Both Varsity games take place in the Kirk Gym, beginning with the Girls, as soon as the JV Girls have com-

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Primary News

School Wide Fundraiser

Eustace Primary is participating in **Brookshire's CASH for my CLASS program**. Brookshire's will donate 1% of the purchase of qualifying products to our school through June 15th, 2018. Just scan the tag each time you shop. Scan tags are being distributed to each Primary family. If you do not shop Brookshire's, please pass the scan tag on to another family member (aunt, sister, grandmother etc.) that does, or return to the school. **Thank you for supporting Eustace Primary!!**

Perfect Attendance

The top five classes with the best attendance for the 3rd six weeks were: in 5th place- Miley, 4th place- Dickenson, 3rd place- Sutton, 2nd place- Cox, and the 1st place winners of the popcorn party is Mrs. Stephens' Class!

Pajama Drive

Mrs. Sutton's 2nd grade class was in charge of our annual pajama drive and this year we were able to collect 178 pairs of pajamas! This beats last years total of 129. Great job!

Season's Readings from the Library

Seasons Readings is a fun way to motivate students to score a 100 on their AR quizzes and be eligible to win a grand prize of an electric scooter. For each 100 they receive, they have a ticket entered into our drawing. We kicked off Seasons Readings on November 27th, and every Friday, six names were drawn from the tickets to receive a free hardback book. On December 14th, we drew our Grand Prize Winner, Parker Tippett!

Jump Rope For Heart

1st and 2nd grade will have their Jump Rope For Heart kickoff assembly January 26th. Last year the students raised \$2,412. Our goal this year is to raise \$3,500. More information will be coming home soon in your child's folder.

Art/GT News

The GT/Academy kids participated in the International Hour of Code event and will continue to learn more about coding in the spring semester. In Art, kids learned about the Nutcracker Ballet, painted Christmas trees, and drew snowmen. We're gearing up for our Andy Warhol study!

Second grade Christmas Around the World

Second graders participated in our annual Christmas Around the World, where students get to visit different classrooms and learn about how different countries celebrate Christmas.

Second grade Christmas program

Our first ever second grade Christmas program was held on December 12th and was a huge success! We had it in the High School auditorium and it was a packed house. We appreciate all the parents who helped make this a wonderful evening for all of our kids!

Semester Awards

This year, we will be holding semester awards. These will be on Friday, January 19th. It will begin at 8:15 with second grade, 9:05 for kindergarten, and 9:45 for first grade. We would love for you to see your child be rewarded for perfect attendance, exemplary behavior, and/or excellent grades. There will be notes in the folder if your child is being recognized.

Intermediate News

Congratulations to our Academic Contest Winners: **3rd grade:** **Dictionary Skills:** 1st Gabby Key; 2nd Erin Marable; 3rd Ellie Taylor; 4th (tie) Lexi Thompson and Carli Vasquez; and 6th Mason Patek. **Number Sense:** 1st Skylar Long; 2nd Kylee Rushing; 3rd Ethan Michael; 4th Lathon Abbott; 5th Eligh Houston; and 6th Gabby Key. **Oral Reading:** 1st Landry Huggins; 2nd Sophie Ferrell; 3rd Trena Gilbert; 4th Tristyn Steakley; 5th Bib Holland; and 6th Paisley Leslie. **Spelling:** 1st Austin Duncan; 2nd Kylee Rushing; 3rd Romma Drohn; 4th Gabby Key; 5th Franklin Mitchell; and 6th Madison Truitt. **4th grade:** **Dictionary Skills:** 1st Haidee Casares; 2nd Heagan Manken; 3rd Riggs Harris; 4th Tieler Graham; 5th Heavenlee Weldon; and 6th Cheyanne Moore. **Listening Skills:** 1st Serenity Irby; 2nd Haidee Casares; 3rd (tie) Gracie Kulsa, Emily Ortega-Vargas, and Brooklyn Ward; and 6th Brianna Drinkhouse. **Number Sense:** 1st Caidyn Snow; 2nd Nathan McVicker; 3rd Kamron Flud; 4th Michael Godinez; 5th Riggs Harris; 6th Tucker Nix; **Oral Reading:** 1st Ella Baxter; 2nd Gracie Kulsa; 3rd Daisy Buchanan; 4th Faith Tigrett; 5th Emily Fagan; and 6th Bryleigh Powers; **Spelling:** 1st Cooper Dyer; 2nd Lauren Holland; 3rd Abigail Warren; 4th Serenity Irby; 5th Robert Worley; and 6th Chelsey Defoe. **5th grade:** **Dictionary Skills:** 1st Evey Lopez; 2nd (tie) Cotey McLemee and Autumn Pugh; 4th Dakota Lemonds; 5th Lillian Hagood and 6th (tie) Madie Henderson, Andrew Lowe, and Iry Medina; **Listening Skills:** 1st Ranger McKee; 2nd Victoria Ramirez; 3rd Max Valencia; 4th Cole Carpenter; 5th Addisyn Eubanks; and 6th Brandt Powers. **Maps, Charts, & Graphs:** 1st Colby Bracken; 2nd Cole Carpenter; 3rd Brandt Powers; 4th Amiya Thomas; 5th Edgar Izaguirre; and 6th Andy Garcia. **Number Sense:** 1st Zane Neep; 2nd Charlie Adkisson; 3rd Edgar Izaguirre; 4th (tie) Andrew Lowe and Payton Miller; and 6th Matthew Gonzales; **Oral Reading** 1st Brandt Powers; 2nd Cole Carpenter; 3rd Sarah Ross; 4th Ali Whitehead; 5th Ailie Stegall; and 6th Brylee Fiscus; **Spelling** 1st Mia Morrison; 2nd Tommy Adkisson; 3rd Julia Kingston; 4th Peercen Phillips; 5th Ranger McKee; and 6th Deon Love.

The 3rd 6-weeks and Semester drawings were held: **Winner of the 3rd 6-Weeks Perfect Attendance Bicycle / Wal-Mart \$50 Gift Card** was **Bradyn Burlesmith** and the **Winner of the Semester Perfect Attendance Bicycle / Wal-Mart \$50 Gift Card** was **Grady McLemee**. All A's MP3 **Player Drawing** for the 3rd 6-Weeks and Semester was held Friday, January 5th; and the winners were: **3rd 6-weeks:** **Sayler Haddock** and **Semester:** **Audrey Kilcrease**. The **Winner of the Semester Bicycle/ Wal-Mart \$50 Gift Card for Earn Your Eats** was **Olivia Henderson**. The **Winner of Bicycle/ Wal-Mart \$50 Gift Card for our Fundraiser** was **Lilia Finch**. Also, several students won \$1 bills as they participated in our "Jump for George" drawing!

Our version of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" called "Who Wants to be a Money-aire?" was held on Thursday, December 14th. Each homeroom teacher puts all students who have perfect attendance for the 6-weeks in a bag and draws a name. Those students are asked random trivia questions pertaining to his/her grade level content. Each student is allowed one wrong answer and is considered "out" on the second wrong answer. The game continues with questions until there is only one winner for each grade. The **3rd 6-weeks Money-aire winners** were: **3rd Grade: Sophie Ferrell; 4th Grade: Riggs Harris; and 5th Grade: Grady McLemee**. We will play again at the end of the 4th, 5th and

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6th 6-weeks. Then, we will have the Champion of Champions Round on the last day of school!

Students who earned either All A's, Perfect Attendance, or Right Choice of 95 or above for the semester will be going skating, with McDonald's for lunch, on Wednesday, January 10th. Also, students earning skating for all 3 of those reasons will be getting their treat on Friday, January 12th.

Semester Awards for All A's, All A/B's, Perfect Attendance and Right Choice of 95 or above will be held on Thursday, January 11th in the Library. 3rd Grade Awards will begin at 9:00 AM; 4th Grade at 10:00 AM; and, 5th Grade at 11:00 AM.

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 19	4 th Field Trip
Jan. 23	Big Kahuna Fundraiser Party Bus

Winners of the Drawings



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pleted their game. We look forward to seeing everyone out to support the Lady Bulldogs and Bulldogs!

Karate Club: Members of the Karate Club have been busy preparing for their first belt testing, which will take place on Tuesday, January 16 during A Block lunch. To be successful, the karateka must demonstrate that he or she has the required skills in kihon (basics), kumite (controlled sparring), and kata (forms). Members, if they pass the test, will be advanced from 10th kyu (white belt) to 9th kyu (yellow belt).

Power Lifting: The powerlifting program is off to a good start this season. Our students have been working hard before and after school preparing for the first meet in Malakoff on Jan. 20. We will also be going to Van on Jan. 27

FFA: The Eustace FFA Chapter had another great fall competition season. We had 30 students compete at the State Fair of Texas. This is the largest number of students Eustace has signed up for a state show. We had Champion titles in the Heifer show and excellent placings in the market steer and hog shows as well. Our Public Speaker advanced to the final round of competitors and our Ag Mech team was third in their class division. We also had champion titles in the Poultry show as well. Our Livestock Show team has earned many accolades throughout the fall term going to various jackpot shows and representing Eustace well.

The FFA Leadership and Development Events were another successful outing for the chapter as three teams out of five advanced to Area competition in their respective speaking events. The FFA chapter hosted another successful blood drive for Carter Blood Center as well. The chapter continues selling meat and fruit each fall as one of their fund raisers, but also to supply the community with a time-honored tradition.

The FFA is currently preparing for the three-major state shows with many students entered in those competitions. They are also preparing for the Annual Chili Cook-off and Auction to be held February 17, 2018 at 6:00 PM, at the Primary cafeteria.

Bulldog Proud!

E. L. Kirk & Jack Wallace Scholarships

A reminder that it is not too late to contribute to the E. L. Kirk and/or the Jack Wallace Scholarship Funds for the 2017-2018 school year. Scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors this year. You may mail your contribution to Eustace ISD, PO Box 188, Eustace, TX 75124. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions, please contact Coy Holcombe at (903) 425-5299, or by email at cholcombe@eustaceisd.net.

Substitute Teaching

The start of the new year is a great time to consider a new adventure! If you enjoy working with children of all ages, consider becoming a substitute teacher. The role of the substitute teacher is a challenging one, which brings with it many rewards and the opportunity to assist in the development of Eustace's greatest asset – its students.

Applications for substitute teaching must be completed and returned by each individual applicant to the superintendent's office. All applicants for substitute teaching are required, as a minimum, to be high school graduate or hold a GED, and be at least 21 years of age. Once approved, applicants are required by state law to submit to fingerprinting. The district will provide the required paperwork for this process which costs individuals approximately \$54.

A sub orientation meeting is held the week prior to the school board meeting to familiarize applicants with policies and daily routines when working as a substitute teacher. All substitute applicants are approved by the superintendent, and Board of Trustees, which meets on the third Monday of each month. For additional information, please listen to the 'sub teaching' podcast located under 'job listings' on the district's home page at www.eustaceisd.net, or contact the Administration office.

Good Luck to our Varsity Cheerleading Squad at the State Cheerleading Competition this Thursday!!



Money-Aire Winners



Parker Tippet, winner of the Season's Readings contest!



Mrs. Sutton's class with 178 pairs of donated pajamas!



Primary Teachers at Christmas on the Square



2nd Grade Christmas Program
Khloie Loper was our mouse that couldn't sleep!