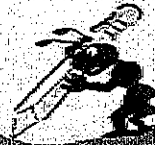


# Pflugerville

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Home of the Pfire Ants



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## Mark Your Calendars

- 5/2-5/6 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/3 Good Luck Grill Spirit Night, 5:30-8:00pm
- 5/5 Kindergarten Registration, 9:00am-6:00pm
- 5/5 Talent Show, 6:00pm
- 5/6 PTO Spring Pfling BBQ, 6:00-8:00pm
- 5/9 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Math STAAR
- 5/10 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Reading STAAR
- 5/11 5<sup>th</sup> Science STAAR
- 5/17 PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
- 5/18 Career Day
- 5/19 Tech Club Mini Film Pfest, Library 6:00-7:00pm
- 5/20 Field Day
- 5/25 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chess Tournament, 9am
- 5/27 End of Year Awards, K-4<sup>th</sup>
- 5/30 HOLIDAY
- 5/31 End of Year Parties
- 5/31 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremony, 9am
- 6/1 Last Day of School -  
Early Dismissal @ NOON!

## PRINCIPAL ANTOINE'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that May is already here! Thank you to all of our staff and parents who have helped to make this school year memorable. We would like to offer a huge congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, Wyn Cheung, who was selected as a finalist for PFISD district teacher of the year. We are so proud of her! We would also like to thank our dedicated PTO volunteers and Workroom Warriors who always go the extra mile for our school, and we want them to know how much we appreciate all of their time and hard work.

The second round of STAAR testing takes place next week for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, gets to school on time, and hears from you how well you know they can do on these very important STAAR tests! We know that our students will do their best on the STAAR tests. A big thank you goes out to our teachers who prepared our students so well for the tests and to our parents for the continued support they provide!

PES will be a closed campus on the STAAR testing days, 5/9-5/11. We will be unable to have volunteers on campus, parents visiting classrooms, or any visitors having lunch with the students on those days. Your understanding is greatly appreciated. Also, we ask that you do not schedule any doctor's appointments on those days for students taking the STAAR tests.

Have a wonderful summer! Take plenty of time to relax, have fun with family and friends, and enjoy some good books.

## Children

F ollow directions

I nspire others

R espect others and self

S tay Safe

T ry their best

At Pflugerville Elementary School!

## **End of the Year Awards Ceremonies**

The end of the year awards ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 27. Start times for each grade level are listed below. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. It's a great way to send off our students to a wonderful summer. Hope we see you here!

Kindergarten 11:15am	First Grade 12:10pm
Second Grade 8:55am	Third Grade 1:05pm
Fourth Grade 9:50am	

5<sup>th</sup> Grade will have a separate Awards and Promotion Ceremony on Tuesday, May 31 at 9:00am.

## **Reminders. . .**

- As of May 1, students wishing to purchase breakfast or lunch from the cafeteria must have a sufficient amount of money on their account or cash with which to purchase the meal; no charging of meals will be allowed for the remainder of the school year.
- Please be sure to check the Lost & Found for any missing items or articles of clothing. Any items remaining in Lost & Found at the end of school will be donated to GoodWill.
- Please be sure to turn in any Box Tops, Labels for Education, Tyson and Kellogg's labels that you have collected before the end of school, and be sure to keep collecting them over the summer too!

## **Looking Ahead. . .**

- The first day of school next year will be Tuesday, August 23, 2016.
- If you miss Kindergarten registration in May, we will have new student registration during the first week of August. Check the district website during the summer for specific times.

## **From the Counselor. . .**

### **Thursday, May 19**

PES 5<sup>th</sup> graders will visit either Cele MS or Park Crest MS. The campuses will offer a tour and orientation to middle school. Permission slips will go home the first week in May. Students will leave for the middle schools at 9:00am

### **Thursday May 19**

PES Little PALS will visit their Big PALS at Hendrickson High School. This will be an end-of-the-year celebration. We will be there from 11am-12pm. Permission slips will go home soon.

## **Clinic Notes. . .**

Please pick up any non-essential medications from the clinic the last week in May. Students with routine medication or emergency/action plan meds will have a NURSE FOLDER with meds and fall paperwork sent home on the last full day. Medications remaining after the last day of school must be disposed of so please make arrangements with the nurse if needed.

## **Library News. . .**

May is full of celebrations in the library! We will be having the following special events:

- May 12-17 AR Miniature Golf
- May 23 - Millionaire Party
- May 26 - AR Store

Finally, all student books are due Wednesday, May 11. If your child has lost a book, please write a check or bring exact payment to the library by May 11. Have a great summer full of reading!

## **Student Council News. . .**

It's hard to believe it's already May and the school year is winding down! The Student Council sponsors are very proud of all the accomplishments the Student Council students have made happen this year and we'll certainly miss our 5<sup>th</sup> graders as they head to middle school. Our Annual PES Talent Showcase is back this Thursday, May 5 at 6:00pm. Please come out and see all the wonderful talent of our PES students. If you haven't had a chance, stop by and admire our beautiful new Butterfly Garden in front of the school. With all the rain, our flowers are blooming and the students at PES are enjoying the new landscape. We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer!

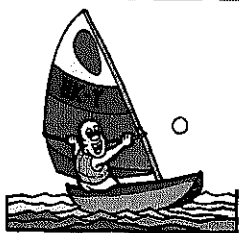
## **Tech Club News. . .**

PES Tech Club would like to invite you to our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mini Film Pfest, May 19, 6:00-7:00pm in the PES Library. We will be screening movies that are directed, produced and edited by our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade members. PES Student Council will be selling snacks.

## **PTO News. . .**

- May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week. This is a great time to thank your teacher for all her/his hard work.
- Join us on May 3 for our last Spirit Night of the year at the Good Luck Grill, 14605 FM 973, Manor, TX, 5:30-8:00pm.
- May 6 is our Spring Pfling BBQ Picnic.
- May 17 is our final PTO Meeting for the year. We will hold elections for the 2016-2017 PTO Board. We have various positions open. If interested, please return the attached nomination form, or call or text Rocio Luper at 210-823-6526, [rocioluper@yahoo.com](mailto:rocioluper@yahoo.com).
- May 27 is our Family Movie Night. Please join us for this FREE event.
- Thank you to Raising Canes at 2408 Farm to Market Rd.#685 and Andy's Frozen Custard at 18601 Limestone Commercial Dr. for their support of the PES PTO this year.
- Do you like to shop for school supplies in a single stop and have it delivered to your child's classroom? You can do it at [sproutssupplies.com/Pflugerville](http://sproutssupplies.com/Pflugerville). **Look for a separate flyer to come home with your student.**

MAY



# G.Y.M. Shorts



2016

## Curriculum Overview

May is going to be filled with many fun activities. We will begin the month practicing some of our field day events. The “*Wild Kingdom*” Field Day will be held on Friday, May 20 rain or shine. K-2 will begin at 9:00 while 3-5 will begin at noon. May 3 and 4 will bring us a visit from Texans Soccer Organization. Students will get some firsthand knowledge and participate with some of the sport’s elite. We look forward to introducing our soccer unit with their help.

We will end the month learning about water safety and view “Longfellow’s Whale’s Tales” -- an American Red Cross-sponsored video as well as a PowerPoint by Miranda Melendez, an ex- PES student who created it in order to earn her Honor Cord for graduation from HHS last year. With summer vacation around the corner, we want our students to be safe in and on the water. In anticipation of upcoming outdoor activities, students will learn how to protect themselves from the sun. They will learn to “**slip** (on a shirt), **slap** (on a hat), **slop** (on sunscreen)” in order to be sun safe.

## Field Day

Our annual field day is Friday, May 20 (rain or shine)! We cannot wait to visit continents from around the globe and learn about the many different animals and their habitats. “The Wild Kingdom” looks to be the best field day yet. Information about this incredibly awesome event is in this newsletter. Parent volunteers are needed to insure the day’s success. We will need at least one parent volunteer from each class to be the scorekeeper and one parent from each class willing to fill just approximately 50 water balloons the day prior to field day. We will also need a few parent volunteers to help set-up equipment in the morning and dismantle equipment in the afternoon as well as clean up. I am happy to announce that the HHS ROTC will be helping us run all of the stations throughout the day which will enable parents to enjoy hanging out with their kids without having to work the stations. Thank you HHS ROTC!

## Significant Happenings!

### Saturday, May 7

St. Patrick’s S&SAfter Dark 5K benefiting breast cancer resource center in memory of Cheri Smith (<http://www.saintsandsinners5k.com/>)

### Sunday, May 8

Mother’s Day ☺

### Friday, May 20

“*The Wild Kingdom*” Field Day

### Sunday, May 22

Deutschen Pfest 5K Fun Run/Walk & Kids’ K (<http://deutschenpfest.com/>)

### Monday, May 30

No School (Memorial Day)

### Friday, May 27

Awards Ceremony in the gym during Specials.

K	11:15-12:05	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:05-1:55
1 <sup>st</sup>	12:10-1:00	4 <sup>th</sup>	9:50-10:40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	8:55-9:45		

### Wednesday, June 1

Last day of School ☺

## Donations Needed

We are still in need of a few items to make field day complete. I want to thank all of the parents who have already donated items throughout the year. Following is a list items we could definitely use for field day:

- Zuru Bunch O Balloons water balloons (Wal-Mart)
- ITune cards (to download specific field day music)
- Barrel of Monkeys (eye-hand coordination game)
- Animal themed party supplies (table cloths, decorations, etc.)
- Case of water bottles (for volunteers)
- Case of juice boxes/sodas (for volunteers)
- Snacks for volunteers (may include fresh fruit day of)
- Canopy (loaner for the day)
- Commercial (50ft) extension cord (loaner for the day)
- Sunscreen (15 SPF or higher)
- Duct tape (colored: Blue,G,R,Y,O)

## Marathon Kids

**Final Finishers of 4 Marathons**  
**104.8 Miles**

Chase Edwards	Luca Boling
Jace Glaab	Jack Huval
Eli Walkup	Syra Young
Austin Le	Kyleigh Raigosa
Carson Serrata	Francisco Luper
Andrea Pastrano	Miranda Estrada
Aaron Stewart	Luke Walkup
& Mr. Steenport	

Congratulations to all of these finishers. I am very  
Proud of each of you. Great job!

## **8 Hugs for Maintenance - 12 Hugs for Growth**

Proper Hug Etiquette  
also known as  
Rules to Safe Hugging

1. Always respect another's space.
2. Ask permission before hugging.
3. A hug is a compassionate gesture, hug accordingly.
4. A hug is a gentle embrace, not the Heimlich maneuver.
5. Be "in" the hug; don't simply go through the motion.
6. Happy Hugging!

## National Health Observances

• Asthma and Allergy Awareness Month  
• Better Hearing & Speech Month  
• Better Sleep Month  
• Clean Air Month  
• Correct Posture Month  
• National Bike Month  
• National Physical Fitness & Sports Month  
• National Strawberry Month  
• Skin Cancer Awareness Month  
([www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org))

### May 2

• National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Day; Melanoma Monday

### May 3

• World Asthma Day

### May 4

• School Nurse Day (Best nurse ever... Nurse Mai!)

### May 2-6

• Teacher Appreciation Week

### May 8

• Mother's Day & Mrs. Salaiz's Birthday ☺

### May 8-14

• National Women's Health Week

### May 31

• World NO Tobacco Day

*The first wealth is health. Ralph Waldo Emerson*

## The ABC's of Skin Cancer

May is Skin Cancer Awareness month. I strongly urge you to use sun protection and to check your moles. Use this handy guide to check your skin monthly.

**A** = asymmetrical shape

**B** = irregular border

**C** = color variations (Melanomas may be brown, black, white, blue, red or a combination.)

**D** = diameter greater than the size of a pencil eraser

**E** = evolving (Research suggests that melanomas go through a series of changes in shape, size, color, and symptoms.)

Visit [aad.org](http://aad.org) or call 888.462.DERM for information about nationwide free screenings.

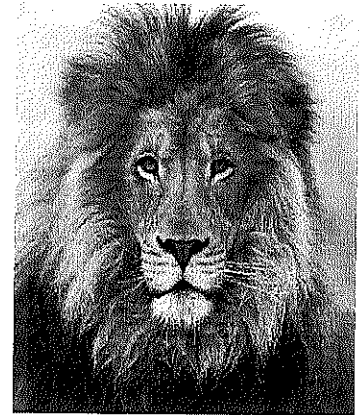
## Asthma Awareness

Asthma is one of America's most common and costly diseases. Asthma and allergies strike one out of four people. Asthma symptoms might be as minor as shortness of breath. Untreated, it can cause irreversible lung damage. Asthma has no cure, but it can be managed with proper prevention and treatment.

Visit [www.aafa.org](http://www.aafa.org) for more information.



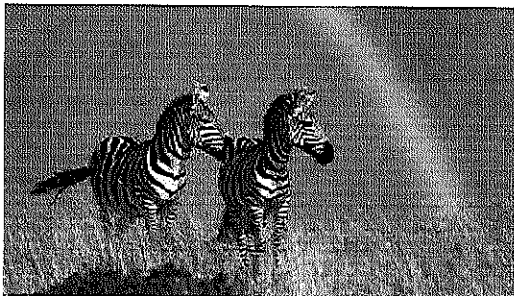
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## Pflugerville Elementary Field Day

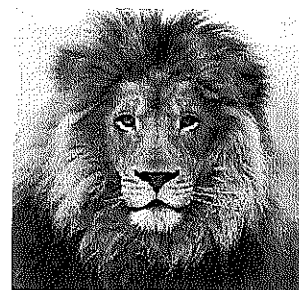
Pflugerville Elementary invites you to come join us on our special day! On field day our entire school goes outside to participate in cooperative events. We would love for you to come share in the fun.

What: **"The Wild Kingdom"**  
Where: Pflugerville Elementary  
When: May 20, 2016  
Time: K-2 9:00-11:30  
3-5 12:00-2:30





Pflugerville Elementary School  
**"The Wild Kingdom"**  
Field Day



Dear Parents,

We have appreciated the help and support you have given us this school year. If you have an interest in helping with field day activities, we sure would appreciate any help you can provide. As mentioned in the GYM Shorts, the HHS ROTC will be helping us run the stations throughout the day. However, we still need a few more volunteers. Our annual field day will be on May 20. K – 2 will have their activities in the morning from 9:00 – 11:30. 3 – 5 will have their events from 12:00 – 2:30. The cadets will need to board their bus and leave at 2:00. I will need some volunteers to step up and take their place once they leave from 2:00-2:30

We need volunteers to help in the areas listed below. Please check those areas where you will be able to help.

\_\_\_\_\_ Help fill water balloons the day before and brought to gym (ONLY 50 NEEDED per class) ☺

\_\_\_\_\_ Help set up the equipment (6:00am-8:30am)

\_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom "scorekeeper"

\_\_\_\_\_ Help with the "refreshment & treat" station AM PM

\_\_\_\_\_ Help run a station from 2:00-2:30

\_\_\_\_\_ Dismantle equipment and clean-up (2:45-3:30)

Thank you for volunteering to help at our **"The Wild Kingdom"** Field Day. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 594-3800 or e-mail: [lydia.salaiz@pfisd.net](mailto:lydia.salaiz@pfisd.net)

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Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (where you can be reached) \_\_\_\_\_

One of the greatest strengths of our school is the active involvement of Pflugerville Elementary School parents. The PES PTO was developed to coordinate these volunteer efforts to best meet the needs of our school. Our continued success depends on the active participation of parents.

We are now taking nominations for our 2016-2017 PTO Board. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else you think would be great in one of the positions, please fill out this form and return it to the school to be forwarded to the PTO Board.

The following are the board positions currently available:

Vice President

Secretary/Parliamentarian

Committee Chairs: Spirit Nights, Fundraising, Workroom, Marquee, Fish Tank

I nominate the following person/people for the following position(s):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

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