



Nectar News



September 2018

Early Childhood Center
Flour Bluff Independent School District
Adventure Begins Here

- 3 - Labor Day Holiday
- 11 - Patriot Day
- 11 - Watch DOGS Pizza Party
6 pm, ECC Cafeteria
- 13 - ECC Fundraiser Kick Off
- 19 - PreK Fall Pictures
- 20 - Kinder Fall Pictures
- 20 - ECC PTO Meeting
6 pm, ECC Cafeteria
- 21 - Law Enforcement
Appreciation Day
- 24-28 - Scholastic Book Fair
ECC Library
- 25 - ECC Open House, 6-7 pm
- 26-27 - Grandparent's
Breakfast, 7-7:45 am
ECC Cafeteria

October 2018

- 8 - Fire Prevention Week
- 10 - ECC Focus Group
11 a.m., ECC Room 8
- 12 - School Principal
Appreciation Day
- 15 - FB Homecoming Parade
Waldron Rd, 6 p.m.
- 18 - School Bus Driver
Appreciation Day
- 22-26 - Red Ribon Week
- 25 - Fundraiser Party
- 25 - Trunk or Treat
5 - 6:30 p.m.
ECC Side Parking Lot
- 26 - Storybook Character
Parade
**Students can come dressed
as their favorite storybook
character. Bring the book
too!*
- 29 - ECC Pumpkin Patch
ECC Library

WELCOME to the Flour Bluff Early Childhood Center. We are excited you're a part of a campus where the staff is committed, the students are eager to learn and the parents are involved. We believe that the school and the family must work together in order to ensure the best possible education for our students. **Future "Nectar News" will be emailed to the address on file and posted on our website.** We ask that you help and support us in the following areas:

1. VISITORS BADGES: For the safety of our students and staff, we will ask all visitors (including parents), to check-in EVERYDAY with a photo ID and wear a visitor's badge at all times while on campus. **Beginning Thursday, September 6th, in effort to secure a safe school environment, visitors will not be permitted down the hallway without a scheduled appointment.** (Eating lunch with a student is an exception.) Our staff will monitor students as they walk down our halls. Please be prepared to show a picture ID when picking up your student, visiting a classroom or the campus during the school day. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the required paperwork in the office. A criminal background check is required at least three days prior to volunteering or going on a field trip.

2. PICKING UP EARLY: Please understand that the instructional day is from 7:40 a.m. - 3:03 p.m. We encourage student attendance for the full instructional day. If you have an appointment at the end of the day that requires early pick up, please provide plenty of time {before dismissal} for our staff to get your child to the office. The end of the day is a busy time in the ECC office and sometimes classes have activities scheduled that may require them out of the classrooms. Our office staff will assist you.

3. ATTENDANCE: Attendance is extremely important to your child's success. Once your child is enrolled in Pre-Kinder or Kindergarten, Texas State Attendance Laws apply. As an extra incentive, we will begin weekly prize drawings on Friday afternoons (mornings for PreK morning students) and students must be present to win. If your child has a doctor's appointment, please bring a doctor's note as documentation and always remember to provide written documentation for any absence. A hand written excuse must be provided no later than 3 days after the student returns to school. Our attendance clerk Ms. Cindy, is always happy to help.

We have many events planned for this Fall (see dates on left). We hope to see you at Open House on Tuesday, September 25 from 6 - 7 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 361-694-9036.

Ms. Seeds & Ms. Philomeno

Bus Reminders

*Picture ID must be presented every day or your child may be returned to the campus.

*Be at your stop 15 minutes prior to arrival. Students will ONLY be released to an approved adult from the student emergency card.

*Be alert, please stay off your cell phones as you receive your child.

*If you are not at your stop, students will return to the campus for pick up.

*Please be patient if there are several students at your stop. It is against the law for parents to board the bus.

The Transportation Office can be reached at 361-694-9704 if you have any concerns.

Counselor's Corner

I'm excited to be working with you and your children this year. The Kindergarten students visit my class every week and Pre-Kindergarten visits biweekly. During September, we will focus on our school expectations, which are:

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be Responsible

If you have any concerns or need to schedule an appointment, please call me at 361-694- 9074. If I'm working with children and do not answer, please leave a message.

Ms. Toby Colvett, M.S.
tcolvett@flourbluffschoools.net

Nurse Notes

Welcome parents and students to another wonderful year at the Early Childhood Center! We are so happy to have you all with us. Our school is off to a good start and we hope that you are getting plenty of sleep at night to be fresh and ready for each day.

Just a few reminders: Parents, please pack a change of clothes in your student's backpack. The new school routine can cause accidents and we only have a limited number of clean clothes in the nurse's office. Please remember that if your student still needs immunizations to complete their record, those immunizations need to be done as soon as possible and the update brought back to me. If you have any questions, please call me at 361-694-9073. Be sure to use your seat belts and drive safely!

Thank you, Nurse Kristen

Remember if your child has not had any immunization after his/her 4th birthday -- he/she is overdue!

READING LAB

We will be inviting each Kindergarten class into our room so that students can become familiar with who we are. We will begin to analyze assessment data needed to begin tutoring and/or enriching those children who may benefit from receiving additional support in the Reading Lab. We look forward to working with your children and we encourage you to make an appointment to check out the Reading Lab and the resources that we have available. *Ms. Bujnoch & Ms. May*

LIBRARY NEWS

I look forward to an exciting year with your children in the library. Students will begin to check out books the week of Sept. 17th. "Rock Star Readers" will also begin this same week. Students are encouraged to read 100 books by the end of April. Look for more information in your student's backpack. If you are collecting "Box-Tops for Education" labels, please place them on the collection sheet previously sent home. They help provide valuable resources for our children. Our first book fair will be Sept. 24 - 28.

It's going to be an awesome year!
Happy Reading! Ms. Floyd



ECC Scholastic Book Fair

September 24 - 28

ECC Library

Daily: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Open during Open House and Grandparents' Breakfast

Lost & Found

Located across from Nurse's Office



Flour Bluff ISD ECC Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)

**Building strong working relationships
among parents, teachers and schools, in
support of students.**



Join us for our first meeting.
Thursday, September 20, 2018
6 - 6:30 pm, ECC Cafeteria

*Board Positions Needed: President, Vice-President, Secretary
and Treasurer. Together we can make a difference!*

Some programs the FB ECC PTO members coordinate:
* Fundraisers *Family Dances *Volunteering
* Teacher Grants *Pie Drive

DOD/MILITARY LIAISON COUNSELOR

Are you a Military Connected Family?
Sign up to have your students PK- 8th
grade participate in working with the
Military Liaison Counselor individu-
ally, in groups, as well as participate in
lunch bunches and numerous activi-
ties throughout the school year! Per-
mission forms available at ECC office
or on the FBISD homepage:
www.flourbluffschoools.net

FBISD Military Liaison Counselor
Angel Paxton
361-694-9355
apaxton@flourbluffschoools.net

Student Nutrition

PreK and Kindergarten menus are available online on the
Student Nutrition website.

Breakfast Prices:
Free for all ECC students.

Lunch Prices:
Student: \$2.10*
Reduced Lunch: \$.40
Adult: \$3.50

*Correction from August Newsletter

Any nutrition questions, including the Free or Reduced
Lunch application, can be answered at the Student Nutri-
tion Office at 361-694-9034.



Grandparents' Breakfast

7 - 7:45 a.m., ECC Cafeteria

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Almaguer, Arredondo, Covington, Elwood,
George, Mayo, McCoy, Morgan, Norman,
Owens, Osburn, Ruiz, Torrez

Thursday, Sept. 27

Brandt, Calderon, Davidson, Lowry, Martinez,
McIntyre, Moore, Morais, Pollard, Reneau,
Sherard, Talley, Urbis



Parent Volunteers Needed!

If you are interested in sitting on District and Campus
committees, please let Ms. Holly know at 694-9070.

District Educational Improvement Council
~ meets 3 times throughout the year ~

ECC Campus-Based Decision-Making Committee
~ meets 3 times throughout the year ~



District Health Advisory Committee
~ meets 4 times throughout the year ~

ECC Administration

Ms. A. Seeds	Principal
Ms. J. Philomeno	Asst. Principal
Ms. T. Colvett	Counselor
Ms. K. Floyd	Librarian
Ms. K. LaBaume	Nurse
Mr. R. Danser	Security Officer



District Calendar



Teachers



Lunch Menus



Resources



Family / Student Access

Contact the ECC Front Office to obtain your user name and password.

Username: _____

Password: _____

The District offers the availability of a communication tool as part of the student software program, Skyward. It is a “parent portal” whereby parents can log in through the Internet and review information pertaining to their own child(ren).

The District provides appropriate security measures to protect the confidentiality of each student. Only the parents of the child will be allowed to review the information contained in the parent portal. The parent portal allows parents to see information such as student schedules, attendance information, and contacts designated by the parents, including names, phone numbers, etc. There is also an Options tab where parents can change their password. No student data can be changed by the parent through the portal.

IN AN EMERGENCY



LOCKOUT



LOCKDOWN



EVACUATE



SHELTER



HOLD

Dear Families,

The school district has updated the safety protocol for all school campuses for the 2018-19 school year. All staff are trained and equipped to handle emergency situations. There are 5 types of emergency placements: Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter and Hold. We will share with students the updated safety protocol. The ECC campus conducts a fire drill (evacuation) every month. We have a containment drill (lockdown or shelter) every semester. Our goal is to ensure all students and staff know what to do in an emergency situation. We love your child and want to protect them from danger at all costs. Your support with following the safety protocol is appreciated

*Respectfully,
Amy Seeds, ECC Principal*

To learn more about the Standard Response Protocol K12 Guide created by The “I Love U Guys” Foundation, please visit www.iloveyouguys.org.