



The Preston Press

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Monday, February 12

#AllenPrestonPride

February 12 - 16

Spring Book Fair

Love Week 2018: Ms. Katie Pownell

Benefiting a Community Member in Need

Tuesday, February 13

Paws & Claws

Blackland Prairie Raptor Center

4:30-7:00pm - PES Library

Thursday, February 15

Popcorn Thursday

Chick-Fil-A Day

Service Project: Kids Against Hunger

Donuts with Dads

7:00-7:40am - PES Cafeteria

#prestontalks Twitter Event

8:30-9:00pm

Friday, February 16

Jump Rope for Heart

Last Day to Raise Money

Saturday, February 17

Allen ISD Mother-Son Dance

7:00-9:00pm - Allen HS Cafeteria

Monday, February 19

President's Day

No School

The Book Fair Opens This Week at PES.... And It's PAW-some!

It's finally here! The spring Book Fair is now open and runs this week through Feb. 16. Come out and see all of the exciting books that will make excellent additions to your home library!

Special Evening Event: Paws & Claws on Feb. 13th

On Tues., Feb. 13, the Blackland Prairie Raptor Center is bringing *live* hawks, owls and falcons to the Preston Elementary library. Families will have an opportunity to see these amazing birds up close. **For more details, see the flyer below.**

Not sure you can make it to the Book Fair? No problem! Families can start ordering books from our online Book Fair starting Feb. 1st. **CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE.**

Spring Book Fair Shopping Hours

Monday, Feb. 12

7:30am – 3:30 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 13

7:30am – 7:00 pm

(Open late for Paws & Claws)

Wednesday, Feb. 14

7:30am – 3:30 pm

Thursday, Feb. 15

7:00am – 3:30 pm

(Open during Donuts with Dad)

Friday, Feb. 16

7:30am – 1:30 pm





Vivienne Youssef
Mrs. Morton



Michael Stefanacci
Mrs. Hall



Sophia Canfield
Mrs. Chapman



Cohen Paterson
Mrs. Morton

PES in Pictures:
Kindergarten Celebrates

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DAYS OF
SCHOOL!

*Thank you, parents, for emailing us
your pictures! Great job, students!*



Dhillon Murthy
Mrs. Jackson



Brendan Byrd
Mrs. Hall



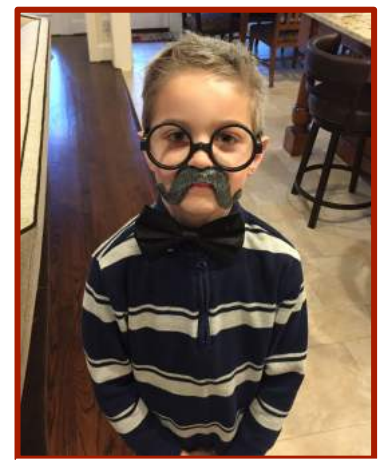
Katie Craig
Mrs. Morton



Thomas Conway
Mrs. Hall



Grayson Averitt
Mrs. Jackson



Christopher Murray
Mrs. Morton

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Kye Blake
Mrs. Morton



Collin Becker
Ms. Bayless

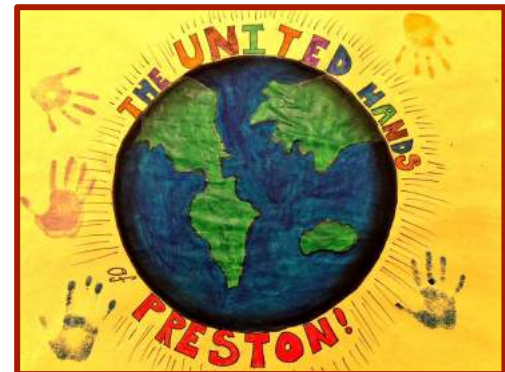


Zion Medrano
Ms. Bayless



Celebrating Our Preston Pride at Heritage Night!

What an amazing night! It was a packed event and was so much fun. Thank you parents, students, and volunteers for making this event a memorable success! A big shout out to the 5th Grade Choir for opening the celebration - you were all great! See you next year!



PTA Meeting on Feb. 6 Honors Volunteers and Staff

By: Jena Barocio - PES PTA President

The Preston Elementary cafeteria was packed Tuesday night to hear the 5th grade choir and to enjoy Heritage Night but it all got started off with our Preston PTA meeting. Those in attendance were able to cast their vote for the budget amendments, some of which included; money to purchase a new instrument for the music department and funds to purchase soccer goals! Important updates were also given regarding upcoming events like the Book Fair, Donuts with Dads, the Perot Truck Museum visit, and the Fort Worth Children's Opera.

The most memorable part of the meeting, though, was seeing our most recent Allen ISD Council of PTAs Citizenship Award winners. This is an honor given to 4 individuals quarterly during the school year for their service to our Preston community. Thank you to Johnette Gambrell, Coach Brandon Coston, Brooke Eung, and Maura Anderson. Below are just a few of the reasons each recipient was selected...

Mrs. Gambrell is the first person who PES guests talk with and see at Preston. We want to thank her for being so kind and welcoming to each and every person who visits Preston! Coach Coston is dedicated to making Preston PE classes so fun for our kids. Preston Run Club is off and "running" with success. Our first Halloween Obstacle Course was a "Spooky" hit! We are so happy that Coach Coston is at PES!

Brooke serves as the PTA Hospitality Chair this year. She is ALWAYS hard at work ensuring that teachers feel appreciated and that events are perfectly planned. Her attention to detail and work ethic certainly set her apart!

Maura stepped up in a BIG way this year as the PTA Family Engagement Chair. She threw an awesome inaugural fall festival but hasn't stopped there! She consistently volunteers for other activities throughout the school. Thank you, Maura, for your generosity with your time and talents.

At Preston Elementary we have amazing staff and parent volunteers!



Don't Forget! #prestontalks Twitter Event is Feb. 15!

Get ready! The #prestontalks Twitter Chat is next week! Here's how to prep and participate:

What is a Twitter chat?

A twitter chat is a public discussion on Twitter around a specific hashtag (#prestontalks). Our chat will be moderated by PES administrators who will ask questions and facilitate the discussion. Our hashtag, #prestontalks is an easy way to find our content from our twitter chat. We are using this Twitter chat as a way to extend another way to connect to parents and engage them in a meaningful and innovative way!

How does it work?

Twitter chats follow a Q&A format. PES admin will ask questions about our discussion topic and will be indicated by Q1, Q2, and Q3 (Question 1, Question 2, and Question 3). Participants will post answers using A1, A2, and A3 (Answer 1, Answer 2 and Answer 3) to make it easy to follow the chat and participate.

Who and When?

Any PES parent and/or staff
2/15/18 from 8:30-9:00pm

How to Prepare:

1. **Set up Twitter account**
2. **Follow @PrestonElem18**
3. **Check out happenings at PES this week!**
4. **♥ If you like it!**



to Our Wonderful Teachers and Staff!

Nicki Hans - Feb. 13
Andrea Jackson - Feb. 22
Pierse Battaia - Mar. 5
Johnette Gambrell - Mar. 7
Erin Royster - Mar. 17
Jamie Qureshi - Mar. 19

The Inspiration Station



Love Week 2018: February 12-16

*Allen ISD's 38th annual "Love Week"
benefitting a community member in need.*

2018 recipient: Mrs. Katie (Esposito) Pownell. Katie is a third grade teacher at Olson Elementary School. She grew up in Allen and is a 2012 graduate of Allen High School where she played soccer and was a PAL. In January, Katie was diagnosed with and had a brain tumor removed.

The \$1 Dollar Donation Campaign

We are asking every student and every staff member of Allen ISD to donate \$1. Donations accepted at all Allen ISD campuses.



Allen Restaurant Support

Please visit and mention "Love Week" at the following restaurants:

Monday: MOOYAH, dinner

Tuesday: Liberty Burger, lunch and dinner

Wednesday: Chick-fil-A, all day-both locations

Thursday: Raising Cane's, all day

Friday: Bahama Buck's, all day



Come see *LIVE* birds of prey!

Hawk, Falcons and Owls

**Feb. 13, 2018
4:30 – 7:00 PM**

A *Come-and-Go* After-school Event

The whole family is invited!

FEB. 13 **PAWS & CLAWS**

Join us for an EXCITING evening of BOOKS and BIRDS!

The Blackland Prairie Raptor Center is coming to Preston Elementary for an after-school event. They're bringing live hawks, falcons and owls to the Preston Elementary Library. Come discover the unique adaptations these amazing raptors use to hunt in woodland, wetlands and prairies.

This is a come-and-go event; so drop by anytime between 4:30pm and 7pm. And don't forget to visit Preston's "Paws for Books" Spring Book Fair, across the hallway in the MPR, while you're at it!

"PAWS FOR BOOKS" SPRING BOOK FAIR

Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale!

Feb. 12, Mon	7:30am – 3:30pm
Feb. 13, Tues	7:30am – 7:00pm (Open during "Paws and Claws")
Feb. 14, Wed	7:30am – 3:30pm
Feb. 15, Thur	7:00am – 3:30pm (Open during "Donuts with Dad")
Feb. 16, Fri	7:30am – 1:30pm



Preston Elementary has started our Jump Rope for Heart campaign and we're doing an awesome job!

As of this week, we are at 83% of our fundraising goal! Let's get to 100%!

During the campaign, students will be learning how to take care of their own hearts and the importance of helping others - all while having tons of fun! Help us *scare away* heart disease and stroke away by joining THE SCARE SQUAD!

Students get Monster gifts instantly when they sign up and donate online at www.heart.org/jump or via the Jump/Hoops app in the App Store (search Jump/Hoops). Earn a glow in the dark wristband, Jax, and Charger with your first \$10 donation!

Special monster experience: All the monsters your student earns, along with the temporary tattoo that they have received, COME TO LIFE if you download the APP (JUMP/HOOPS) and click UNLOCK YOUR MONSTER.

Thank you for your support and let's continue to rock this Jump Rope for Heart campaign!





Box Tops Class Contest

Turn in Box Tops by Fri., Feb. 23

The class with the most Box Tops will win a POPSICLE PARTY!



Box tops can be turned into your teacher or the green collection box in the office.

Clipping Box Tops is an easy way to help earn cash for our school. Each one is worth 10¢! Just look for the pink Box Tops on hundreds of products.

- Cut along the dotted line
- Place Box Tops in a Ziploc bag or attach to a collection sheet
<http://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets>
- Write your student's and teacher's name and # of Box tops on the Ziploc bag or Collection sheet
- Ensure that the Box Tops are not expired

Email questions to: ptacommunityrelations.preston@gmail.com