

EISD Update

UIL Realignment Released



February 2018

News Briefs

- February 12—Board Meeting—HS Library—7:00
- February 13—Rotary Club Book Giveaway
- February 16—2nd Grade Field Trip
- February 16—End 4th 6 Weeks
- February 19—School Holiday
- February 20—Start 5th 6 Weeks
- February 21—Intermediate School—Spring Pictures
- February 22—Report Cards
- February 23—Intermediate Perfect Attendance/ Right Choice Drawings

On February 1, the UIL released the new district realignments for the 2018-2020 school years. The realignments released were for football, basketball, and volleyball.

For the 2018 and 2019 football seasons, EHS will compete in District 6 in Region 2. For the past two years, Eustace has been in Region 3 in football.

The teams in District 6 include: Eustace, Malakoff, Kemp, Dallas Life Oak Cliff, Dallas Madison, and Dallas A+. Having six teams in our district will be different than the past two years, where we have had eight teams in our football district.

In the past, Eustace has been in a districts that included Malakoff, Kemp, and Dallas Life Oak Cliff. Eustace has not competed against Dallas Madison and Dallas A+ in district play.

With a six team district, that means there will be five pre-district games for the next two years instead of the three over the past two years. Teams that we are talking with about playing in pre-district

include: Lone Oak, Winona, Westwood, Groesbeck, and Hillsboro. We will know the final 2018 football schedule in the coming months.

For volleyball and basketball, Eustace will be in District 18 in Region 3. The same teams will be in both the volleyball and basketball districts. District teams include: Eustace, Blooming Grove, Kemp, Mildred, Palmer, Rice, and Scurry-Rosser.

This district is very similar to a volleyball/basketball district we were in several years ago. In all likelihood, the teams in our basketball/volleyball district will also be the teams in our cross country district, our softball district, our baseball district, and our track district. There may be an additional team added in a sport, but overall, the districts will be virtually the same.

As UIL continues to release the official versions of our districts, we will post this information on our Twitter account: @EustaceISD.

State School Report Cards

Parents of Eustace ISD students recently received a copy of the State School Report Card for their respective campus, along with their student's recent academic report card. The report provides information concerning student performance on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), as well as information on student enrollment, class size averages, and financial expenditures of the district. This is a report required by the Texas Legislature and prepared by the Texas Education Agency. It is provided to the parent or guardian of every child enrolled in a Texas public school. The Report Card contains the state accountability rating of the campus. For 2017 state accountability, campuses are rated

as Met Standard, Improvement Required, or Not Rated. We are proud that each campus in Eustace ISD earned the **Met Standard** rating. In addition, a heading for Distinctions is noted. Distinction designations recognize outstanding academic achievement in reading/English language arts and mathematics. Campuses that receive a rating of **Met Standard** are eligible for up to seven distinction designations. Eustace High School earned two Distinction Designations in: Academic Achievement, Science and Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps. The Middle School earned two Distinction Designations: Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading and Top 25% Student

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Middle School News

Art

I have new 7th and 8th grade students this semester. Please bring white poster-board, markers, colored pencils, a hand held sharpener, and Clorox clean-up wipes. These supplies are used by all art students during the semester. All art students need a pencil every day. Mechanical pencils work for most projects, but an ordinary #2, wooden pencil is best. Remember Artsonia.com. Eustace Middle School showcases student art on this awesome international website. You must register for your student's art to be visible to the public. I will send your students code, will email me at cspivey@eustaceisd.net

Incentive Trip

Mrs. Smith will be taking a group of students to the movies in February. In order to qualify for the trip students must have: an 85 or higher on their report card/progress report, have no more than 6 absences, and 0 discipline referrals.

UIL

Due to scheduling conflicts with the host school, the Middle School UIL Competition will be taking place over the course of a few days. All timed testing events will be held on campus on a date yet to be determined.,

Immunizations

Now that we've begun the second semester, it is 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 doctor 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 2017-2018. 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 2017-2018 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

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!

6th grade: Wyatt Standridge and Katelynn Maxwell

7th grade: Savannah Talbert and Alec Holland

8th grade: Christian Case and Cearra Warren

Employee of the Month: Ginger Plunk

Important Dates

February 5-23- Pennies for Patients

February 6- UIL Debate

February 15- 8th grade Field Trip

February 15- Math Counts competition

February 16- End of 4th 6 Weeks

February 16- Henderson County Spelling Bee

February 19 - Holiday

February 22- Report Cards

February 22- Outdoor Ed Field Trip

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Enrollment Update (2-8-2018)

Primary Campus		Intermediate Campus		Middle School		High School	
PK	81	3	107	6	116	9	132
K	106	4	122	7	116	10	112
1	133	5	115	8	99	11	102
2	102					12	99
Total	422	Total	344	Total	331	Total	445

Total District Enrollment 1542

Total District Enrollment Year Ago 1547

High School News

Yearbook: Yearbook sales are finished for the year. Thank you to everyone who purchased a book! Spring sports photos are scheduled for February 27.

Band: The High School band is working doubly hard to prepare for Solo and Ensemble on Feb 3rd and Concert / Sight-reading Contest on either Feb 28th late afternoon or March 1st morning. We are taking 27 students to Garland to compete in individual and group performances for awards. Some students can advance to State. Results will be in the next update. Contest will take place at the Canton HS auditorium.

Basketball: The Varsity Boys Basketball team is battling for a playoff spot! They are currently 5-5 in district play, with 4 games left to play. The JV Boys are also 5-5 in district and will be looking to finish their season strong!

Theater: Theater Arts students attended the Theater Fest 2018 Convention and Workshops last week. Juniors and Seniors were invited to audition in front of 30 Colleges and Universities for scholarship opportunities. It is my honor to announce the results from this year's auditions.

Olivia Grose received call backs from the following colleges and universities:

University of Texas at Arlington
Grayson Community College
Sam Houston State University
Sul Ross University
University of Central Oklahoma
Powerhouse Theater at Vassar in New York
McClennan Community College
Southwestern University
West Texas A&M University
Stephen F. Austin
Texas Lutheran University
East Texas Baptist University
KD Conservatory

Haley Wilbanks received call backs from the following colleges and universities:

Sam Houston State University
Grayson Community College
Power House Theater at Vassar in New York

Please congratulate these students on their achievements.

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Primary News

Jump Rope For Heart

Jump Rope For Heart wrapped up this year's campaign on February 7th. We appreciate everyone that contributed our school's efforts to fight the No. 1 killer of Americans: heart disease. We are so proud of our students for learning how to stay healthy and helping others by raising money for the American Heart Association. Thank you for your support.

First Grade News

Mrs. Thompson's 1st graders explored what it takes to be an engineer with a STEM activity! They learned how to work as a team and how to make the tallest structure out of toothpicks and marshmallows.

Semester Awards

We held semester awards on Monday, January 22nd and had a great turnout with 175 parents, family and friends who came out to applaud students for their hard work. We appreciate your participation in your child's academic and behavioral success!

100th Day of School

The 100th day of school was Friday, February 2nd! We celebrated this date by dressing up like we were 100 years old! Teachers had lots of 100 days activities! Our second graders chose to participate in "Halfway Day" on the 87th day of school.

Penny March for the Red Cross

In honor of the 100th day of school, the Primary participated in the annual penny march, where students were asked to bring at least 100 pennies to donate to the Red Cross. After collecting as many pennies as they could, the students donated the pennies to a representative from the American Red Cross.

Valentines for Vets

Once again this year we will be participating in the Valentines for Vets program. Your child will be making Valentines today and tomorrow to be mailed to Jeb Hensarling's office and then distributed to vets in active military service. Let's continue to teach our children to honor those who are fighting for the freedoms we enjoy everyday.

Valentines Parties

Valentine parties for kindergarten through 2nd grade will begin at 1:30 on Wednesday, 2/14. Pre-K will begin a little later at 2:00 to accommodate nap time. We ask that all parents let the teachers know if they plan to attend so we can have the badges ready to pass out when you arrive. Have your drivers license ready when you arrive.

2nd Grade News

This month, second grade celebrated the 87th day of school and the teachers and students dressed like they were 87 years old. Also, we had the privilege of having TVEC to come and give the students a presentation on electrical safety.

Intermediate News

January was time to celebrate the ending of our 1st Semester together! Students who earned All A's, Right Choice, or Perfect Attendance for the semester went skating on Wednesday, January 10th. Our Semester Awards were held on Thursday, January 11th. Then, students who earned All A's, Right Choice, and Perfect Attendance had a special reward day with pizza and bowling on Thursday, January 18th. Also, **Mrs. Chiles' 5th grade class won the Perfect Attendance Class Pizza Contest!**

We celebrated our fundraiser with a ride on a Batman Party Bus and pizza at CiCi's. Students who sold at least 15 items earned the trip! It was an exciting lunch ride for 82 of our students.

4th and 5th grade students competed in the **Scripts Dallas Morning News Spelling Bee** on Tuesday, January 31st. Winners will be announced at a later date.

Students of the Month for December and January were honored with our Bulldog Yard Signs and lunch at Applebee's. **December-3rd graders: Romma-Reese Drohn; Carli Vasquez; Paige Quigg; and Lexi Cleek.** 4th graders: **Lennin Ardon-Umana; Paul Dempsey; Hannah Mathison; and Khloe Burelsmith.** 5th graders: **Skylar Mitchell; Victoria Ramirez; Diego Leanos; and Tabytha Casper.** **January-3rd graders: Calvin Whitfield; Gabby Key; Samantha Hampton; and Lexi Thompson.** 4th graders: **Emily Fagan; Chelsey Defoe; Natalie Guevara; and Kaylee Baker.** 5th graders: **Mia Morrison; Andrew Lowe; Maximiliano Valencia; and Makenzie Bennett.**

Students are beginning their Benchmark practices for the state test STAAR. The teachers will use the results to set up our afterschool tutoring. Afterschool tutoring will begin in February and will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:18-4:15 PM until STAAR testing ends in May.

Upcoming events:

Feb. 5-9 National School Counselor Week
Feb. 21 Spring Pictures
Feb. 22 Report Cards / Perfect Attendance Drink
Feb. 23 4th 6-Weeks Drawings / Money-Aire / Right Choice Snow Cones

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UIL: Mady Bragg competed at State in Congress Debate. This was Mady's 3rd trip to state! CX debate will be competing at District and UIL Academics will be competing in Brownsboro this month. Wish them luck!

Baseball: Baseball practices have now started. This year we have a great turnout for baseball and everyone is excited. The young men are working hard getting ready for the season to start. The first scrimmage will be Tuesday Feb. 6 in Eustace vs Mabank. Varsity will start at 5:00 with the JV following the varsity. The rest of the scrimmage schedule is Feb. 9 JV/V at Rains, Feb. 13 at Scurry (Varsity only), Feb. 16 JV/V vs Canton in Eustace, and on Feb. 17 the freshman team will scrimmage Mabank. The following week all three teams will start playing games. The annual Eustace Varsity Tournament will be Feb. 22, 23, and 24th.

Golf News: Golf has started and we are having a great time. We played in our first tournament and did well. The team is working very hard and improving every day.

Softball: The 2018 EHS Softball season is in full swing! Our athletes dominated both offensively and defensively against Athens HS this past Monday night. Our next scrimmage is home vs. Troup HS on Monday, February 5th starting at 6:00pm at the EHS Lady Bulldog Softball Field.

Spanish Club: The Spanish Club will be going on its annual field trip to Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament on February 23, 2018. The Medieval Times educational matinee supports current classroom curriculum and will provide background information for students to be able to think critically and use their creativity as they draw conclusions about the era and make connections to the present day. The focus of the Medieval Times matinee is the practice of chivalry and how it affected the decisions made by individuals in the era. There are also components that review the overall lifestyle of the Medieval Era including living in castles, making a coat of arms, and living in an era of feudalism.

Karate Club: Four members of the Karate Club passed their test for 9th kyu, or yellow belt, on January 18th. The karateka who passed the test are senior Ari-an McDonald, juniors Gabriel Rueter and Kevin Lopez, and freshman Angel Hill. One of the students, Mr. Lopez, earned "with distinction," during his test, a designation that allows him to wear his new belt with a black stripe.

Bulldog Proud!

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Science

8th graders from Mrs. Saine’s science classes were invited to participate in the East Texas Academic Rodeo in Tyler.



Lexia News!

Congratulations to 7th grader Arik Recer. He has mastered all 18 levels of the Lexia Reading Program. That’s as high as it goes! Well done Arik, Ms. Gonzales and Mrs. Bennett are so proud of you!

Savings Contest

Ms. Lane won the \$20.00 gift card for “Turning off” her whole room! Congratulations Ms. Lane.

Pennies for Patients

Mrs. Smith announced our Pennies for Patients fundraiser! Students will collect pennies from February 5th-23rd! If you wish to donate, please send your pennies to help our EMS students in the fight to stop cancer!

EMS Cheer

Mrs. Munden has taken over our fantastic cheerleading program! They are selling Val-O-Grams in the cafeteria and offering Spirt Wear (T-shirts and Hoodies) Deadline for Val-O-Gram is the 12th and for the shirts is the 16th!

Sports

From Coach Odom:

A big congratulations goes out to our 7th grade B-team girls for finishing with a 9-0 record in their UNDEFEATED basketball season! They are 3rd in the District! Way to go Bulldogs! Coach Odom and Coach Kiser are very proud of you!

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Progress. The Intermediate campus earned three Distinction Designations: Top 25% Closing Performance Gaps, Postsecondary Readiness, and Academic Achievement in ELA/ Reading. The Primary Campus is not eligible for Distinction Designations since it does not have STAAR tested grades. If you have any questions about the information on the State School Report Card, please contact the campus principal. A full report of all Texas districts can be found on the Texas Education Agency website: <https://rptsrv1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/src/2017/campus.srch.html>



2nd Grade Students Learning About Electricity Safety from TVEC.



2nd Grade teachers dressed for the 87th day of school.



TVEC Presentation

UIL Concert and
Sight Reading Contest

Canton

March 1



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Intermediate School Skating



Intermediate School Pizza Days



Intermediate School Bowling



Intermediate School Batman Party Bus



Intermediate School Students of the Month