

# EISD Update

## Upcoming Events



April 2017

### News Briefs

- April 3—7—Primary & Middle School Book Fair
- April 5—MS UIL Concert & Sightreading Contest
- April 5—IS Staff/Class Pictures; MS Spring Pictures
- April 7—End 5th 6 Weeks
- April 13—Report Cards
- April 13—PS Easter Egg Hunt
- April 14—Easter Holiday
- April 17—Board Meeting
- April 19—Senior Group Picture
- April 27—Middle School Art Show
- April 28—MS Science Fair

We are entering the really busy time of the year. We have a little over two months remaining in the 2016-2017 school year. The following is a list of upcoming events. While the list is as complete as possible at this point in time, there may be changes or additions made as the year draws to an end.

April 3—Middle School District Track Meet at Mineola; District Golf

April 3-April 7—MS & PS Spring Book Fair

April 4—District Golf

April 5 IS—Staff/Class Pictures; MS—Spring Pictures

April 5—MS UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest

April 7—End 5th 6 Weeks

April 10—Start of 6th 6 Weeks; 8th Grade Parent Presentation—6:30

April 11—8th Grade Parent Presentation—8:30

April 12—High School District Track Meet at Eustace

April 13—High School District Track Meet at Eustace; Primary Easter Egg Hunt; Report Cards

April 14—Easter Holiday

April 17—Board Meeting

April 19—Senior Group Picture

April 20—Area Track Meet in Eustace

April 27—Middle School Art Show

April 28—2nd Grade Science Fair

May 1—May 5—End of Course Testing

May 1—May 5—K, 1st, 2nd Grade EOC Testing

May 1—May 5—Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1—Employee Appreciation Banquet

May 2—NHS Banquet

May 8—STAAR 3-8 Math

May 9—STAAR 3-8 Reading

May 10—PS—AR Field Trip

May 10—STAAR 5 & 8 Science

May 11—STAAR 8 Social Studies

May 11—Spring Band Concert—7:00

May 15—19—Primary AR Store

May 15—Middle School Soundpost Festival

May 15—Board Meeting

May 16—Beginner Band Soundpost Festival

May 16—Top 10 Dinner

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### State Testing

In efforts to provide maximum instruction time for student success on the state mandated STAAR tests, the remaining STAAR tests are now given in May. These include Reading and Math for grades 3,4,6, & 7, Science for grades 5 & 8, and grade 8 Social Studies. These tests will be given the week of May 8th. Retests for grades 5 & 8 reading and math to meet promotion requirements will also be that week.

For High School, End of Course exams for Algebra I, Biology and US History to be given during the first week of May.

### 8th Grade Meetings

If you have a student who will be entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade next year, it is important that you make plans to attend one of the information sessions in April to learn about graduation requirements and endorsements available at Eustace High School. All parents are required by the state to visit with a high school counselor to develop their students graduation plan prior to enrolling in high school. The session dates will be:

**April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.**      **or**  
**April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.**

Be watching for the sign up sheet in the next few days. Please return your form to the Middle School so that we can have proper materials prepared.

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## Intermediate News

The 4<sup>th</sup> 6-weeks drawings were held: **Winner of the Perfect Attendance Bicycle** was **Abregaila Hardy**; **Winner of the All A's MP3 Player** was **Jordan Oldham**. Also, **Mrs. Harris' and Mrs. Hagood's 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes** tied for the **Perfect Attendance Class Pizza Contest!** The 4<sup>th</sup> 6-weeks **Money-aire winners** were: **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Tieler Graham; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Colby Calvert; and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jaden Dark.**

Our students are looking forward to the Spring Book Fair during April 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. They love getting to see the new books and fun gadgets that Scholastic offers. Every Book Fair inspires love for reading, and we cannot wait to get this one started. Also, April 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> is National Library Week with Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> National Library Day.

**Students of the Month** for February and March were honored with our Bulldog Yard Signs and lunch at Applebee's. **February-3<sup>rd</sup> graders: Hannah Mathison; Talyn Smith; Ethan Tooley; and Anthony Wilson.** 4<sup>th</sup> graders: **Clayton Burelsmith; Kelsey Reschke; Tommy Adkisson and Tabytha Casper.** 5<sup>th</sup> graders: **Kenedy Hyde; LillyAnn Byler; Natalee Bunting; and Jadie Milner.** **March-3<sup>rd</sup> graders: Naveah Bunting; Natalie Guevara; Carlie Barina; and Cooper Dyer.** 4<sup>th</sup> graders: **Madie Henderson; Charles Adkisson; Nicholas McKee; and Marissa Long.** 5<sup>th</sup> graders: **Hagen Dyer; Avery Nelson; Kaleigh Naug; and Trevor Kirkpatrick.**

We have begun our state testing with the STAAR Tests. 4<sup>th</sup> graders took the Writing portion of the STAAR on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup> graders took the Reading test on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and the Math test on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. Then, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will take the Math test on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup> and the Reading test on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science test will be taken on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming events:**

- April 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- April 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Field Trip
- April 5<sup>th</sup> Class Pictures
- April 7<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Trip
- April 12<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Presentation from Texas Parks and Wildlife

- April 13<sup>th</sup> Report Card Day / Perfect Attendance Drinks / 5<sup>th</sup> 6-Weeks Drawings / Money-Aire / Right Choice Snow Cones
- April 20 McTeacher Night at McDonald's in Gun Barrel City

### PARENT/COMMUNITY SURVEYS ON WEBSITE

Dear Parents and Community Members:

We are asking for your input to help us evaluate our educational programs at Eustace ISD. Next week, there will be links for each campus posted on the district website, [www.eustaceisd.net](http://www.eustaceisd.net) Please take a moment to log on, and complete a Title 1 Parent/Community Survey for each campus that your child/children attend.

If you prefer to complete the survey in the traditional way, please contact the campus office and we will send you a paper copy for you to complete.

All survey information is confidential. The survey will end on April 27th. Thank you for helping us evaluate our Title 1 programs and provide the safest learning environment possible for our students.

## Enrollment Update (3-30-2017)

Primary Campus		Intermediate Campus		Middle School		High School	
PK	80	3	130	6	110	9	129
K	109	4	115	7	101	10	105
1	114	5	109	8	139	11	102
2	111	Total	354	Total	350	12	101
Total	414					Total	437

**Total District Enrollment—1555**  
**Enrollment Year Ago—1548**

## High School News

**THEATER:** On March 11, 2017 Eustace High School competed in the District U.I.L. One Act Play contest. Congratulations to Oliva Grose for receiving an All-Star Cast Award, Tanner Van Horn for receiving an All Star Cast Honorable Mention Award and Jonathon Guard for receiving a technical achievement award.

**BAND:** The High School Band had a very successful Month of March starting with the UIL contest on March 1st. For the third year, in a row the Eustace Band has scored 1st Division in Concert and 2nd Division in Sight Reading. The band has done a great job on these performances and we continue to improve in our performance endeavors.. The next day, the band traveled to Disney World where we enjoyed a few days in the Parks as well as performing at Disney Springs for a large audience. The Bulldog Band earned the Disney Performing Arts award for outstanding performance. On our third day at Disney, we performed at a workshop in which we participated in a recording session like the movie soundtrack pros. We have a recording that will soon be available for viewing at <https://sites.google.com/a/eustaceisd.net/bulldog-band/>. Thanks to all our administrators and supporters who have helped to make us a success. The MS band is gearing up for their UIL contest in April. Both the MS and the Beginning bands will participate in a contest in Canton in May.

**NHS:** A letter will be sent home with members about the NHS banquet. The banquet will be held on May 2nd at the First Baptist Church in Eustace. New member inductions will take place at the banquet, and students will be recognized for outstanding service. Speak to Mrs. Miley for details.

**STUCO:** EHS Student Council will be holding their semi-annual road clean-up in April.

**SPANISH CLUB:** The Medieval Times trip originally scheduled for February 24th has been rescheduled for May 9th. All students who turned in their permission slip and money before the deadline will still be eligible to go. No new names will be added to the list.

**UIL:** UIL academics will be competing in Regionals at Tyler Junior College on April 8. The students have been working hard all year with

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## Primary News

### Second Grade News

The second graders had a successful field trip to the Cedar Creek Library where they learned a thing or two about robotics! Students were able to explore a library outside of school and had a fantastic time. The second grade science fair is coming up on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to all of the amazing projects that the students will come up with. Projects must be turned in by 8:00 am on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Music and Art News

Our second graders are busy working on their music performance, "EI-I- EI-I- O". They are having a great time learning all the songs and their individual lines. The performance will be on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. We'd love for anyone to join us. We'll be in the Primary School cafeteria.

### Easter Egg Hunts

Here is the schedule for Easter Egg hunts: Wednesday, 4/12- PPCD/LID: 10:00 in the courtyard; The rest of the hunts will be held on Thursday, 4/13, EC- 9:00 at Bulldog Stadium; Kindergarten- 9:45 at Bulldog Stadium; First Grade- 10:00 on the Primary playground; Second Grade- 11:00 at the softball field.

### Upcoming field trips

Our Kindergartners will be going to the Henderson County Livestock Show on 4/6, with EC and first graders going on 4/7.

Ms. Gunderson's book club will be taking a trip to the Edgewood Historical Park on 4/7.

The PPCD/LID classes will be going to the Discovery Science Center in Tyler on 4/13.

### Rotary Book Give-away

We are very thankful and fortunate to have the Rotary Club support reading for our district. The next book giveaway will be April 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Spring Book Fair

The Spring Book Fair is April 3-7. Information went home with your students this week. We hope to see you at the book fair!

### Love & Logic

We have our Love & Logic classes going on right now every Wednesday during the month of April from 12:30-2:30 in the library.

### Six Weeks Awards

Our next six weeks awards will be on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope everyone will wear their college shirts!

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their coaches getting prepared for competition. UIL academics consists of 22 different subjects ranging from Accounting to Current Issues and Events.

## **2017 UIL ACADEMIC DISTRICT RESULTS**

### **3rd Place Overall**

#### **12 Regional Qualifiers!**

#### **Computer Applications**

Kalen Estes 1st place

Destiny Stout 2nd place

Tanner VanHorn 3rd place

#### **Editorial Writing**

Haley Willbanks 6th place

Gracie Woodland 5th place

#### **Literary Criticism**

2nd place team

- Emma Lopez
- Haley Willbanks

Jorgann Holgersen

Emma Lopez 6th place

Haley Willbanks 5th place

#### **Mathematics**

2nd place team

- Noah Johnson
- Tommi Bane
- Juan Garcia
- Keylan Warren

Haley Willbanks

Noah Johnson 5th place

#### **Ready Writing**

Gracie Woodland 6th place

Casey Spivey 4th place

#### **Science**

Kevin Lopez 2nd place

Kevin Lopez 2nd top scorer in Biology

3rd place team

- Kevin Lopez
- Elexis Porte
- Casie Spivey

Calie Spivey

#### **Social Studies**

1st place team

- Ben Warren
- Jared Eaton

Dawson McGee

Ben Warren 1st place

#### **Spelling and Vocabulary**

Veronica Wheat 6th place

#### **LD debate**

Mady Bragg 2nd place

Temple Hendrickson 1st place

#### **Informative Speaking**

Jorgann Holgersen 1st place

#### **Poetry Interpretation**

Emma Lopez 3rd place

#### **Prose Interpretation**

Maggie Groom 1st place

Maddy Lilley 5th place

#### **Speaking Events**

2nd overall

#### **Regional Qualifiers**

Kalen Estes

Destiny Stout

Tanner VanHorn

Kevin Lopez

Ben Warren

Jared Eaton

Dawson McGee

Mady Bragg

Temple Hendrickson

Jorgann Holgersen

Emma Lopez

Maggie Groom

**SOFTBALL:** The Lady Bulldogs are finishing up the first half of district play. "We are in 5th place and have a great chance of moving up a couple of spots and making the playoffs," said Coach Tardiff. "They have been working very hard and I like our chances." The Lady Bulldogs have been hit with the injury bug but they have still been very competitive.

**BASEBALL:** Varsity baseball has completed all of the tournaments and pre-district schedule. We are 9-6 entering district play. Upcoming home games are April 4th vs Edgewood, and April 18 vs Quitman. Both nights the JV will start at 4:30 and the Varsity will start at 7:00

**TRACK:** An exciting time of year! April is an exciting time of the year for the track team. We are weeks away from our District Track Meet and we are just about ready to compete for another District Title. But we have already had many great things happen this season; including multiple girls breaking personal bests, relays beating end of year times from last year and Chanda Westbrook broke the school record in the 3200. I am very excited about the potential for this group throughout the rest of the year and encourage you to come out and support us at District and Area at Eustace April 13th and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**FFA:** The Eustace FFA had 12 students competing in four different events at the Houston Stock Show. The Heifer Show had four students, including Junior Member Gracey Pitchford, who had a class champion; Abbie Cates with a second place heifer; Cooper Cates 8th place and Sadie Cates 9th place. All were in the Santa Gertrudis Show, with an average of 25 per class.

Olivia Dailey competed in Public Speaking, in which

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# Middle School News

## Art

EMS art will be having the 9th Annual Fine Arts Show April 27th from 4-6. We will have Nate Holland playing guitar. Cookies and Sodas for refreshments. Mrs. Heidle will be bringing her ensemble group to perform at the show. Mrs. Harvey will have her Theater students performing skits.

Cosmo will be creating his awesome spray paint art, if the weather is clear and the humidity is low, since he paints outside. Save the date, this will be the most entertaining art show to date! Don't forget to visit our virtual gallery on Artsonia.com. The Middle school website has a convenient link for Artsonia.

## Incentive Trip

Ms. Smith will be hosting another counselor's incentive field trip in April after 5<sup>th</sup> six weeks report cards go home. Students must have a 90 or above in all classes, excused absences only and no discipline referrals in Skyward.

## Schedules for Next Year

8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be choosing their High School schedules on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be picking their schedule options on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be picking their schedule options on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## Immunizations

Now that we've begun the second semester, it is also a good time to encourage the parents of our 6th grade students to go ahead and think about getting immunizations. Students entering the 7th grade have several immunizations they are required to have. They are required to have received a 2nd dose of the varicella vaccine (chicken pox), a meningococcal vaccine, and a Tdap vaccine (or adult tetanus). This is a requirement by the state of Texas for all 7th graders. Remember 7th grade students will not be able to attend school if they have not had these vaccines. Each year we have had numerous students that we have had to send home the first day of school because they did not have their immunizations up to date. It is best to go ahead and take care of this early. Frequently, those that wait until the last minute have a hard time being able to schedule appointments with Dr.'s offices and clinics. Once your child has had the immunizations, please send records to the office so we can update their file.

## Free Breakfast and Lunch

Eustace Primary, Intermediate, and Middle School are continuing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for School 2016-2017. Schools that participate in CEP provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at no charge for ALL students enrolled in that CEP school during the 2016-2017 School Year.

## Stay Informed

Aside from our monthly updates there are a variety of ways you can keep up with EMS!

Like us @ [facebook.com/EustaceMiddleSchool](https://www.facebook.com/EustaceMiddleSchool)

Follow us @ [twitter.com/EustaceMS](https://twitter.com/EustaceMS)

And Read the Bulldog Buzz written by our students: [Bulldog Buzz](#)

## Students of the Month and Employee of the Month

The Students of the Month and Employee of the Month are chosen by the faculty at EMS. These individuals are polite, respectful people who go above and beyond every day. They set the example for everyone around them and show us what it means to be Bulldog Proud!

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Hannah Miller and Justyn Abbe

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Cearra Warren and Caleb Gonzales

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Emma Carpenter and Codie Anthony

Employee of the Month: Tiffany Kiser

## Important Dates

March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 7<sup>th</sup>: Middle School Book Fair

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: District Track Meet @ Mineola

April 5<sup>th</sup>: Spring Pictures

April 5<sup>th</sup>: MS Concert and Sightreading Contest

April 7<sup>th</sup>: Cheer Uniform Fittings

April 13<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards

April 27<sup>th</sup>: Art Show

May 4<sup>th</sup>: Library Closes

2nd Graders at The Library at Cedar Creek Lake



Eustace Primary is  
currently holding  
ongoing  
registration for

Headstart (3 & 4  
year olds), Pre—K,  
and Kindergarten

Bring birth  
certificate, social  
security card, shot  
records, and proof  
of residency.

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there were 320 senior division contestants. Of the 320 contestants, only 20 made it to the finals. It was a very tough competition and the judges were impressed with her speech and answers, but she didn't make the final cut. It is great to have her compete to gain experience and poise.

Our Steer team, made up of Brooke Reynolds, Makenzie Skiles and junior member Carson Stegall, showed well but did not make the final cut in the biggest steer show in the state. Their class average was 55 and only 12 steers were pulled. They did however earn second place in the Herdsman Award. This was an outstanding feat as they competed against all FFA and 4-H groups in the entire barn. Only ten teams were placed and we beat large schools with our small display and herdsman abilities. They earned a red rosette and \$500.00 in prize money.

The ag mech team earned a blue ribbon distinction for the 20' gooseneck lowboy trailer. There were over 40 trailers in their division placing only the top six. The team consisted of J J Hughes, Clay Hinkle, Ryan Grantham, and John Davis.

Next week is the county show and we will have many students out throughout the week competing with their projects. Thanks for your support in the kids' efforts.

**Bulldog Proud!**

**Congratulations to  
Raini Goodell on finish-  
ing 4th in her class at the  
State Powerlifting Meet!!**

**High School District  
Track Meet  
April 12 & 13  
Bulldog Stadium**

**Area Track Meet  
April 20  
Bulldog Stadium**

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May 17—High School Awards Assembly—10:00 AM  
 May 18—MS & HS Awards Night  
 May 19—2nd Grade Math Blast  
 May 22-23—Senior Exams  
 May 24—Intermediate School Money-Aire/Skating  
 May 24—Middle School Daytime Awards  
 May 24—Senior Breakfast  
 May 25—Early Out; IS—Awards Day  
 May 26—Early Out; End 6th 6 Weeks; Last Day of Classes;  
 IS—Big Prize Giveaway/Money-Aire  
 May 27—Graduation—10:00 AM  
 May 29—Memorial Day Holiday  
 May 30-31—Staff Workday  
 June 5—Summer School Starts  
 June 19—STAAR EOC English I; Board Meeting  
 June 20—STAAR 5 & 8 Math; EOC  
 June 21—STAAR 5 & 8 Reading; EOC English II  
 June 22—STAAR EOC

## LAST OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR SUBSTITUTE TEACHING

If you enjoy working with children of all ages, and have considered becoming a substitute teacher, April 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for applying for the 16-17 school year. While the role of the substitute teacher is a challenging one, it brings with it many rewards and the opportunity to assist in the development of Eustace's greatest asset – its students.

Applications for substitute teaching must be completed and returned by each individual applicant to the superintendent's office. All applicants for substitute teaching are required, at a minimum, to be high school graduates and at least 21 years of age. New regulations that went into effect January 1, 2008, require that all school employees submit to fingerprinting. The district will provide you with the information necessary to complete this process.

All substitute applicants must be approved by the Board of Trustees, and must also attend a substitute teacher orientation prior to placement on the approved substitute teacher list. By being approved in April, your name will also be ready for the approved sub list for the start of the 17-18 school year in August. Hope you will consider joining our great district and working with super students!



Some of the cast from the Primary musical.

