

THE PAW PRINT

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The first half of the 2018-19 school year has been fantastic! The year has been filled with many successes and our students have already shown tremendous growth both developmentally and academically! We are so proud of our Bulldogs!

Our holiday parties will be held on December 21. In order to help our party day, run smoothly, please note the following:

1. Due to the Harris County Fire Code restrictions, please limit visitors attending your child's party to one or two individuals.
2. Parking is limited. Be sure to avoid parking in fire zones marked in red. You run the risk of being ticketed if parked in the fire zone. Additional parking is available across West Road at St. Cuthbert Episcopal Church and West Houston Church of Christ.
3. Siblings who attend Birkes will not be able to attend their sibling's holiday party.
4. No school-aged children (including students who are home-schooled) are permitted at the school parties.
5. If you plan to take siblings home after the parties, please send a note the morning of December 21st to your child's homeroom teacher.

Many thanks to our homeroom parent volunteers who are busy preparing for a fun and festive holiday party. You may be receiving a phone call or e-mail from our homeroom parents as they work to ensure all preparations are in place. Please note, if you are donating food for the party day, we are exempt from the FMNV (Foods with Minimal Nutritional Value) policy on this day, however we have children with severe peanut allergies and request you do not send items containing peanut products. We want to keep all of our students safe.

Wishing you and your family a holiday season filled with many blessings and much happiness in 2019!

HOLIDAY PARTY CHECK IN PROCEDURE

All visitors, on party day, will be asked to enter through the front or back of the building. Please wear your pre-scanned ID sticker that will be sent home with your child. If you forget your pre-scanned ID sticker you will have to wait in line to have your license scanned again. If you have not had your ID scanned for the 2018-19 school year, please drop by Birkes no later than Tuesday, December 18 to insure you are in the system.



Friday, December 21

PPCD, A.M. Pre-K, Kdg., 1st & 2nd 9:30 – 10:15
3rd, 4th & 5th grades 10:45 – 11:30
P.M. Pre-K 1:30 – 2:00

Homeroom moms and helpers will set up in PPCD, A.M. Pre K, Kdg., 1st & 2nd grades from 9:15 – 9:30. The party will begin at 9:30. Parties will need to be completed and cleaned up by 10:15.

Homeroom moms and helpers will set up in 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades from 10:30 – 10:45. The party will begin at 10:45. Parties will need to be completed and cleaned up by 11:30.

Homeroom moms and helpers will set up in P.M. Pre-K from 1:15 – 1:30. The party will begin at 1:30. Parties will need to be completed and cleaned up by 2:00.

Hopefully, we will have a gorgeous day!

BIRKES CHOIR



Join our fantastic choir as they perform
Tuesday, December 18
6:00 P.M.
Birkes Elementary
Cafeteria

HOLIDAY PARTY RESERVATION

Holiday party reservation forms will be sent home with your student today. Please check their backpack. Please return your completed form to your child's homeroom teacher no later than Friday, December 7. We will print your ID sticker and send it home with your child. Please wear this pre-scanned ID sticker on party day. If you forget your pre-scanned ID sticker you will have to wait in line to have your license scanned again and missing your child's party is a possibility.

LOST AND FOUND

Please have your child check the lost and found for his/her sweaters, jackets, and lunch boxes. All items will be donated to a local charity on December 21st.



HONOR ROLL/PERFECT ATTENDANCE

504 students made the honor roll and 619 students were here every day of the 1st nine weeks. We congratulate these students on their success. Thanks to our parents for their support.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

It was so fun to see so many volunteers come shop and enjoy some pumpkin treats at our Fall VIPs Appreciation Day! So many of you were volunteering at Colonial Day, and we loved seeing you in costume. The following people were winners of \$10 gift cards, donated by our staff: Kelley Cooper, KC Deguise, Rebekah Deo, JoAnna Detwiler, Sandy Dohallow, Crystal Gore, Tina Lotun, John May, Melissa Means, LaDonna Murray, Almira (Mia) Nguyen, Kristie Pearson, Stephanie Shirley, Ivy Smith and Vicky Spurgin. Congrats to all of our volunteers! We appreciate all you do for our great school!



CORE ESSENTIAL OF THE MONTH

Our character trait for December is "COMPASSION!"

Celebrate the Season

Family and friends are cordially invited to attend the annual holiday celebration of the Northwest Harris County Cooperative for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Students from Birkes Elementary, Matzke Elementary, , Spillane Middle, and Cy- Ridge High School and Langham Creek's ASL Club will perform a variety of interpretations of the season's tales and traditions. Sign language interpreters will be provided. There will even be a Silent Auction and visit from a "signing" Santa.

**WHEN: Friday, December 7, 2018
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

**WHERE: Cypress Ridge High School
Auditorium (East End/Right Side)
7900 N. Eldridge Pkwy
Houston, TX 77041**

*** Cypress Ridge is across the street from "Trader's Village"***



FOOD DRIVE



November 26 – December 7

Birkes Student Council will be collecting the following items for donation to our community. Each grade level is assigned a specific item to bring, but if you do not have this particular item, please feel free to send whatever is convenient.

Kdg.	canned goods (fruits & vegetables)
1 st grade	dry goods (rice, pasta, stuffing)
2 nd grade	peanut butter & jelly
3 rd grade	paper goods (toilet tissue, paper towels, facial tissue, napkins)
4 th grade	canned soup
5 th grade	cereal

Often, the donated items will go to help children in our own school. All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated!

Thank you,
Birkes Student Council

No glass containers, please!

HOLIDAY MARKET

Birkes' Holiday Market will start Thursday, December 13 and end on Friday, December 14. This is a great opportunity to allow the students to purchase gifts for others. Students will be able to shop during their lunch time.



***Student Holidays
December 24, 2018 – January 6, 2019***


***School Resumes
January 7, 2018***

Happy Holidays!

Birkes Elementary

December

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Birkes Elem. 8500 Queenston Houston, TX 77095 Ph. #281-345-3300 Fax #281-345-3305</p>	<p>School Hours: 8:45 – 4:00 We open our front doors at 8:25. If you drop your child off before 8:25, there is no supervision.</p>	<p>Lunch Schedule Kdg. 10:55-11:25 1st 11:25-11:55 2nd 11:55 – 12:25 3rd 1:25 – 1:55 4th 12:55- 1:25 5th 12:25-12:55</p>	<div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 10px; color: green; font-weight: bold;"> <p>Due to the Harris County fire code restrictions, please do not plan on having more than 1 or 2 individuals attend your child's party.</p> </div>			
2	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Drive • Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Drive 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Drive • 5:00 – 9:00 Freddy's Steakburger Spirit Night Copperfield – FM 529 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Drive • Holiday Party RSVP is due tomorrow. <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Please read!</p> </div>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 Spelling Bee • Food Drive ends • 6:30 Celebrate the Season with Northwest Harris County Cooperative for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing at Cy-Ridge High School 7900 N. Eldridge 	8
9	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress Notes go home • Nature Trails 3rd gr. – Garcia, Courcier, Sprott, Domino 5th gr. – Bartels, Formas, Beishir, Firestone 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Trails 3rd gr. – Ashy, Adams, Solanick, Ellington 5th gr. – Berger, Hunter, Dunn 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature Trails 5th gr. Hughes, Niles, Kopecky • 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Urban Air Spirit Night 	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Market during lunches • 5:00 – 9:00 Slim Chickens Spirit Night 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Market during lunches 	15
16	17	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:00 5th gr. Choir Holiday Performance 	19	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5:00 – 8:00 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night – 1st grade teachers to host 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holiday Parties – see info below • All lost and found to local charity • Siblings who attend Birkes will not be able to attend their sibling's holiday party. 	22
23	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Holiday 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Holiday • Christmas 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Holiday 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Holiday 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Holiday 	29
30	<p>31</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Holiday 	<p>Jan. 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Holiday • Happy New Year! 	<div style="border: 2px dashed red; padding: 10px;"> <p>Dec. 21 - Holiday Parties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:30 – 10:15 PPCD, A.M. Pre-K, Kdg., 1st & 2nd - Homeroom moms and helpers will set up in PPCD, K, 1, & 2 from 9:15 – 9:30. • 10:45 – 11:30 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade Homeroom moms & helpers will set up in 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades from 10:30 – 10:45. • 1:30 – 2:00 P.M. Pre-K Homeroom moms & helpers will set up Pre-K from 1:15 – 1:30. • Siblings or school aged children will not be able to attend their sibling's holiday party. </div>			<p>• School resumes Monday, Jan. 7</p>

If you plan to take siblings home after the party, please send a note the morning of the 21st to your child's homeroom teacher.



Please read!



December 2018



Family Fitness Daily Movement Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <u>Hopscotch</u> Make a hopscotch court and play with your family.
2 <u>Play</u> Grab a few friends and play a few tag games like "Capture the Flag".	3 <u>Run</u> See how fast you can run a mile. Have a family member time you.	4 <u>Catch</u> Practice your catching skills by catching a ball thrown to you by someone else.	5 <u>Inchworms</u> Keeping your legs straight, place your hands on the ground, walk them into pushup position, then walk your legs back to your hands.	6 <u>Jump Rope</u> Grab a jump rope and grab a friend. Take turns jumping rope. Jump rope until you miss before passing the rope to your friend.	7 <u>Family Adventure</u> Go for a hike with your family today. Try to keep a vigorous pace and work up a sweat.	8 <u>Create</u> Create a new game with a friend today using a ball.
9 <u>Tape It Front</u> Put a piece of tape on the ground and jump back and forth as quick as you can for 30 seconds. Repeat 10 times.	10 <u>Rock, Paper, Scissor Tag</u> Meet in the middle, shoot, winner chases the loser back to safe zone. If tagged, join the other team.	11 <u>Bike Ride</u> Go for a bike ride for at least 1 hour. Don't have a bike? Go for a walk/jog, or do bicycle crunches.	12 <u>Dance</u> Put on your favorite song and make up a dance to it. Teach your dance to someone else. Perform it for an audience.	13 <u>Skill Practice</u> Dribble any ball 100 times with your dominant hand. Switch and do another 100 dribbles with your non-dominant hand.	14 <u>Total Body</u> 10 squats 10 push-ups 10 walking lunges 10 Jumping jacks Repeat	15 <u>Jog</u> Go for a jog at a good steady pace for 15 minutes. Try to do it without stopping, but stop if you need to.
16 <u>Push Ups!</u> See how many push-ups you can do. Take a 1 minute break and try again.	17 <u>Loco-motor Skills</u> Practice your loco-motor movements by skipping 10 times, galloping 10 times, and sliding 10 times. Repeat for 15 minutes	18 <u>Jump Rope</u> See how many different ways you can jump rope. Can you do each one for 1 minute straight?	19 <u>Jumping Jacks</u> Execute jumping jacks for 1 minute without stopping. Break for 1 minute. During the break, do as many crunches as you can. Repeat for 15 minutes.	20 <u>Power Skips</u> Skip as high and as far as you can. Do 20 in a row without stopping.	21 <u>Power Jacks</u> Like jumping jacks, but jump out into a squat and then jump back in. Do as many as you can in 1 minute.	22 <u>Shadow Boxing</u> Without touching anyone, punch down to the ground towards your own shadow.
23 <u>Holiday Get outside and get moving!</u>	24 <u>Holiday Get outside and get moving!</u>	25 <u>Sliders</u> Feet together, knees bent, slide to the right side landing on right leg. Slide to the left side landing on the left leg. Try 20 in a row.	26 <u>You Decide</u> What was your favorite activity this month? Give it another try!	27 <u>You Decide</u> What was your favorite activity this year? Give it another try!	28 <u>You Decide</u> What was your favorite activity this year? Give it another try!	29 <u>Balance</u> Balance on one foot and tilt forward to make your body look like a table. One leg straight back and arms stretched straight out in front. Switch
30 <u>Walking</u> Go for a walk with a grandparent or adult relative who takes care of you	31 <u>Ski Jumps</u> Pretend you are a skier. Jump side to side as if you were skiing down a mountain. Don't forget to use your arms!					

A paper copy of this form will be sent home with your child today. Please check their backpack.

Holiday Party Parent/Guest RSVP Friday, December 21

Parents are welcome to attend the Holiday Party. Due to the Harris County Fire Code restrictions, **please limit visitors attending your child's party to one or two individuals.**

Please complete the form below if you plan on attending. ***This procedure is to enhance school security.*** Thank you for your understanding.

Please enter through the front entry or back door, by the hardtop. All other entrances of the building will not be open for check-in.

- Once you return this RSVP we will print your ID sticker and send it home with your child. **Please wear the sticker to the party.**
- If you **have not** had your license scanned at Birkes, you will need to go to the front office to check-in through the Raptor System. This may take a long time, and missing the party is a possibility. *To avoid the wait, you may visit Birkes from 9 am to 3 pm any day prior to the party to have your license scanned and receive your ID sticker. Please let the receptionist know that you will be attending the Holiday party.*
- Only one (1) RSVP form is needed per family to attend the Holiday party. **Please print your name as it appears on your driver's license along with your date of birth.**

RSVP Form – Please return this form by Friday, December 7.

I plan to attend the Holiday party on Friday, December 21.

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3 rd , 4 th & 5 th grades	10:45 – 11:30
P.M. Pre-K	1:30 – 2:00

Please print.

Student Name: _____ Teacher: _____

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Adult Visitor Name(s) as it appears on your driver's license along with date of birth.

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