

**Flour Bluff Primary**

**November 2016  
2nd 9 Weeks**

## **What's the Buzz**

### **AT FLOUR BLUFF PRIMARY!**

Hello Parents, Students and Families.

We are off to a great start this school year. Can you believe it is already November. Your child has been learning and growing each day that he/she attends school. We are so fortunate to have such amazing teachers, staff and volunteers. As we continue to hike our way through the school year we want to keep you informed of the helpful staff ready to assist you, share the fun times we have had, and what excitement is to come. Please do not hesitate to call or stop by with comments, questions, or concerns. You and the students are our number one priority.

*Shea Hernandez, Primary Principal*

### **Camp Read A Lot September 2016**

#### **Summer Reading Program**



#### **PRIMARY TEAM**

- **SHEA HERNANDEZ,  
PRINCIPAL**
- **BILL ROBINSON,  
ASST. PRINCIPAL**
- **JEANNETTE ELLIOTT,  
CURRICULUM  
SUPERVISOR**
- **CINDY BLACKSTONE,  
COUNSELOR**
- **KIM KNIEF,  
LIBRARIAN**
- **MAYRA MARTINEZ,  
NURSE**
- **MARION BRAMBLETT,  
SECRETARY**
- **KRYSTAL JENNINGS,  
ATTENDANCE &  
REGISTRAR**

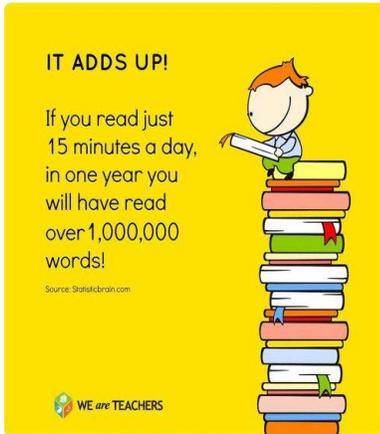
## NURSE NOTES

Our vision and hearing screenings are coming up the week of November 14th for all 1<sup>st</sup> graders and new to district 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. If your child wears glasses, please make sure they have them for the screening.

cough/sneeze and wash their hands frequently. Please keep your child home if they have a temperature of 100.0 or higher until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of a fever reducing medication such as Tylenol or Motrin.

Cold and flu season is upon us! Please encourage your child to cover their

Nurse Martinez



### Primary Daily Schedule

7:00am– Doors open for students to eat breakfast

7:40am-Tardy Warning Bell Rings & Students may enter classroom

7:45am– Tardy Bell & Instruction Begins

8:00am– Parents must come in to sign their student into class

2:55pm– Bus student loading

3:00pm– Student Dismissal

## CURRICULUM

### 2nd Nine Weeks Curriculum

October 24th-January 13th

#### 1st Grade

**English Language Arts:** Consonant digraphs; consonant blends; r-controlled vowel; soft/hard sounds; inferencing; visualizing; story elements; sentence structure; past, present and future verbs; singular, plural common and proper nouns

**Math:** foundations of numbers up to 99, additions and subtraction up to 20, operations using data representations, coins

**Science:** Force, motion, and energy; rocks, soil, and water

**Social Studies:** Leaders and their roles, Veterans Day, family traditions, Thanksgiving, holidays around the world, school locations, geographic tools

#### 2nd Grade

**English Language Arts:** Reading and Comprehension, Spelling (controlled vowels, soft/hard c and g, plurals, inflectional endings, high frequency words), "how to" and "all about me" writing

**Math:** Money, two/three -dimensional figures, addition/subtraction without algorithm

**Science:** Force and motion, earth materials and natural resources

**Social Studies:** Community-physical and human characteristics, types; community celebrations and importance to cultural heritage; Texas landmarks, monuments, government buildings, state symbols, map skills, impact of famous innovators

## COUNSELOR CUES

Flour Bluff Primary has been off to a safe, respectful, and responsible start! We have had a busy 1st nine weeks full of guidance, golden buzzies, and red ribbons. The teachers and administration have been working on creating consistent expectations while rewarding the students for exhibiting outstanding character. Through the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) process we hope to encourage positive behaviors in all students by having them understand clear expectations and rewarding them appropriately and consistently. On top of the incentive program, the teachers allow students in the classroom to earn a “golden buzzy” when they are going above and beyond behavior expectations. Each Friday morning the golden buzzy winners are chosen in a random draw-

ing. The students who win can pick from a variety of prizes. Our students love it, and treasure receiving a golden buzzy. We had our first PBIS Good Choice Club award day on Halloween. Students who received less than 5 marks in their folders and no office referrals were able to watch a movie in the classroom with popcorn! We look forward to seeing all our little Hornets at the second Good Choice Club event in January. Remember, if you are interested in volunteering or becoming a Dad on Campus (DOC) please contact us; we have plenty of opportunities and would appreciate the help!

*Cindy Blackstone, Counselor*

## THE BUZZ WORD



The buzz word for the second nine weeks is **RESPECT!** In guidance classes and instruction, we will be discussing self-worth and why it's great to be unique. Through these lessons we will discuss tolerance and humility, an important trait to learn at a young age. Finally, our Primary Hornets will discuss bullying. Bullying is an important topic, one which we take seriously. In guidance classes, we will define the term “bullying” and discuss what to do if you are a bystander or victim of bullying. Our goal and expectation is that all our students feel safe at school, to allow for a successful learning environment.

## MILITARY MATTERS

Happy November and National Military Family Month:

I want to begin by thanking you for your service to our country and our freedom. Our DOD/Military program is well underway. I have been working with students during lunch monitoring and have completed three social pull out days.

Students will also be participating in activities during December. For those of you who have not yet met me, I am Mrs. Paxton and I am the new DOD/Military Counselor for PK-8<sup>th</sup> grade. My office is located on the Junior High campus. I provide a social setting for our DOD/Military students and work with them to establish friendships if they are new to the district and continued support for those who are returning this school year. It is a wonderful way for our students to meet others on campus who share that special ‘military’ life setting and understand the challenges that can come from having to relocate or the emotions associated with deployments. If you are a DOD/Military family and have not signed up with me yet, the form is on my link located on the JH page. If you have any questions please call me at 361-694-9355 or email me at [apaxton@flourbluffschoos.net](mailto:apaxton@flourbluffschoos.net).



## AWESOME ATTENDANCE

Thank you so much for sharing your child with us. Below is research which outlines the importance of your child being in school.

Robert Balfanz (Johns Hopkins University) addresses the high rate of chronic absenteeism, commonly defined as a student missing 15 or more days for any reason (including suspension) in a school year.

*"Missing even a little school has negative effects," says Balfanz. "Missing a lot of school throws students off track to educational success. Studies of chronic absenteeism in preK, kindergarten, and the elementary grades have consistently found links to lower achievement levels in later grades, especially for children from low-income families." And low attendance in middle and high school ripples into students not making it to post-secondary schooling, and being involved in the criminal justice system."*

Your child's education is one of the most important parts of our job. Help us by having your child come to school every day and on time. Your child can grow to be anything. The possibilities are endless. Thank you in advance for helping them succeed.

Bill Robinson, Assistant Principal

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Camp Read-a-Lot

Eighty students completed FB Primary's Summer READO and were able to attend Camp Read-a-Lot. Students "fished"; read stories around the campfire; listened to our own author and 2nd grade teacher, Kathy Phillips, read Brother Bear; made s'mores; learned about Dutch ovens; and enjoyed campfire cookies.

### Bookaneer Book Fair

Book Fairs unite teachers, parents, grandparents, and other community through books. Our Bookaneer Book Fair raised enough money to purchase 22 Chromebooks for student use. Thank you for your support!

### Pumpkin Fun for Everyone!

The library celebrated reading and the fall season with a pumpkin decorating contest. Our 10 volunteer judges were challenged to choose winners from over 180 pumpkins. Congratulations to all who participated. Every single pumpkin had it's own unique personality and were amazing. Our overall winners were:

### 1<sup>st</sup> grade Overall

Daniel Ambriz

There's a Tooth in my Gumball Machine

### 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Overall

Jett Cox

Magic Treehouse Night of the Ninth Dragon

### Waves of Pages

Schlitterbahn is offering a reading program designed to inspire students to read for fun. Your student has the opportunity to earn one FREE water-park admission at Schlitterbahn Riverpark Corpus Christi. All they need to do is read 10 hours during the 10-week program, and they will be awarded a free admission as well as a special discount offer for your family. Reading Logs and the Waves of Pages information has been sent home. Please return your student's reading log to their teacher January 10, 2017.

### Storybook Forest

FB Primary's main hallway will be transformed into a winter forest with a reading twist. Each class will decorate a tree using the theme of a book. Please check with your student's teacher to see if he/she needs help or donations.

*Kim Knief- Librarian*

## Important Info

Visitor badges: required to enter the campus halls

Arrival: tardy bell rings at 7:45am; for the safety of our students, please escort your child into the building after 8:00am,

Release: a VALID photo ID must be presented each time when arriving on campus

Early pick up: is discouraged but can be done before 2:30pm.

Bus: Students are expected to obey bus riding expectations for everyone's safety. Riding the bus is a privilege. We do not have bus aides.

Transportation Changes: All end of day changes must go through the office, not the teacher, and be made by 1:30pm to ensure delivery to the classroom. Do not leave a voice mail.

Walkers: Students will not walk if raining or severe weather. They must be picked up inside the building.

