

John D. Spicer Elementary

Parent Newsletter



A Community of Respect Everywhere ...

Dr. Waddell, our Spicer Principal ~

We have quickly approached the mid-point of the school year! Our students kicked off the New Year with great enthusiasm, which is evident in their day-to-day work, projects, and classroom activities. Students have been encouraged to set new and meaningful academic and social goals.

The fun and learning continues in February as we look forward to the many events and activities. Our annual Western Day is February 3rd. We invite you to come watch your child as they participate in the day's activities.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's homeroom teacher or myself if you would like to discuss your child's progress.

Cheryl Waddell, Ed. D.

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Why is attendance important? A message from Patsy Stanley, our Assistant Principal

When students are in school, they are more likely to be successful in school. Studies show that students with poor attendance are more likely to fall behind in academics. A 2008 study conducted by the Rodel Community Scholars at Arizona State University that tracked students from kindergarten through high school found that dropout patterns were linked with poor attendance, beginning in kindergarten. Because good attendance is important to our school, we are working hard to promote good attendance in our classrooms. This year, our school has begun initiatives to promote good attendance. Each six weeks, we will be rewarding the classroom with the best attendance with special class parties and activities. In addition to classroom initiatives, we will also be recognizing student attendance at our awards assemblies held each six weeks. Our goal is to increase student attendance which we believe will increase student achievement!

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"Community of Respect EVERYWHERE" ~ C.O.R.E. Values from Counselor Smith

Birdville Independent School District has a strong initiative for supporting great character in our students. It is called C.O.R.E. Values ... **C**ommunity **o**f **R**espect **E**verywhere. Each six-weeks a different character quality is spotlighted. The value for the third six weeks is **Kindness**.

C.O.R.E. Values Responsibility ~ Empathy ~ Kindness ~ Honesty ~ Acceptance ~ Courage

Children Learn What They Live

By Dorothy Law Nolte

If children live with criticism,
They learn to condemn.
If children live with hostility,
They learn to fight.
If children live with ridicule,
They learn to be shy.
If children live with shame,
They learn to feel guilty.
If children live with encouragement,
They learn confidence.
If children live with tolerance,
They learn to be patient.
If children live with praise,
They learn to appreciate.
If children live with acceptance,
They learn to love.
If children live with approval,
They learn to like themselves.
If children live with honesty,
They learn truthfulness.
If children live with security,
They learn to have faith in themselves and others.
If children live with friendliness,
They learn the world is a nice place in which to live.