



February 10, 2017  
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## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

We completed our Pennies for Patients drive last month raising \$1694.86 for research to find a cure for leukemia. We told you about our East 3rd grade friend, Zayvion Khi Curtis who is currently fighting leukemia and winning! He is our own personal SUPERMAN!

We kicked off our Jump Rope for Heart campaign last week. Our 1st-3rd graders are learning various jump roping skills while gathering pledges that will go to the American Heart Association. (See Coach Harvey's note on the back.)

This month I want to tell you about another 3rd grader, Cody Garms, who has undergone multiple heart procedures - 3 of them being open heart surgeries. When Cody was only 7 days old his mom noticed that his nail beds were blue, so she took him to the ER here in Brownwood and from there he was care flighted to Ft. Worth. His first open heart surgery was when he was only 11 days old. This past week Cody and his mom, Kim, and sister, Kia, went to Austin to meet with legislators to advocate for more research and funding for congenital heart disease. One in 100 babies are born with these heart issues. Cody's sister, Kia, is a teenager but has a pacemaker for her irregular heartbeat. This is a strong and brave family who have faced many hardships and medical procedures. We want to focus on our own friend Cody - KING BRAVEHEART - as we gather pledges for our Jump Rope for Heart. Let's do all we can to get heart healthy while raising funds for children like our friend Cody!



1. Cody with mom Kim Spruill and sister Kia and representative Mike Lane. 2. King Braveheart! 3. Cody with Willie Amos, Jump Rope for Heart MASTER! He was awesome!

### Upcoming Events

#### February

- 14th- Valentine's Parties in classes after lunch
- 17 - end of 4th 6 weeks; 9:45 - 3rd grade to BHS to hear Ft. Worth Symphony Orchestra
- 20th - begin 5th 6 weeks
- 22 - Jump Rope for Heart performances in gym for 1st-3rd grade during PE classes
- 23 - report cards
- 24 - Awards Assemblies

#### March

- 3 - Early Release - 12:15; Bluebonnet Relays
- 9 - Class Pictures and Individual pictures
- 13-17 - Spring Break
- 29- April 11 — Library Fundraiser and Read-A-Thon

#### April

- 3 - PK Art Show at Central Office
- 11 - End ReadAthon
- 13-end of 5th 6 weeks
- 14 - Good Friday Holiday, no school
- 17 - no school

#### May

- 1, 2 - Kinder-2nd grade reading and math tests
- 8 - STAAR Math for 3rd
- 9 - STAAR Reading for 3rd
- 12 - Field Day
- 15 - holiday
- 18 - Little Lion Olympics at Gordon Wood for 3rd
- 25 - Last Day of School Morning Awards Assemblies; Early Release - 12:15