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WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE END OF SCHOOL

Believe it or not, we are nearing the end of the school year. We only have 37 school days left, two of which are early release days. That should tell ALL of us that we need to be diligent to FINISH STRONG! Now is not the time to think, "School is nearly over. I can just coast until the end." Now is the time to think, "I've got lots to do to prove to my teachers, my parents and mostly to myself that I am ready to move to the next grade! Let's all work together to ensure that these last weeks of school are awesome!



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I know it always seems like we have some "extra" something going on.....pictures, t-shirt sales, Pennies for Patients, Jump Rope for Heart, or some sort of fundraiser. We usually do; however, none of them are REQUIRED.

With that said, we have another opportunity to raise money for our library. Mrs. Kimery, our librarian, has come up with a new idea that we have never tried before. This year, instead of our book fair, we are having our first every READ-A-THON. This is a web-based fundraiser that focuses on reading! Students participate in reading sessions in their classrooms each day. We are asking friends and family for donations to help us buy new books for our library. Each student needs to activate his or her personal, private webpage. To get started, please follow these directions:

- go to read-a-thon.com.
- Click on "login" in the upper left corner
- select "reader"
- On the next screen, enter your student's secret code from the sheet he or she brought home, including the dash.
- Follow the prompts on each screen.
- Enter e-mail addresses for your family and friends, and the program will send them e-mails inviting them to see your student's page and make a donation. Only the people you invite can see your student's page.
- If you have family or friends that would like to contribute cash instead, please send it in an envelope with your student's name on it to the East library, and Mrs. Kimery, the librarian, will credit it to their page.
- Your student will get to choose a prize when he or she finishes setting up their page. Students earn additional prizes as people make donations!

OUR STUDENTS GET TO HELP MRS. KIMERY PICK THE NEW BOOKS FOR OUR LIBRARY, SO BE THINKING OF YOUR FAVORITE BOOKS AND FAVORITE AUTHORS!

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL

- 3rd - PK ART Show, 5:30-6:30 at Central Office (see the back for details)
- 11th - end of Read-A-Thon
- 13th - End of 5th 6 weeks; EARLY RELEASE-12:15
- 14th and 17th - Student Holidays
- 20th - Report Cards
- 21st - Awards Assemblies
- 24th - Gifted and Talented Showcase at Central Office
- 28th - Build a Bear (see back for more details)

MAY

- 1 - 3rd grade STAAR Math; 1st grade field trip to RR Museum and Fire Station
- 2 - 3rd grade STAAR Reading; 1st grade to Riverside park
- 4th - PK/K to Abilene Zoo
- 12th - 3rd grade to Lake Brownwood; PK - 2nd - Field Day
- 15th - Student Holiday
- 18th - 3rd grade - Little Lion Olympics at Gordon Wood
- 25th - Morning Awards; Early Release- Last Day

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PK Art Show - On Monday, April 3 from 5:30-6:00, our PK Students from across the district will have their first ever ART SHOW. We are so excited to give our students this opportunity to display their individual art work and class projects. Please come and see what are PK students are up to! Exciting!!

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR!

For the 2017-2018 BISD is moving toward online registration for your children who attend any school in our district. This will streamline your forms and help you, especially if you have students on multiple campuses. In order to do that you will have to have a **portal ID number**. To get that number, you have to go their campus and take your driver's license or valid picture ID. The office will then give you a number for that student. If you have children at different campuses, you will have to go to the campus where your child attends. **This must be done before school is out if you want to register online**. Once you have your child's portal ID number, it will never change and will follow them throughout their school career in Brownwood.



Congratulations to Carmen Paul and Hayden Barnum for winning the skateboard and scooter because of their participation in Jump Rope for Heart. All the names of students who raised \$50 or more were put in a drawing and these 2 names were chosen! Thanks to all of our students who participated in this great cause. We raised \$3,372.38 for the American Heart Association! This broke our school record set in 2012! Way to go East!



MEET DR. JOE YOUNG

This is Dr. Young, our BISD superintendent. He comes to our campus every single Wednesday to walk through our classes and visit with our students. Last week he visited Ms. Marci's PK classroom and took part in their play centers. Obviously Dr. Young was a special guest at Stetson and Lexi's tea party! Thank you Dr. Young for not just "talking the talk" but for "walking the walk!" Your passion for our students and taking PRIDE in all we do in our schools is evident!

Special thanks to Tony Talamentez, Zaylin and Victoriah's dad. He put fencing on our soccer goals so they will last for a LONG TIME! They are so PROUD of our goals....but more proud of their Daddy!

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