

The Blazier Blue Jay Flyer

December 2007



Principal's Corner

The PTA has begun its membership drive soon. Information went home in a flyer from the Executive Board. Please join PTA by sending the membership fee in the envelope which will be provided with the flyer. Dues are \$5.00 per person.

The PTA is also organizing some fundraising events through restaurants and other organizations.

Please support our Blazier PTA!

I want to also take this opportunity to wish you and your family a safe and Happy Holiday season and a very Happy New Year 2008!

Events

Dec. 13 Holiday Performance

Winter Break Dec 20-Jan 8

Assistant Principal

The Blazier Book Exchange will start on December 4, 2007 during lunch. The Book Exchange is open to all Blazier students and teachers. On December 4, 2007 please bring a used book from home that you no longer read and would like to share with others. You donate your book and if you would like to read from our collection, you borrow a book and take it home. When you finish the book, you return it and can borrow another book. There is no check-out or due date, you just trade books.

The Blazier Book Exchange will be every Tuesday during lunch. If you don't have a book at home, don't worry, you can still participate. However, it is important to return the books so other students and teachers can enjoy this opportunity.

The Blazier Book Exchange is made possible by a generous gift from the Texas Retired Teachers Association. They donated nearly 1000 books to Blazier. Half Price Books has also agreed to donate used children's books to Blazier on a regular basis.

Because we want all our children and staff to read, read, read, we decided a book exchange would be the best way to encourage a love of reading in everyone.

Counselor Comments

Austin Child Guidance Center is offering a Friendship Group for children 4-6 years old and their parents.

The group will begin in January, 2008 on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30pm, and end the first Tuesday in May, 2008.

The focus is to help children learn to settle conflicts with words & to manage their feelings in a positive way.

At the same time as the children's group, a parent group will be offered.

During the last 15 minutes each evening, parents will meet with the leaders of the children's group to review what the children learned that evening.

Children have "homework" which they do with their parent and get a prize each time they return with their homework.

The cost is on a sliding fee scale from \$4.00 to \$40.00/group.

The group will be held at Austin Child Guidance Center, 810 W. 45th St. (45th & Lamar).

For more information: Linda Melnick, 451-2242, ext. 116

Did You Know...

We have weekly awards for classes with 100% attendance? All Blazier students have access to AISD bus transportation to and from school?

Next to breakfast, attendance is the most important factor in your child's learning?

If you are having problems providing transportation for your child to or from school, a call to the AISD transportation office at 414-0238 is all it takes to start your child on the school bus.

We want our students learning at Blazier. Attendance at our school is lower than the state expectation. Texas has a compulsory attendance law and excessive absenteeism can result in parents being fined in court.

Please help us by making sure your child is in school.

Character Trait of the Month

December begins our study of "Caring." We will be talking about what "Caring" looks like, sounds like, and feels like.

In January we will be presenting Blazier Blue Jay "Caring" awards to students and staff who have shown the qualities and characteristics of "Caring."

We are very proud of: Eduardo in Ms. Hall's 5th grade class; Ileri in Ms. Rodriguez's 1st grade class; Lucero in Ms. Delgado's 5th grade class; Cheyenne in Ms. Jessee's 4th grade class; Daniel in Ms. Luviano's Pre-K class; Gracie in Ms. Barron's 2nd grade class. They were nominated by their classmates or teachers to

receive a Blazier Blue Jay "Courage" award.

We are also proud of the following teachers who received Blazier Blue Jay "Courage" awards: Ms. Sawan., Ms. Gump, Ms. Allison, Ms. Lewis, Ms. Barth, and Ms. Kiefer.

Late Breaking News!!!!

Our school has been selected to participate in Oprah's "O Ambassadors Program" which is a joint project of Oprah's Angel Network and Kids Can Free The Children. This is a national program and we are very honored to be one of a very few schools chosen in Texas to participate. The region our club will focus on is Latin America. For more information on the O Ambassadors program, visit www.oambassadors.org

The program empowers young leaders to dream big and to work for global change through various activities. During our meetings, we will work to find ways to spread the word about four main areas of focus related to Latin America: poverty, education, health, sustainable development.

Blazier Blue Jay Dress Code

We are proud of our students and the pride they take in how they dress.

Blazier Blue Jays say NO to: baggy pants, long shirts, or caps for the boys; spaghetti straps, midriff blouses, or short skirts for the girls, and no dangerous flip flops.

Tatoos for either boys or girls, large earrings in boys ears, and make-up for girls are not acceptable.

What's Happening in Art, Music, PE

Our ART students are working on projects that reflect the different holidays or traditions celebrated at this time of the year. The gingerbread man represents the cookies baked. The Christmas tree has its roots in Germany and the Pointsettias are flowers that bloom in Mexico in December.

December 13, 2007 at 7:00pm is our first annual Holiday Concert. It will include performances by every grade level as well as our Blazier Choir. Please have students here by 6:30pm dressed in their holiday best! Don't forget to bring your cameras!!!

Cafeteria News

The Cafeteria is open in the mornings from 7:00 am to 7:30 am. After 7:30am, the cafeteria is closed for breakfast so they can begin preparing lunch.

If buses arrive late, students have the opportunity to eat breakfast.

If you drop your child off in the morning, please make sure they are here no later than 7:25am in order to be on line to get breakfast.

Students who do not have money in their account for lunch will be given a peanut butter sandwich. It's good, but our hot lunch is better so keep your accounts up to date. You can now pay on-line at www.mylunchmoney.com. Or call 1-800-479-3531. You will need your child's 7 digit student number to check balance or pay.