



Eliot Elementary PTA Weekly Newsletter

BOBCAT BLAST

Week 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

August-September

August 25:

- Pre-K screening day

August 26:

- First day of Pre-K 11:35-2:30

September 5:

- Labor Day - NO SCHOOL

September 6:

- 5th Grade field trip to OKC Museum of Art

September 8:

- Back to School Night 6-7:30

September 14:

- Picture Day

September 15:

- Dad's & Donuts 7:05
(watch for details)

September 23:

- Teacher Luncheon - 5th Grade hosts
(watch for details)

September 29:

- Back to School Tailgate 6:00-8:00
(watch for details)

2016-2017 Lunch Schedule

Grade	Lunch/Recess
K	10:45-11:15
1st	11:00-11:30
4th	11:15-12:45
3rd	11:30-12:00
5th	11:45-12:15
2nd	12:00-12:30



Spirit Wear

Don't forget to order your Spirit Wear!!!! We are only placing ONE order this year. Order forms are in the office. Don't miss out! DEADLINE - September 13th.

Have your kiddos outgrown last year's spirit wear? Is it in good condition? If so, donate it to PTA! We will be selling discounted "vintage" spirit wear at Back to School Night. Please drop off items in the box outside of the school office.

Attendance Policy

ATTENDANCE POLICY – 2016/2017

First Bell – 7:20 a.m. Second Bell – 7:30 a.m. Dismissal bell – 2:35 p.m.
PreK – 11:35 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

ABSENCES (A)

Any student not in their class by 7:30 a.m. will be marked absent (A) by the teacher for the AM and PM ½ day periods.

Students arriving after 7:45 a.m. or leaving school before 2:35 p.m. must be checked in/out by a parent/guardian listed on the emergency form, showing proper I.D.

The office will change absence codes for full or half day absences as appropriate, as listed below:

- **TARDIES (T)**

- Any student who arrives after the 7:30 a.m. bell must report to the office to pick up a tardy slip.
- Any student who presents a doctor/dental note upon arrival will not be counted tardy for the morning. This is considered an Excused Tardy. Notes will not be accepted at a later time.
- * Chronic tardiness (excused or unexcused) not only deprives your child of valuable classroom experiences, it also disrupts the continuity of the lesson for the other students. We are asking that you help your child develop a responsible work ethic by making sure he/she is present, on time, and ready to learn.

- **UNEXCUSED ABSENCES (W)**

- These include absences due to family emergencies and illness/injury of the student without doctor/dentist visit documentation that are called in to the office.
- These also include absences due to travel, vacations, events/activities (such as ball games or concerts), car trouble, personal business, sleeping in, etc.
- * Pleasure trips/vacations are considered as scheduled unexcused absences. The principal should be notified in writing of these absences prior to the travel dates.

- **EXCUSED ABSENCES (E)**

- These absences include illness/injury with doctor/dentist visit documentation, funerals or court appearances with documentation, and religious holidays, school tours, or (non-TPS) school shadowing with prior notice to the office.
- Absences will only be excused if the office is provided with documentation within 48 hours of the absence.

Absence codes will not be changed after 48 hours.

Please contact the school office by 7:45 a.m. when a student will be absent.

Regular and punctual attendance is mandatory for student success and continuity of instruction. We will follow all School Board Policies regarding attendance. There are a limited number of days a student may be absent before retention in a grade is mandated (10% of the school year) or a transfer comes under review.

ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION FROM TPS

Any student who is absent with no explanation will receive an automated absence call from the District that day.

Any student who is absent 4 days per semester will receive a First Notice letter from the school.

Any student with 8 absences will receive a Second Notice letter from the Enrollment Center.

Students with excessive absences after these notifications will be reported to the District Attorney for non-attendance, per Oklahoma Compulsory Attendance Law.

Here is a reminder about the dismissal procedure.

Eliot Dismissal Procedures 2016-2017

PK/K Exit – Southwest Doors (West Cafeteria Door) on 36th Place

1st Grade Exit - Southeast Corner Doors on 36th Place

2nd/3rd Grades Exit - Front Doors on Rockford

4th/5th Grades Exit - North Doors on 36th Street

- ❖ **Remain in your car during pick up** and place name sign in windshield. **Park in designated areas only (south side or side streets).**
- ❖ All students and teachers will promptly leave the building and go to their dismissal area outside:
PK/Kindergarten-(2:30 p.m.), 1st-5th-(2:35 p.m.)
- ❖ Teachers will keep students together until they see the name on your car.
- ❖ Students who have younger siblings will walk to that sibling's dismissal area and wait to be picked up as a family.
- ❖ All teachers will be outside to supervise dismissal.

BOBCAT 5-ALIVE CAMPAIGN

Students:

1. Always use the crosswalks
2. Always stay on the sidewalk
3. Cross 36th St. with the guard only
4. Never cross between parked cars
5. Exit/enter your car curbside

Parents:

1. No cell phone use in traffic
2. Drive clockwise around Eliot
3. Avoid backing up
4. No double parking
5. Obey parking signs

RUNNING CLUB / BIKING CLUB



Eliot **BOBCAT'S** **RUNNING AND** **BICYCLE CLUB'S**



We will be holding a 16 week 1st Semester Running Club on the Eliot track every Tuesday and Thursday weather permitting starting August 30th and ending December 20th. The 12 week 2nd Semester running club starts February 28th and ends May 18th. Start time is 7:00 a.m. to 7:20 a.m.

The Bicycle Club will have a ride once a month on the 2nd Sunday in September, October, November, March, April, May weather permitting. We will meet at Riverparks on the east side 21st & Riverside next to the Blue Rose Café at 2:00 p.m.

Running Club Procedures:

1. Students will be on the track running/jogging/walking the entire 20 minutes.
2. Students must check in with Mr. Journey or parent monitor upon arrival at 7:00 a.m..
3. Students will be expected to go to their lockers and be on time for their first call after running before school.
4. Students participating will be on their best behavior at all times.
5. In case of rain, Running Club will be cancelled for that day.
6. Students participating will receive running tokens (based on miles ran) and certificate.

Bicycle Club Procedures:

1. Students are required to have at least one parent riding along with them on each ride.
2. All students are required to wear a helmet on rides.
3. Students must check in with Mr. Journey.
4. Students participating will be on their best behavior at all times.
5. In case of rain, Bicycle Club will be cancelled for that day.
6. Students participating will receive a certificate.

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