



The Preston Press

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Monday, December 11

#AllenPrestonPride

December 14-15

**Presents, Peppermints, Pastries,
and More**

Tuesday, December 19

Starlight Cafe
No Lunch Visitors

Wednesday, December 20

Polar Express Day

Thursday, December 21

Winter Holiday Parties

Chick-Fil-A Day
Service Project: Kids Against Hunger

Heritage Night Form Deadline

AIISD Calendar Survey Deadline

December 22 - January 5

Winter Break
No School

Monday, January 8

Staff Development
No School

Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
No School

Mark Your Calendars for Heritage Night!

Did you know that there are over 20 languages spoken by the students at Preston Elementary? To celebrate our diversity, Preston will host our first annual Heritage Night on **Feb. 6, 2018 from 6:30-7:30 pm**. Our hope is to unite families of all ethnic backgrounds in order to collaborate and represent the country of their family's origin. This will be an excellent opportunity for you to meet and build relationships with other families like yours. In addition, this will be an evening in which we will continue to foster our Preston community as we learn about and appreciate other cultures.

If you are interested, you will need to complete the Heritage Night Google form. You will receive an email ring with all the other families that signed up to host the same country. Together, you will decide what foods, music, games, or maps/information will be represented at your booth and who will bring what. We encourage your group to be creative! You can include all the above items, or only a few - the choice is yours!

Please complete the form no later than Thurs. Dec. 21 so that groups can be emailed and begin planning their booths. We are excited to host this cultural tradition at Preston Elementary!

Heritage Night Form

Questions?

Email Helen Cherian: helen.cherian@allenisd.org



Don't Forget! Winter Holiday Parties at PES

Holiday celebrations at PES will take place Dec. 20 - 21 and school administration has some new guidelines for visitors to follow. To learn more about the new holiday party guidelines, and for a schedule of holiday events, please refer to the letter from PES/Mrs. Walker at the end of this newsletter in the flyer section. We appreciate your cooperation!



Front of School Carpool Request

The December weather has finally arrived and it is much colder during morning carpool. We kindly request that drivers pull as far forward as they can in the front carpool line before letting students out of the car. This helps to keep the line moving so we can get all students inside as quickly as possible. As always, we appreciate your help and continued support.



Survey Open for Proposed 2018-2019 AISD Academic Calendar

Allen ISD is currently seeking community input on the proposed 2018-2019 Academic Calendar. Community members are able to provide feedback by participating in the online survey below before Dec. 21, 2017.

The proposed calendar shows a start date of Wed., Aug. 15, 2018 and an end date of May 24, 2019. Other features of the proposed calendar include maintaining a one week break during Thanksgiving, a two week break during the winter, and the inclusion of early release days prior to identified student holidays.



CLICK HERE to access the proposed 2018-2019 Academic Calendar and take the survey.

Volunteer Request for Peppermints, Presents, Pastries and More!

Join us Dec. 14 and 15, as we host gift wrapping stations for the teachers to drop off their holiday packages for wrapping. We need extra hands to help wrap their packages, wrapping supply donations, and snacks and treats to keep everyone going during the day! To join in the fun **CLICK HERE** to sign-up or volunteer.



Join the PES Campus Improvement Team

Are you interested in serving on our first **Campus Improvement Team** at PES? A Campus Improvement Team (CIT) is a group of individuals composed of professional staff, parents and community members who establish and review our campus goals, plans, and objectives. **CLICK HERE** for the application form.



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to Our Wonderful Teachers and Staff!

Susie Barlowe - Dec. 20
 Robyn Herbert - Dec. 28
 Kailey Moore - Dec. 31
 Reeta Chowdhury - Jan. 3
 Calli Smith - Jan. 11
 Renee Nelson - Jan. 12
 Angela Martinez - Jan. 23
 Julie Latos - Jan. 29
 Kelli Maurer - Jan. 31

The Inspiration Station





At Preston this year, we will be participating in the following special events in December:

- *Wednesday, December 20- Polar Express Day. Students and staff can wear comfy and cozy PJs.*
- *Thursday, December 21- Winter Holiday Parties for students in all grade levels*

Parent support and family participation at PES is valued and above reproach! In order to keep our numbers safe and manageable for the parties, we ask for your cooperation and understanding for our PES Holiday Parties. ***For each student, one adult guest is allowed to attend, but certainly not required.*** (Preschool and infant siblings may attend with the parent.)

If a family member plans to attend a party, please email your child's teacher by **Friday, December 15, 2017 at noon**. In accordance with Allen ISD visitor policies, all visitors will be required to buzz in and show proper identification to enter the building on party day.

- For guests who RSVP, we will have these badges pre-printed.
- If visitors have not visited PES this year, they must come to Preston prior to party day to scan their ID. Otherwise, they will be required to wait in line to have ID scanned into our visitor system.
- Visitors will be checked in 10 minutes prior to party time. With visitors coming to PES at specific times for parties, guests should expect some delay upon entering the building.
- For parents attending more than one party at a different time, please RSVP for each party.

If you have questions, please contact our PES office or your child's teacher at 972-908-8780. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to these fun holiday events for our children.

Winter Holiday Party Schedule

Thursday, December 21, 2017

9:15-10:00 KN and 1st grade parties in classrooms
10:15-11:00 4th in classrooms, 5th in Science Lab, and 6th in MPR
12:15-1:00 2nd and 3rd in classrooms

Happy Holidays,
Mrs. Walker and Staff