



Dallas City



Elementary News

Every Bulldog Moving Forward

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A note from the principal:

Dear Families,

Thank you to all families who have made their way into school this year. Many of you have been in for parent/teacher conferences, school board meetings, meetings with teachers, PTO meetings, classroom events, speech contests, and athletic events. This commitment to your child's education is very important. Please continue to stop by and visit. And, please plan to attend our winter concerts on December 8. Elementary students will perform at 2:00 PM and Junior High students will perform at 7:00 PM. PTO will be drawing the winner from the 'Paws Full of Cash' contest at these concerts.

I am very proud of our Junior High Student Council. Students raised enough money to purchase 30 turkeys for area food banks. Junior High students and athletes have sponsored other food drives this fall and have also taken canned goods to area food banks.

It seems every year December gets busier and busier. Be sure to take time to enjoy the season with your family.

Sincerely,

Lori Bilbrey

PTO Paws Full of Cash Fundraiser

PTO's Paws Full of Cash Fundraiser is in full swing. Each child is asked to sell 4 tickets. Four prizes will be drawn on December 8 during our winter concerts. Prizes will be \$2500, \$500, \$500, \$250, and \$250. If you need more tickets, please send a note or call the office and we will send home more tickets. All tickets and money should be in the office by December 5.

Winter Programs

Our winter programs will be held on Thursday, December 8. The elementary program will be held at 2:00 PM and is called "Christmas at the O.K. Corral." Students are asked to dress as cowgirls and cowboys.

The junior high program will be held at 7:00 PM and will feature the junior high band and choir. Students who are in band or choir should wear their uniform shirts and black or khaki pants. A variety of instruments will be showcased.



PTO Santa Store

The PTO Santa Store will be open during the school day on December 13, 14, and 15. Students will be able to purchase gifts for family members. **PTO is requesting donations of wrapping paper, tape, and bows.** If you can donate any of these items, please send to the office before Dec. 9.

PTO Meeting

Please join us for our next PTO meeting on Monday, December 5 at 6 PM in the school library. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with the Santa Store that will operate at school December 13, 14, and 15.

Connect Ed

As winter weather approaches, please be sure to have a family plan ready if we should have early dismissal or a school cancellation. Letting your child know in advance can alleviate much anxiety when these weather conditions occur.

If you have a new phone number, please update this information in the office for Connect Ed phone contact system.

Bulldog Athletics

7/8 Bulldog girls' basketball team is finishing up their season. Eighth grade girls have earned a trip to the regional tournament. 7/8 boys' basketball are in full swing. Our home court for 7/8 grade sports is at LaHarpe. Come out and cheer on our athletes. A reminder for students: If you attend a ball game, you are expected to attend the game. You will not be allowed to go outside during the ball game. If you do, you may be asked to pay admission again.

Student Council Fun

Students are encouraged to wear red or green on December 20. Wear festive headwear on December 21.

Eighth Grade Visit to Il-West

On December 7 eighth graders will visit Il-West. Please see our Bulldog website for more details.

Board of Education Senior Citizens' Dinner

The Dallas City ESD #327 invites area senior citizens to the annual dinner. School board members will serve a hot dinner at the elementary school on Tuesday, December 6 at 5:00 PM. Please let area seniors know about this dinner. RSVP's are appreciated, please call 217.852.3201.

Physical Exams

Please be sure to have submitted paperwork/proof of your child's physical exam. Mrs. Sly can assist with paperwork and/or questions.

Informational Parent Meeting

Earlier this year you received a letter in the mail regarding School Choice. This letter was sent because our school has not made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) on our ISAT scores for the past two years. One charge is that we will help families understand how we are trying to address the needs of all learners. We will hold a parent informational meeting on Monday, January 9 at 5:45 PM in the library. Please join us.

December

December 5	Paws Full of Cash Tickets due
December 5	PTO 6:00 PM
December 5	5/6 Boys basketball mtg. 5:30
December 5	7/8 Sci. Fair/parent mtg.5:30
December 6	Board of Ed/Sen. Citizen Din. 5:00
December 7	8 th Graders visit Il-West
December 7-8	Usborne Book Sale in library
December 8	Winter Concerts at 2:00 and 7:00
December 8	Paws Full of Cash Drawing
December 13-15	Santa Store
December 21	Afternoon/winter celebrations
December 21	2 nd Quarter/Semester ends
December 22	Winter Break begins
January 3	School resumes