



The Preston Press

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Monday, February 19

#AllenPrestonPride

February 20 - 22

STAAR Simulation Testing

All AISD Campuses Closed to Visitors

Friday, February 23

\$ Day / Hat Day

Service Project: Kids Against Hunger

Tuesday, February 27

Starlight Cafe

No Lunch Visitors

Saturday, March 3

Allen Eagle Run

8:00-10:00am - Eagle Stadium

Thursday, March 8

PES Open House

4:30-6:00pm

March 12 - 16

Spring Break

No School



PES Gate Reminders

Morning:

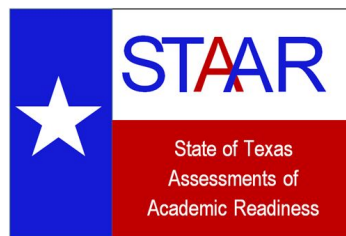
- o Gate is opened daily 6:30-8:05 am by our custodial team.
- o Parents should exit playground/back gate by 8:05 am.

Afternoon:

- o Gate is unlocked daily by a staff member by 3:05 for dismissal.
- o Gate is locked daily by our custodial team at 4:15pm.

- ★ Allen ISD Operations Department and Preston Administration has determined that for the safety of students and staff, this gate will only be unlocked at these designated times.
- ★ Kids Club will begin activities after school, so the gate will stay locked once all dismissals are over.
- ★ Allen ISD Operations Department will determine when the gates will open for evening and weekend use.
- ★ At this time, gates are not open during evening and weekends because of warranty on new sod during our first school year. Once sod is ready for extra-curricular use, gates will be unlocked evenings and weekends.

FYI: STAAR Simulation Testing



Please note that for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Simulation Testing, **Feb. 20-22, ALL Allen ISD elementary campuses are closed to visitors and volunteers.**

Thanks for your support!
Mrs. Walker and staff

Volunteering with PRIDE

History in the Making: Dianna Blake

By: Elisa Burns - PTA Volunteer Chair

This week's Volunteer Spotlight is shining brightly on Dianna Blake who has ambitiously taken on the role as Preston Elementary Historian. As historian, Dianna is focused on collecting and documenting events throughout Preston's inaugural year so that people may enjoy these events for years to come. This is an enormous job and we are extremely grateful to Dianna for rolling up her sleeves and diving right in. Dianna is also a room mom in her son's kindergarten class and represented her native country of Laos at this month's Heritage Night.

When asked why she volunteers for PTA, Dianna reflects back on her father and the lessons that he taught her about always being there to help out. In her eyes, if there is a need and you can meet that need then it is important to do it. Her father was huge on giving back to his community and church and it is important for Dianna's kids to see her engaged in the schools and in the community. As part of the PTA, Dianna feels that it is rewarding to be a part of something bigger and to give back to those who have helped us along the way. As an added bonus it is exciting to connect with neighbors and work together for the greater good of the school and community.

Family is extremely important to Dianna, and she and her husband have been married for 16 years. On their 10th year wedding anniversary they were blessed with their first son Kye (6) who is currently in Mrs. Morton's kindergarten class. Three years later they welcomed their second son Cohen(3). This year the Blake's also accepted the opportunity to host an exchange student Prin. Prin attends Allen High School and is busy learning all about American culture. In addition to all she does as a mom and mentor, Dianna works as an eCommerce manager in the beverages industry. Whether it is running races with her son or trying a new activity, Dianna and family keep their weekends full with experiences because you have to make time for fun.

A native of Laos, Dianna, her parents and her siblings immigrated to Arkansas when she was very young. Her parents gave up everything they had and left the comfort of their native community to move to a strange country all to give their children a chance at a better life. Many people helped them along the way, and Dianna celebrates their sacrifices and carries on her father's legacy by giving back through volunteering. Thank you Dianna for all that you do!



PES in Pictures: Paws and Claws at the Spring Book Fair!



What a fun event! Thanks so much to the PES PTA for putting on this exciting, interactive night for our students during the Spring Book Fair!



**to Our Wonderful
Teachers and Staff!**

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

The Inspiration Station

CHILDREN ARE
 GREAT IMITATORS,
 SO GIVE THEM SOMETHING
 GREAT TO IMITATE

PRESENTED BY THE ALLEN EARLY CHILDHOOD PTA

Ready for Kindergarten? Need another year?

Learn what to expect at the 2018

KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM

Thursday, March 1, 2018

Presentation begins at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm for the Information Fair.

Allen ISD Service Center • 1451 N. Watters Rd, Allen TX 75013



Main Presentation

Presentation begins at 7pm. Doors open at 6:30pm.

Hear from AISD Kindergarten teachers what your child should know before they enter school and what a day in the life of a kindergarten student entails.

Information Fair

The Information Fair will be held before and after the main presentation (6:30-7:00 and 8:00-8:30).

Representatives will be available to talk about...

- Transitional kindergarten options for 5-year olds not quite ready to enter school
- After-school care & activities by AISD and private after-school programs
- Children's literacy tips from the Allen Public Library

This event is FREE and open to the public. Children are welcome; however, childcare will NOT be provided. Please be prepared to step out with children if they become disruptive during the presentation.

For questions, please contact Erin Daniels at KR@aecpta.com.

