



Nectar News



Early Childhood Center
Flour Bluff Independent School District
#FutureHornetGraduates

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We hope that you and your family had a nice Thanksgiving. We are refreshed and ready for the next three weeks of instruction. Please do your best to keep your kids in school each and every day. Students make so much progress in these final weeks before the new year.

****Reminder: Please obtain a Visitor Pass from the front desk if you plan to walk down the hallway. Thank you.****

Classroom Holiday Parties

The last day before the Winter Break is Thursday, December 20th. This day is one of the three days throughout the year designated for classroom parties. As you prepare for classroom parties, please **be sure that all food items are store bought ONLY** and keep in mind some healthy snacks for your child's party.

Classroom Visits

If you plan to visit the classroom, please contact the teacher 24 hours in advance to schedule that time. All volunteers are required to submit a criminal background check before volunteering. Please allow 3-5 days to process a background check.



Have a Happy and Wonderful Season!

Best Wishes,

Amy Seeds & Jessica Philomeno



Thank you Watch Dog Volunteers!



Santa Pictures Thursday, Dec. 13

Santa is visiting the ECC! Pictures are \$4 each which includes a card stock folder. Be sure to return the order form to your child's teacher.

Holiday Events @ ECC

Kindergarten Program

Tuesday, Dec. 4

6:00 p.m. - High School Auditorium

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Class Performances: Arredondo, Brandt, Mayo, McIntyre, Moore, Norman, Owens, Reneau, Torrez, Vaughn

Wednesday, Dec. 5

6:00 p.m. - High School Auditorium

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Class Performances: Almaguer, Calderon, Davidson, Elwood, Lowry, Martinez, McCoy, Morais, Pollard, Sherard, Talley, Urbis



Pre-K Program

Wednesday, Dec. 19 - All Classes

AM Pre-K - 9:30 - 10 a.m., ECC Cafeteria

PM Pre-K - 1:30 - 2 p.m., ECC Cafeteria





Flour Bluff ISD ECC PTO



PTO Daddy-Daughter Dance

Friday, Nov. 30

6:00 p.m., ECC Cafeteria

Thursday, January 17, 2019

PTO Meeting, 6 p.m.

ECC Cafeteria



PTO Mommy-Son Dance

Friday, Feb. 15

6:00 p.m., ECC Cafeteria

Thank you PTO and all parents who brought in delicious pies before our Thanksgiving Break! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

Congrats to the students representing the ECC at the Regional Coastal Bend Science Fair at TAMUCC in February.

Michael Bass
Cade Jenschke
Kathryn Robinson



Brock Silguero
Kai Silchenstedt
Enrique Zarate

TECH BYTES

Here are some educational and fun websites you can use at home with your student. These are great resources for you to have during our Winter Break!

PBS Kids: pbskids.org

(no username or password needed)

Sesame Street: sesamestreet.org

(no username or password needed)

PebbleGo: pebblego.com

Username: fbcc Password: books

Tumblebooks: tumblelibrary.com

Username: flourbluff Password: tumble

**Every book you read on Tumblebooks, don't forget to write them on your "Rockin' Reader" log.*

Nurse Notes from Nurse Kristen

This winter let's all remember to "Dress for the Weather." This means to have your student wear jackets, socks, long pants, and sometimes hats and gloves. Please label the inside tag of your child's outerwear with name or initials and teacher's name to ensure it makes it home each afternoon. We have a lost and found located across from the Nurse's Office.

Keep up the good work with encouraging hand-washing at home and in public. This can dramatically stop the spread of germs, and keep your family healthy this winter.

Keep children home if they have a fever. Generally speaking, if your child has a fever, the immune system is trying to fight an illness caused by a virus or bacteria. Please resist the temptation to medicate for a fever and send your child to school. Remember: this is for the children's protection. Students can still spread contagious viruses and bacteria---even if they have been medicated for fever. Students may return to school after being fever free (without medication) for 24 hours.

Thanks for returning all borrowed clothing from the nurse's office! I appreciate it!

Happy Holidays! Nurse Kristen

ATTENDANCE

Parents are required by Texas Compulsory Attendance Law to ensure their child(ren) are in school for the full day of instruction every day of the school year.

Students must be in attendance at least 90% of the required number of days that school is in session. Once a student is enrolled in Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, the student **MUST** attend school and meet the 90% requirement.

When a child is absent from school, the parent or guardian should send a note to the school explaining the reason for the absence, as soon as the child returns to school.

All notes must include:

- Date of the note
- Name of the child
- Date of the absence
- Specific reason for the absence
- Parent signature

If a student attends school any portion of the day and brings a doctor's note from a doctor's appointment for the same day, the student will not be counted absent for the day.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

In November, Kindergarten students finished the "Bully" unit by being respectful and signing a promise that they will **not** bully others. In December, we will discuss compassion and ways to help others.

Pre-K classes have been introduced to "Wise Owl." They are learning about the difference between disrespectful behavior and bullying.

New toy donations are being accepted at the ECC to benefit our local Toys for Tots. Please drop off in designated containers in the lobby.

I hope that you'll have a wonderful holiday season with your family.

Ms. Toby Colvett, M.S.

School Counselor

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Throughout the school year we stress our positive behavior expectations at the Early Childhood Center. Our expectations are:

**Be Safe!
Be Respectful!
Be Responsible!**

**DISTRICT
CHARACTER TRAITS:
3rd 6-Weeks
"Kindness"**

**Lost &
Found**

*Located across from
Nurse's Office*

lil' helping hornets

ECC Community Service Projects

Thank you families for all your outstanding contributions! All donated canned goods and toiletries will be delivered to Timon's Ministries.



READING ROCKS! News from the Librarian

The students have done an awesome job reading this month! All students will need to have their library books and bags returned to the library before the Winter Break. Parents, please help your child return their books.

Big, big thanks to all of you saving your Box Tops for Education. Keep sending them in—every little bit helps.

Remember: Schlitterbahn Waves of Pages are due on Jan. 18th, 2019! More logs are available in the library.

I truly appreciate all your help and support. Happy Reading! Ms. Floyd

Favorite Holiday Book Recommendations:

Ms. Floyd:
"Santa's New Suit,"
by Laura Rader

Ms. Holly:
"The Story of Holly & Ivy,"
by Rumer Godden

Ms. Colvett:
"The Cajun Night Before
Christmas,"
by Trosclair



Toy Drive Dec. 1 - 14

The ECC will be collecting new, unwrapped toys suitable for children ages birth—14 years. You may leave your donations in your child's classroom or in the donation box located next to the front office.



*Donations will benefit our local Toys for Tots at St. Paul the Apostle Church on Waldron Road.
Thank you.*