

THE PAW PRINT

Mrs. Stacie Everson, Principal

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We have successfully kicked off the second semester at Birkes Elementary! We are so proud of our Bulldogs and the amazing Birkes staff who have contributed to staying focused on learning while maintaining a safe learning environment for all. Take a look at some of the upcoming February happenings:

Valentine's Day Celebration

We have set aside a brief time at the end of the school day on Thursday, February 11 for Face-to-Face students to exchange valentines (Feb 12 is a remote learning day). If you choose to send your child with valentines for their classmates, we ask that you send enough for all the face-to-face students in the homeroom and label them all "To: My Friend, From: (Your child's name)". This will aid in passing cards out quickly and easily. A store-bought, individually packaged candy/ food item may be included, but we cannot accept homemade food items. The valentines will go home with your child so that you can make the best decision about if and/or what your child eats. Students will be provided with a bag for the exchange.

Remote Learning Day - Friday, February 12th

Our Connect students (who will remain at home) **will:**

- Learn through pre-recorded lessons and posted assignments
- Not have check-ins by their teachers or participate in live instruction.
- Have attendance taken by showing evidence of completing assignments and/or logging into Schoology.

Our on-campus learning students (who will be learning from home on these days) **will:**

- Receive paper packets and assignments to be completed and turned in.
- Not need devices in order to complete assignments.
- Have attendance taken by showing evidence of completing assignments.

Families may request on-campus learning at school on these designated remote days from home. Students attending in-person on Friday, February 12th, will:

- Be supervised by a non-teaching staff member (they will not be in class with their teacher) Work independently to complete the assignments
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- Have the option of riding the bus to/from school and eat breakfast/lunch in the cafeteria.
- Have attendance taken.

****We will send another online survey on February 5th to get an accurate count of students who will be on campus that day.

100th Day of School

Face-to-Face students, please join us on February 18 as we dress like a 100 year old and celebrate reaching 100 days of school for the 2020-21 school year!

Go Texan Day

On February 26, 2021, we will celebrate Go Texan Day at Birkes! Be sure to dust off your hats and your boots to participate in this fun filled day!

SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winner, Tory Tran, 4th grade, in Ms. Courciers' class. The runner up is Pramith Sannapureddy 5th grade, in Ms. Bartels' class. All of our spellers did an awesome job! We are very proud of every one of you!

THANK YOU!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Mr. William Longwell**, father of Kindergarten student Addison Longwell, for his donation of so many useful office supplies. We will be able to use them for years to come in our workroom and school. Thank you for your very generous donation to Birkes Elementary

CHARACTER TRAIT

Our character trait is "Kindness," showing others they are valuable by how you treat them.

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**Spring Break
is
March 15 - 19.**



Birkes Elementary



February 2021



We are the third largest district in the state of Texas.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Birkes Elem. 8500 Queenston Blvd. Houston, TX 77095 Ph. #281-345- 3300 Fax #281-345- 3305	1 Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night	2	3	4	5	6
		<p>Parents, please do not bring or send Valentine Day flowers/balloons to school for your student, as they will not be able to be delivered to the classroom or taken home on the bus. Thanks for your understanding.</p>				
7 School Hours: 8:40 – 4:10 We open our doors at 8:20. If you drop your child off before 8:20, there is no supervision.	8 Report cards posted	9	10	11	12 Remote learning from home for all students	13
14 Valentine's Day	15 • President's Day • Student Holiday • Staff Professional Development	16	17	18 100 th Day of School	19	20
21	22	23 Willie's Icehouse Spirit Night Copperfield	24 Spring Portraits	25	26 Go Texan Day	27
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BIRKES BARKER

Team Birkes
Stronger Together



PTO WEBSITE: www.birkespto.com

PTO FACEBOOK: Birkes Elementary PTO/VIPs

YEARBOOK

This school year may look different, but plenty of fun memories are still being made and captured for our yearbook. Click here: <http://jostensyearbooks.com?ref=A01122869> to order your 2020-2021 yearbook for only \$27!

We need your pictures! Please submit them for consideration for the yearbook by following these steps:

- 1) Click on this link: <https://images.jostens.com/415468563>
- 2) Upload your photo
- 3) Fill in your child's and enter important information in the description (grade and which activity/event)

FEBRUARY PHOTO TOPICS

BLACK HISTORY MONTH
CHINESE NEW YEAR
HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
VALENTINE'S DAY

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOKS BY MARCH 1ST

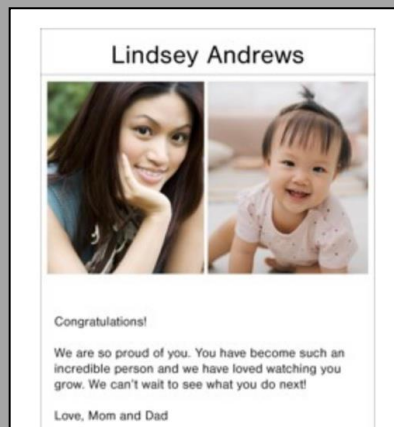
Please contact Charleine with any questions. ctuckeryearbook2021@gmail.com

Thank you for all the amazing pictures we have received so far!
Keep them coming, Bulldogs!

5th grade yearbook recognition ads are due Feb 11th!

If you have a 5th grade student, please consider creating a yearbook recognition ad for your student. It's a great way to show pride and love to your student as they conclude the elementary school years. You will need a picture of your student and can write a sentence or 2. Templates are provided.

The deadline for the ads is **Feb 11th**, so don't delay. Ads are \$15-\$50 depending on the size of the ad. jostensadservice.com



PTO BOARD/CHAIR OPEN POSITIONS

We have several positions available. Some will not be needed until we can go back to in person volunteering, but it's a great year to get your feet wet with a PTO Board or Chair position. Email alison.birkespto@gmail.com

Board

Major Fundraising

(2) VIPS (Volunteer Coordinator)

Chairpersons

Major Fundraising

Yearbook

(2) SRC

Art/Music

MINOR FUNDRAISING

February Spirit Nights

Texas Roadhouse - (1960 and 290) **Mon, Feb 1** - kids eat free! 15% back to Birkes

Willie's - (Copperfield – Hwy 6 location) **Tues, Feb 23** 4pm- close, 15% goes back to Birkes, MUST verify Birkes is on receipt. In person and phone pick up/curbside orders, and online pick-up/curbside orders (put SPIRITNIGHT in as your coupon)

Amazon Smile and Kroger

If you shop Amazon Prime you can go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and look for our BirkesElementary Parent-Teacher Organization in drop down list to support our school. Your Kroger shopping card can also be linked to Birkes PTO to give back a portion of your grocery bill.

Box Tops

Box tops has changed their way to redeem. We will continue to accept the ones you continue to find on foods, but will begin to implement the new way to redeem effective immediately. Please follow the link for an instructional video, download the app, and scan your receipt from the store -

<https://youtu.be/Hh94b2BvFK4>

MEMBERSHIP

By joining and participating in PTO, you help us make Birkes awesome! A huge 'THANK YOU' to the Bulldog parents who have already joined! We have so many families and staff members that are connected to improve our school. Remember, it's not too late to join PTO. You can log on to our website: <http://www.birkespto.com> and select "log in/register". Your membership dues are one of the few ways this year that we are able to collect funds to continue supporting our Bulldogs.

