

# EISD Update

## EISD Hosting Tax Sale

On October 17, EISD, in partner with our tax attorneys, will be hosting a tax sale on properties that have been struck off to the district. The sale will start at 6:00 and will be held in the High School auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Currently, there are over 370 properties that are considered struck off to the district. Of these properties, almost 87% of these are valued at \$2,000 or less. Further, almost 93% of the properties struck off to the district are valued at \$5,000 or less. Most of the properties valued at \$5,000 or less are vacant lots.

At the June regular board meeting, the Eustace ISD Board of Trustees adopted a plan for reducing the number of struck off properties. For properties valued at \$5,000 or less, the Board voted to accept 7.5% of the appraised value of the property as a purchase cost. Below are the costs associated with the purchase of these properties:

$\$500 \times 7.5\% = \$37.50$

$\$1,000 \times 7.5\% = \$75.00$   
 $\$1,500 \times 7.5\% = \$112.50$   
 $\$2,000 \times 7.5\% = \$150.00$   
 $\$2,500 \times 7.5\% = \$187.50$   
 $\$3,000 \times 7.5\% = \$225.00$   
 $\$3,500 \times 7.5\% = \$262.50$   
 $\$4,000 \times 7.5\% = \$300.00$   
 $\$4,500 \times 7.5\% = \$337.50$   
 $\$5,000 \times 7.5\% = \$375.00$

Properties valued over \$5,000 will require a bid of 75% of the appraised value.

A complete list of the struck off properties may be found on the district's website: [www.eustaceisd.net](http://www.eustaceisd.net). At the very top of the homepage, there is a link called "EISD Struck Off Properties." Clicking on this link will take you to a page that has a list of struck off properties by subdivision and a link on how to bid on struck off property.

On October 17, the district's tax attorneys will be offering approximately 30 properties for sale. Please look for ads in local newspapers for more information.

These properties represent a great opportunity for people to obtain land within Eustace ISD at a very reasonable cost. I encourage everyone to visit our website and to come to the tax sale on October 17.



October 2017

### News Briefs

- October 9—School Holiday
- October 9—District Cross Country at Mineola
- October 16—School Board Meeting—7:00 PM—HS Library
- October 18—UIL Marching Contest at Mesquite
- October 23-27—Red Ribbon Week
- October 23—Regional CC Meet at Grand Prairie
- October 26—Homecoming Bonfire
- October 27—Homecoming

## Volunteer Opportunities

Have you thought about becoming a volunteer for the school? Being a Volunteer can be very beneficial to our students and can be very rewarding to you personally.

There are many opportunities to serve as a volunteer. Some include tutoring students in various subjects, listening to them read aloud, helping chaperone on field trips, mentoring students, helping booster clubs, helping with book fairs and field days, and also helping in the campus

work area.

To learn more about becoming a volunteer, please visit the EISD Volunteer Handbook at :

<http://www.eustaceisd.net/PDF/admin/volunteerhandbook.pdf> to learn more, or stop by the district or campus offices. We would love to have you be a valued part of EISD.

### Inside this issue:

Primary News	2
Enrollment	2
Intermediate News	3
Middle School	3
High School News	4
Pictures	6-7
Pumpkin Patch, Homecoming, Cross Country	8

## Primary News

### School Wide Fundraiser

We just finished up our school wide fundraiser with Big Kahuna. All proceeds from this fundraiser go right back to the students. We really appreciate you allowing your child to participate. All student who sold 15 or more items will be riding the limo Hummer to Cici's for a pizza party on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Pumpkin Patch

Our annual Pumpkin Patch festival, put on with the Intermediate School, will be here before you know it! It's on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (yes folks, that's a Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>)! We ask that students bring a pack of canned soda or a bag of candy to their teacher to make this event happen. We could not put this on every year if not for your generous donations. Students will receive 3 right choices for every bag of candy of pack of sodas brought. Let's make this year a great success. Pumpkin Patch is from 5:00-8:00 pm. Tickets will go on sale, Tuesday, 10/10 and they are 5/\$1.00. They will be sold from 7:25- 8:00 AM, and 3:00-3:45 PM, then ALL day on Friday, 10/13. Pre-sale price ends at 3:45 PM on 10/13.

### Homecoming

Eustace's homecoming will be on Friday, 10/27 and the Primary School students will attend the parade at the EHS football stadium that morning. Details about departure and times will be sent home with all students that week.

### Red Ribbon week is Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>!

The themes for each dress-up day are: **Monday** – Are you “RED”-y to JUST SAY NO? (*Wear red*), **Tuesday** – Sock It to Drugs! (*Wear crazy or mismatched socks*), **Wednesday** – True Heroes Say No to Drugs! (*Dress like a superhero*), **Thursday** – Throwback Thursdays are Better Without Drugs!, (*Dress like 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, or 90's*), **Friday** – Team Up Against Drugs! (*Wear favorite team shirt*). Please encourage your child to celebrate being DRUG FREE by participating in these days.

### Picture Day

School picture day will be on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Dress your best and come ready to smile for the camera!

### Love and Logic

The “Love and Logic” parent training program started last Thursday, 9/21 and will consist of 5 more lessons. It is held at the Primary School library each Thursday morning through 10/26<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-10:30. Each lesson stands alone so it's not too late to benefit from this great opportunity. Everyone is invited to attend! There is a \$10 fee which pays for the workbook. If you have any questions, please call 903-425-5113. You can pick up an enrollment form from the office or sign up on Thursday morning. It will be fun and well worth

your time!

### Happy Campers

Here are our “Happy Campers” from the past 2 weeks. Kindergarten students needed 10 right choices to be a Happy Camper and get to “picnic with the principal”. First grade students needed 15 right choices to earn Happy Camper and get a “Sit with a Friend at Lunch” pass. Finally, second grade students needed 20 right choices! The top boy and girl second graders with the most right choices gets to be a “camp counselor” in the office that afternoon, assisting our “camp leader”.

**Kindergarten-** Kinsleigh Osborne, Seattle Duff, Paisley Pitchford, Natalie Nisbett, Tyler Garcia, Terry Olsen, Leighton Grishman, Tanner Tippett, Corbin Templeton, Colton Eubanks, Vaelyn Watkins, Hattie Lawson, Madison Burgess, Wesley Comer, Tatum Malone, Eli Estes, Alexis Loury, Teresa Bonneville, Hope Ridgle, Grayson Graham, Case Tanner, Emariz Vasquez, Tinley Brown, Levi Baker, Sadi Basham, Andrew Mancio, Angel Leanos, Josiah Smith, Jessica Garver, Chloe Johnson, Justice Allen, Jude Youngblood, Maci Wingo, Keeley Miner, Logan Simmons, Kailyn Smith, Bristyl Fenoglio, and Gerald Larson.

**First Grade-** Kenzie Miller, Lilian Rogers, Addison Patrick, Alyssa Nordstorm, LoriAnn Johnson, Harley Wilbern, Maesen Burelsmith, Braxton Ward, and Cayson Nevil. The top boy was Cayson Nevil and a tie for the top two girls was Addison Patrick and Harley Wilbern.

**Second Grade-** Stetsen Taylor, Tyler Patterson, Sarah Smith, Madison Ashton, Joshua Cox, Kholie Loper, Jenny Morin-Gurrero, Kenadie Tanner, Lorelai Duff, Presten Sy, Carson Welch, Landen Bradley, Chloe Taylor, Sofia Romero, Elijah Rojo, and Bobby Ross. The top boy was Joshua Cox and the top girl was Sarah Smith.

### Morning drop off

In order to instill and promote school spirit and pride in our small town, we will have varsity athletes from the High School coming over in their uniforms to assist in getting kids out of cars on Friday mornings. We've done this once already and the kids were just thrilled with it. If you get a chance to thank one of our participating student athletes, please do so. We are proud of them!

### Perfect Attendance

We did our first six weeks perfect attendance drawing on September 27<sup>th</sup> and our lucky winners of brand new bikes were kindergartner, Hattie Lawson and first grader Alex Whiteside. All of the perfect attendance students will enjoy a movie and popcorn with the principal for not missing one day of school this six weeks! Good job to all who took the time to sign in and out when needed! It makes a big difference.

*(Continued on page 6)*

## Enrollment 9-28-2017

Primary School	Intermediate	Middle School	High School
PK - 82	3rd - 106	6th - 116	9th - 140
K - 103	4th - 122	7th - 118	10th - 124
1st - 132	5th - 111	8th - 102	11th - 104
2nd - 103			12th - 103
		Total - 336	Total - 471
 Total - 420	 Total - 339	 Total Enrollment for District - 1,566 Total Enrollment Year Ago - 1,544	

## Middle School News

### Art

Eustace Middle School Art Students are busy creating some really awesome art this year. If you would like to see for yourself, visit our virtual gallery on Artsonia.com. There is a link on the Eustace Middle School web-site you can simply click on or search the web for this wonderful web-site. Student work will remain on Artsonia for an indefinite period of time. You can share your student's art with anyone in the world by inviting them to look on Artsonia.com. You can leave messages to your student about their artwork. Parents, please email Ms. Spivey, [cspivey@eustaceisd.net](mailto:cspivey@eustaceisd.net), for your student's code. This will enable public viewing of your student's artwork. Without registering your student, their work will remain hidden.

### 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.

### Book Fair

Eustace Middle School will hold our annual fall book fair October 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Parents feel free to come by and look at our book fair with your students; just be sure to check in with the front office first. You will also have the opportunity to purchase books from the online portion of our fair. The online book fair will run from October 9<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/eustacemiddleschool>.

### Incentive Trip

Ms. Smith will be continuing the movie incentive trips for this year. The first trip will be scheduled around the end of October/ beginning of November, the second around the end of February and the third will be sometime in April. The requirements are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> trip: No absences, no referrals in the system, 80 or above in all classes.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> trip: Up to 3 excused absences, no conduct referrals, 85 or above in all classes.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> trip: no more than 5 excused absences, no conduct referrals, 90 or above in all classes.

### Student Council

Congratulations to the students recently selected to join Student Council! The members of Student Council are chosen based on teacher recommendations and their applications, which include several short essay questions. While several students apply each year only a small group are accepted. This year we had an overwhelming turnout, over 80 students applied, making

*(Continued on page 5)*

## Intermediate News

When fall rolls around, so do all the fun activities at Eustace Intermediate...Mr. Reeve kicked off the festivities by taking 150 students to Reeve Rascals! Students ate pizza at Ken's Pizza Parlor and played at Kiwanas Park in Athens. Each 6-weeks students may earn the Reeve Rascals trip with having outstanding attendance, making right choices, etc. Also, we are highlighting a variety of careers, starting with the Rub-A-Dub Plumbers. Owner Mr. Brent McDonald visited with his mascot, The Blue Duck, and he spoke with students about the plumbing trade. He listed the steps to become a plumber, detailed the importance of sanitation, stressed the value of hard work and perseverance.

Intermediate will begin our Fundraiser of Cookie Dough, Pizza, and other Fun Products on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. All orders will need to be turned in by Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our Fundraiser helps pay for the bicycles, pizza parties, and other rewards for students.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-weeks, we will start "Earn Your Eats" for "all work, on time, all week with no absences." If earned, this gives a student a ticket for the weekly drawing of McDonald's Gift Certificates. Then our X-Games will kick off as classes that are leading in the attendance contest compete in a variety of games. A few other fun upcoming events include the Student of the Month Awards, the 6-Weeks Drawings of Perfect Attendance Bicycle and All A's MP3 Player, Perfect Attendance Drinks, Perfect Attendance Class Pizza Party, and Right Choice Snow Cones.

Eustace Intermediate will begin to practice for our Eustace Intermediate Academic Contest. There are several academic events to challenge our students, such as Spelling, Oral Reading, Dictionary Skills, Listening Skills, and Number Sense.

Our Book Fair will be held Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Our fall theme is the Wild West Book Fair. As we have done for previous book fairs, we will have a contest in each classroom to win a box of free books from Scholastic. This book fair, we will donate the money earned in the contest to the victims of Hurricane Harvey. We are excited to participate with Scholastic in their efforts to help those who lost so much in the hurricane.

Red Ribbon Week will be the week of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, and students will hear about the effects of drugs and their impact on our bodies and dress up with the theme of each day. While students' attire must still follow our dress code, we encourage everyone to dress with the following themes: Wear Red is Monday; Wear Superhero or Crazy Hat and Sock- is Tuesday; Wear Favorite Team is Wednesday; Wear Cowboy/Camo is Thursday; and Wear Bulldog Spirit is Friday.

We are looking forward to our Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM. Both the Intermediate and Primary gyms will be filled with games, cake walk, and much more. Please join us for a fun-filled night!

Upcoming events:

- Oct. 4 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins
- Oct. 13 Pumpkin Patch

**UIL Marching Contest**  
**Wednesday, October 18 3:45**  
**Mesquite Memorial Stadium**  
**Come Out and Support**  
**The Rhythm Machine on**  
**316!!**

## High School News

**Former Graduate News:** Samantha Phillips graduated from Eustace ISD in May 2017 at the age of 17, entered the Air Force June 5th, and graduated basic and is now at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey California studying Farsi. She was chosen to cut the cake at the Air Force birthday celebration because she is the youngest person on base studying a language.



**Lunch:** Students and teachers are enjoying the new Flex Lunch schedule. Students are able to receive up to an hour of tutorial help, have extra time to complete homework, and have the opportunity to join more clubs. EHS clubs have increased from five active clubs to 21 clubs that meet weekly. Additionally, time is built into the schedule to work on UIL Academic Events at least one time per week. Students are happy with the flexibility of the new schedule and teachers are thrilled to have more time to work with struggling students.

**Yearbooks:** Senior Ad forms were distributed last Friday and forms are due October 2. The paper says 10/1, but that is a Sunday. The staff is busy covering events inside and outside the classroom. They are also covering the new Flex Lunch schedule activities as well as sports and organizations. This year's books will be delivered in May and everyone who has purchased one will be invited to a book signing party. Books are \$40 through October 28. Be Bulldog Proud and buy a yearbook

**Blood drive:** Set for October 11 in the High School auditorium.

**UIL:** The Eustace High School Speech Team went to the Mabank Angel Meet Saturday, September 16, 2017. We had 3 students participating in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate with one placing 6 out of 38, 1 participating in Novice Congressional Debate, 2 participating in Novice Extemporaneous Speaking, and 1 student observing Cross Examination Debate. We had Two Angels that went to show their teams how a Speech and Debate Meet works! **Mady Bragg (2nd in State in LD) and Jorgann Holgersen (Top 3 in District in Informative Speaking)** We have approximately 20 students participating in Speech and Debate this year !!! Bulldog Proud!!!!

**Band:** The band is getting ready for the upcoming contest events in October. They have been hard at work and making great strides in all their preparation. Their contest/halftime show is entitled Boundaries and the members are enjoying the music and hope the audience does too.

The first contest is the Mesquite Marching Festival at Memorial stadium on October 7th at 3 PM (\$5 admission). The next contest is at the Cedar Creek Festival on October 14th (time to be determined \$5 admission), and the UIL Contest on October 18th at 3:45pm. (\$5 admission). If the band qualifies for the Area contest, then they will perform at the Collins stadium in Denton on October 28th (time TBD). We hope to see you at any of these events to support the band. See you there!

**Cheer:** The cheerleaders have been busy this month with hosting pep rallies and cheering on our football teams. The cheerleaders attended the Freedom Parade at the Primary/Intermediate. While walking in the parade, the cheerleaders also took pictures with the kids and/or the classes. The mascots are always the biggest hit! The cheerleaders have also helped with getting Primary students out of their vehicles Friday mornings to help start the day off right. We are prepping for October games and the junior cheer clinic performance, as well as homecoming.

**Volleyball:** The Lady Bulldogs began district competition early in September. Led by a strong group of seniors, the girls have taken home several wins in an attempt to secure a playoff spot early. Please join us on Tuesday and Friday nights as we continue our fight to the post season!

**Football:** The Bulldog Football team has opened the year 3-0 on both the Varsity and JV teams against Scurry, Quitman, and Palmer. The Varsity and JV will open district play September 29<sup>th</sup> versus the Groesbeck Goats. We hope to see you on Thursday and Friday nights!

*(Continued on page 5)*

(Continued from page 4)

**Theater:** Theater Arts students are invited to sign up to compete and to attend the Van High School Theater Arts Festival on November 4th. You must be competing in an event to attend the festival. Lunch and breakfast are provided for students, or they may choose to eat on their own from the concession provided by Van High School. The deadline to sign up is October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Mrs. Harvey's classroom. There are many categories students may choose from for the competition. See Mrs. Harvey for more information. Theater Arts Production students are **required** to attend the festival this year.

The UIL Poetry team will be attending both the Van High School festival for practice and the UIL Speech Invitational on October 21<sup>st</sup> at Mabank. Please remember that all Poetry team members are scheduled to meet with Mrs. Harvey every Wednesday afternoon during Flex Lunch B to work on their pieces for contest.

**Bass Team:** We had four of our six teams compete at Lake Ray Hubbard. Two teams made it to weigh in! Wesley Kirchenbauer and Clay Carpenter placed 47th overall and Micah and Colby Carpenter placed 76 overall. 181 teams competed and only 98 teams made it to the weigh in trailer. Our other two teams competing were Colton Tumlinson -Luis Garcia and Cade Adair-Ryan Powers Neither team caught a scorable bass but fished hard. Overall, it was a lot of fun and the kids really seemed to enjoy it. The next tournament is at Cedar Creek Lake on October 14 in Log Cabin.

**Book Club:** Book Club is reading *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi, a graphic novel depicting her childhood up to her early adult years in Iran during and after the Islamic Revolution. The meeting will be November 2.

**Robotics Club:** Robotics class is in session. We traveled to John Paul II High School on September 19 for the annual kickoff event for the Colin County Hub (CoCo Best). During this kickoff students attended breakout sessions to learn more about the engineering aspect of robotics, programming, and game preparation. Midway through the day we attended the game reveal. The theme for this year's competition is Crossfire. Crossfire is a playing field related to the theme of search and rescue. Objectives that the robot will have to accomplish is rescuing a mannequin from an explosion, hauling off toxic waste and putting out a fire. We will travel back to the Dallas area on October 14 for a mall day practice session. Students will get to operate the robot on the playing field and practice for 30 minutes. The following weekend we will travel to Prosper High School for Competition day. We will compete against approximately 35 teams for one of the 4 qualifying spots for the state tournament. Wish us luck.

**Karate Club:** Several Eustace High School students are taking advantage of the opportunity to learn the Japanese martial art of Shotokan karate. This style was founded by Gichin Funakoshi (1868-1957), a native of Okinawa, who introduced it to the Japanese mainland. Today, it is the most widely practiced style of karate in the world. The moderator of the club is Dr. O'Dunne, who earned a brown belt in Shotokan under the tutelage of Mr. Oscar Silvera, Sensei, holder of a fifth-degree black belt. Dr.

(Continued from page 3)

the selection process even more difficult with such well qualified applicants! Our members for this year are listed below by grade level.

6<sup>th</sup> grade: McKenna Jones, Cannon Kilcrease, Jadie Milner, Gabriel Rudman and Abbygayle Spivey

7<sup>th</sup> grade: Emma Bell, Jocelin Burke, Jacob Henson, Lyra Landrum, Avery Reeve, Paige Row, Nathan Travi and Angel Worth

8<sup>th</sup> grade: Yazmin Becerra, Grace Ferrell, Madisen Kulsa Drake McAfee, Kaylee McGee, Faith Merchant, Brookelyn Patterson, Cooper Reeve, Madi Sutton, Cooper Walker, Cearra Warren and Joey Womble

The following students were chosen by the Student Council to serve as officers for the 2017-2018 school year: Abby Spivey, Emma Bell, Avery Reeve, Grace Ferrell, Faith Merchant and Cooper Reeve

#### 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 Abbygayle Spivey and Spencer Kirby

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Brinley Carter and Esteban Padron

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Madisen Kulsa and Matthew Jones

Employee of the Month: Tiffany Kiser

#### Important Dates

October 2<sup>nd</sup>: VB v. Scurry

October 5<sup>th</sup>: FB @ Malakoff

October 9<sup>th</sup>: No School

October 9<sup>th</sup>: VB v. Kemp

October 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>: Book Fair

October 12<sup>th</sup>: Pep Rally @ 2:15 (visitors please check in at 2:00)

October 12<sup>th</sup>: FB v. Westwood

October 16<sup>th</sup>: VB @ Edgewood

October 17<sup>th</sup>: Fall Pictures

October 19<sup>th</sup>: FB @ Elkhart

October 21<sup>st</sup>: VB district tournament

October 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>: Red Ribbon Week

October 26<sup>th</sup>: FB v. Malakoff

(Continued from page 2)



1st 6 Weeks Bike Winners—1st grader, Alex White-side, and kindergartner, Hattie Lawson!



Kindergarten Happy Campers



Lady Liberty—Misty Smith, Uncle Sam—Ryder Murphy

O'Dunne plans to test for black belt in the spring of 2018. Students meet during A-block lunch on Tuesdays and B block on Thursdays. Sophomore Kyna Holman serves as club president. Holman is ably assisted by juniors Miranda Fontenot and Sean Holler. As they learn techniques for self-defense, the karateka (i.e. practitioners of Karate) also learn to be more focused and balanced individuals.

**Spanish Club:** The Spanish Club will be hosting the Ollimpaxqui Ballet Company on October 20<sup>th</sup>. "This magnificent company of dancers, singer, and musicians has captivated both adult and student audiences everywhere. Beautifully costumed, these talented artists have created an authentic and vibrant Mexican Spectacular Show. This educational and highly entertaining panorama encompasses centuries of traditions that have evolved from European, Oriental, Indian, and American influences. From the pre-Columbian rituals of the Aztecs, to the colorful music of the Bamba from Veracruz with its picturesque ribbon-tying ceremony, to the solemnity and drama of Sonora's Deer Dance, to the eloquent dancing of Jalisco and Concheros, to the songs and traditions of the other distinctive regions of this exciting country. The Mission of Ollimpaxqui Ballet Company is to increase awareness and promote the traditional and folkloric music and dances of México, Central and South America by providing educational dance programs, public performances and artistic enrichment events to the community."

**Bulldog Proud!**



Intermediate Students—Reeve Rascals

# Intermediate School Activities



The Blue Duck



More Reeve Rascal Pictures

**Homecoming 2017**

**Bonfire  
Thursday, October 26**

**Homecoming  
Friday, October 27**

**District Cross Country Meet  
Monday, October 9  
Mineola**

**Pumpkin Patch**

**Friday, October 13**

**5:00—8:00**

**Primary and Intermediate  
Campuses**