



Nectar News



September 2019

Early Childhood Center
Flour Bluff Independent School District
Adventure Begins Here

- 2 School Holiday-Labor day
- 11 Patriot Day
- 11 WatchDog Pizza Parent Party
- 16 Thank An Officer
- 18 PreK Fall Picture Day
- 18 Kinder Fall Picture Day
- 23-25 ECC Book Fair
- 24 ECC OPEN HOUSE
- 25-26 Breakfast with Grandparent
- 27 Fundraiser Kick-Off

October 2019

- 7-12 Fire Prevention Week
- 7 Homecoming Parade
- 11 Homecoming Game
- 14 Fundraiser Due
- 16 Principal Appreciation Day
- 23 Fall Picture Retakes
- 23 Transportation/Custodial/Maintenance Appreciation Day
- 24 Trunk or Treat
- 28-Nov1 Red Ribbon Week
- 31 Storybook Character Parade

ECC Administrative Team

Amy Seeds	<i>Principal</i>
Jessica Philomeno	<i>Asst. Princ.</i>
Toby Colvett	<i>Counselor</i>
Kristen LaBaume	<i>School Nurse</i>
Kelli Floyd	<i>Librarian</i>
Rick Danser	<i>Security Officer</i>

WELCOME to the Flour Bluff Early Childhood Center. We are excited you are 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 with a photo ID and wear a visitor’s badge at all times while on campus. Beginning Thursday, Sept 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 on Tuesday/Thursday*). 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 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 to be out of the classroom. 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, the class with the highest average attendance for the month will invite their parent(s) to eat with them on the last Friday of the month. 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 and all absences. 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 the Fall (see dates on left). We hope to see you at Open House on Tuesday, September 24 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

Welcome to the ECC!

I'm excited to be working with you and your children this year. The Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten classes will visit my class biweekly. During September, we will focus on learning 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 am working with children and do not answer, please leave a message.

Ms. Toby Colvett, M.S.
tcolvett@flourbluffschools.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 immunizations after his/her 4th birthday -- he/she is overdue!

READING LAB

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. Jackson

READING ROCKS! News from the Librarian

- I look forward to an exciting year with your children in the library.
- Students will begin to check out books the week of September 9th.
- "Rock Star Readers" will also begin the 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 that will be sent home. Please download the Box Tops app to earn more money for the ECC. They help provide valuable resources for our children.
- Our first book fair will be September 23-27.

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



Flour Bluff ISD ECC PTO

Welcome 2019-20 PTO Board Members:

- Kayla McCartney, President
- Julie Escamilla, Vice President
- Maria Danley, Secretary
- Nicole Garrett, Treasurer

Be sure to check out the Volunteer Sign Up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. We need volunteers to help us with picture day.

Breakfast & Lunch: (1st meal)
Free for all ECC students.

2nd Meal Price: À La Carte

Breakfast Entree \$1.75 *

Lunch Entree \$2.50 *

Vegetable or

Fruit Side \$1.00 *

Milk \$0.75 *

*Students are Allowed to

Purchase Extra Food Items.

Adult: \$3.85



Please call the Student Nutrition Office at



FUNDRAISER KICKOFF SEPT 27
ORDERS DUE OCT 14
DELIVERY NOV 13

**WatchDog
Parent Pizza
Party
Sept 11**

RSVP to Lynn or Kim
361-694-9036



Look for flyer in your
child's backpack

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 individually, in groups, as well as participate in lunch bunches and numerous activities throughout the school year! Permission forms available at ECC office or on the FBISD homepage: (parent resources) www.flourbluffschools.net

FBISD Military Liaison Counselor

Angel Paxton

361-694-9355

apaxton@flourbluffschools.net

Grandparents' Breakfast ECC Cafeteria

7 - 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept 25

Almaguer, Azua, Covington, Davidson,
Lowry, Martinez, McMahan, Morgan,
Moore, Osburn, Pollard, Ruiz, Talley, Urbis

Thursday, Sept 26

Arredondo, Banister, Elwood, Ferrand
Mayo, McIntyre, McCoy, Morais,
Norman, Reneau, Sherard, Torrez, Vaughn

**Lost &
Found**

Located across from
Nurse's Office



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 SAY IT TWICE. SAY IT TWICE.



LOCKOUT



LOCKDOWN



EVACUATE



SHELTER

School Safety

A critical ingredient in the safe school recipe is the uniform classroom response to any incident. Weather events, fires, accidents, intruders and other threats to student safety are scenarios that are planned and trained for by school and district administration and staff. The Standard Response Protocol is based not on individual scenarios but on the response to any given scenario. Each protocol has specific staff and student actions that are unique to the action. Throughout the school year, teachers and students will practice these drills.