

# THE PAW PRINT

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

March is here! Birkes is celebrating Staff Appreciation Week March 8 - 12. Our teachers, paraprofessionals, custodians, cafeteria staff, and support staff go above and beyond to do "whatever it takes" to create an environment for students to learn and feel loved. We are grateful to work on a campus where the teachers love your children and are excited about coming to work to make a difference in the life of your children each day. If you get an opportunity, drop those staff who work with your child an e-mail or note of appreciation to let them know you and your child appreciate them.

Last week, CFISD sent out important communication via email, phone call and text message. **If you did NOT receive text messages from 67587 asking you to check your email, you have not "opted in" to receive emergency text alerts from CFISD. Please text "Y" to 67587.** It is important for the 2020-2021 school year that you receive communication by text messaging, as there may be times when email notification arrives outside of normal work hours.

May you and your family enjoy your Spring Break the week of March 15 - 19. Take some time to relax, have fun, and enjoy some quality time with your family. You are appreciated for all of your support!

## **LOST & FOUND**

Please have your child check the lost and found for his/her sweaters, jackets, and lunch boxes.

**All items will be sent to a local charity**  
**Thursday, March 11.**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**Spring Break is**  
**March 15 - 19**

## Looking Ahead...

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|---------------|---|
| March 1       | Last day to order a yearbook  |
| March 2       | Progress Notes posted   |
| March 4       | Read Across America – wear green  |
| March 8 – 12  | Staff Appreciation Week   |
| March 8       | Bee Above Hate! – wear yellow & black                                       |
| March 9       | Be a Buddy! – grade levels assigned colors – see student calendar attached. |
| March 10      | Team Up & Be Kind! – wear your favorite jersey or team attire               |
| March 11      | Birkes Strong! – wear school spirit shirt or colors                         |
| March 11      | All lost & found to local charity   |
| March 12      | Remote Learning Day for all students  |
| March 15 - 19 | Spring Break  |
| March 22      | Boosterthon begins  |
| March 26      | Kinder Graduation Picture Day   |
| March 31      | Boosterthon – virtual dance   |
| April 2       | Good Friday – Student/Staff Holiday   |
| April 6       | STAAR 4 <sup>th</sup> gr. Writing   |
| April 12      | Remote Learning Day for all students  |
| April 19      | Report Cards are posted   |
| May 1         | Superintendent Fun Run  |
| May 6         | Progress Notes posted   |
| May 11        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. STAAR Math                            |
| May 12        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> gr. STAAR Reading                         |
| May 13        | 5 <sup>th</sup> STAAR Science   |
| May 17        | Remote Learning Day for all students  |
| May 31        | Memorial Day – Student/Staff Holiday  |
| June 3        | Report Cards are posted   |
| June 3        | Last Day of School  |

## HONOR ROLL AND PERFECT ATTENDANCE

422 students made the honor roll and 551 students were here every day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks. We congratulate these students on their success. Thanks to our parents for their support.

## CHARACTER KEY TRAIT

Our character key trait for March is "Patience." Waiting until later for what you want now. Ask your child about it!

### THANK YOU, PTO!

Thanks to our awesome PTO and Hospitality Committee for providing our staff with a fun and tasty Crumbl cookie in February. We appreciate our PTO and all that they do for us!

### NO PLACE FOR HATE WEEK

March 8 – Bee Above Hate! – Wear yellow and black to kick off the week.

March 9 – Be A Buddy! Match with the friends in your grade level by wearing the same color.

- PK/K – Orange
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Red
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – White
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Green
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March 10 – Team Up and Be Kind! – Wear your favorite jersey or team attire.

March 11 – Birkes Strong! United We Stand Against Hate! Wear school spirit shirt or school colors (red, white & blue).

### HOUSTON LIVESTOCK SHOW AND RODEO ART CONTEST

Congratulations to Avery Connelly, Kindergarten, for earning Best in Show for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest.

Congratulations to Wallis Singh, Second Grade, Finalist in Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo! We are so proud of both you!

Congratulations to Ms. Kristy Knight, Art teacher for instilling your love for art into our Bulldogs!

### KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION PICTURE DAY!

Kindergarten graduation picture day is Friday, March 26. Kindergarten virtual students are invited to have their graduation picture taken between 10:30 – 11:00 on March 26. Please pull up on the south side of the building by the library. Parents, please stay in your car. Someone will assist your child. Thank you!

### YEARBOOK ORDERS!

Today, Monday, March 1 is the last day to order the 2020-2021 yearbook. Yearbooks will be delivered in May for our yearbook signing day. Extra yearbooks will not be available for purchase this year.

*We are so  
proud of our  
Bulldogs!*



# Birkes Elementary




## March 2021



### Birkes Bulldogs

Learn – Empower – Achieve - Dream

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri  | Sat                                |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Birkes Elem.</b><br>8500 Queenston Blvd.<br>Houston, TX 77095<br>Ph. #281-345-3300<br>Fax #281-345-3305  | <b>1</b><br>Last day to order yearbook<br><br>Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night  | <b>2</b><br>Progress notes posted   | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Read Across America – wear green   | <b>5</b>   | <b>6</b>                           |
| <b>7</b><br><b>School Hours:</b><br>8:40 – 4:10<br>We open our doors at 8:20. If you drop your child off before 8:20, there is no supervision.  | <b>8</b><br>Bee Above Hate! – Wear yellow and black to kick off the week.<br><br><b>March 8 – 12</b><br>Staff Appreciation Week | <b>9</b><br>Be A Buddy! Match with the friends in your grade level by wearing the same color. | <b>10</b><br>Team Up and Be Kind! – Wear your favorite jersey or team attire. | <b>11</b><br>Birkes Strong! United We Stand Against Hate! Wear school spirit shirt or school colors (red, white & blue).   | <b>12</b><br><b>Remote Learning Day for all students</b> | <b>13</b>                          |
| <b>14</b><br>  | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b><br>Willie's Icehouse Spirit Night   | <b>17</b><br>Willie's Icehouse Spirit Night                                   | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>  | <b>20</b><br>• First Day of Spring |
| <b>21</b><br><b>Lunch Schedule</b><br>PK – 11:00-11:30<br>K - 11:00-11:30<br>1 <sup>st</sup> – 12:00-12:30<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> – 11:30-12:00<br>3 <sup>rd</sup> – 1:30-2:00<br>4 <sup>th</sup> – 1:00-1:30<br>5 <sup>th</sup> – 12:30-1:00 | <b>22</b><br>Boosterthon Kick-off   | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>Kinder Graduation Picture Day               | <b>27</b>                          |
| <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b><br>Boosterthon – virtual dance                                      | <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;">             Kindergarten virtual students are invited to have their graduation picture taken between 10:30 – 11:00 on March 26. Please pull up on the south side of the building by the library. <u>Parents, please stay in your car.</u> Someone will assist your child.           </div> |  |                                    |

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Spring Break

# BIRKES BARKER

Team Birkes  
Stronger Together!



PTO WEBSITE: [www.birkespto.com](http://www.birkespto.com)

PTO FACEBOOK: Birkes Elementary PTO/VIPs

## YEARBOOK

**YEARBOOK ORDER DEADLINE: TODAY, MARCH 1st!!** 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 name and enter important information in the description (grade and which activity/event)

**If you have photos from throughout the school year, please submit them by March 14<sup>th</sup> to be considered for our yearbook. We would love to include Snow pictures as well.**

Please contact Charleine with any questions. [ctuckeryearbook2021@gmail.com](mailto:ctuckeryearbook2021@gmail.com)

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

## 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](mailto:alison.birkespto@gmail.com)

### Board

Major Fundraising

(2) VIPS (Volunteer Coordinator)

### Chairpersons

Major Fundraising

Yearbook

(2) SRC

Art/Music

## **MINOR FUNDRAISING**

### **Boosterthon- DanceFit**

It's almost time for our major fundraiser. Boosterthon will look a little different this year. Instead of running laps, students will participate in DanceFit - a special Boosterthon collaboration with the video game, JUST DANCE. Students will collect pledges to raise money for Birkes for each minute they dance. Virtual students can participate too! Look out for more details coming soon.

### **February Spirit Nights**

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

Willie's - (Copperfield – Hwy 6 location) **SPRING BREAK Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** – ALL DAY, 15% goes back to Birkes, MUST verify Birkes is on receipt. In person and curbside orders apply,

### **Amazon Smile and Kroger**

If you shop Amazon Prime you can go to <https://smile.amazon.com> and look for our Birke Elementary 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.

