



The Mustang News

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“Kindness is like snow– It beautifies everything it covers.” - Kahlil Gibran

Message from the Principal

January is School Board Recognition Month, and Palo Pinto ISD will join the Texas Association of School Boards and other districts across the state to honor the countless contributions of these locally elected advocates for Texas school children and public schools.

School board members tackle a difficult job and shoulder enormous responsibilities. These men and women are elected to establish the policies that provide the framework for our public schools. They provide vision and leadership in their roles as advocates and they will continue to stand up for public education and guard against anything that takes away from our children or undermines our public schools. Board members serving Palo Pinto ISD are: Bud Price, Brad Connelly, Beverly Fuller, Teresa Medlin, and Tonya Brown.

Our district benefits from the tireless work and countless hours contributed by these local citizens who serve without pay. It's more important than ever before that the public support public education so that today's students are prepared to be productive citizens and the leaders of tomorrow. Please take a moment and tell school board members 'thank you for caring about our children and giving so much to our community.' Let them know we support them and that their dedicated service is recognized and truly appreciated.

Each month we are choosing a Superhero of the Month! We will recognize them for their outstanding Mustang PRIDE. This month the following students received the award: Andrew Hunter, Samuel Trammell, Allison Kelly, Emmilyne Erwin, Greg Taylor, Izabella Erwin, Stellan Antonio, and Kathryn Holder.

Jack Harvey Fellowship Award for Exemplary Teachers



Palo Pinto Elementary is proud to present Mrs. Ami Tincher as our Jack Harvey teacher of the year.

Mrs. Tincher is an exemplary Science and Social Studies teacher. She has an unmatched dedication to helping her students succeed. She has high expectations for each and every one of her students, but also provides them with the tools needed to reach their goals. She will exhaust all avenues to ensure that every child is successful and engaged. Mrs. Tincher exemplifies who classroom teachers on today's campus should strive to be. Her willingness and eagerness to work with others leaves a lasting impact on all who come in contact with her. Mrs. Tincher is a valuable asset to Palo Pinto Elementary and we are proud to call her one of our own.

Upcoming Dates

- Jan. 7th - 1st day of the 4th six weeks
- Jan. 9th - 12th - Palo Pinto County Stock show
- Jan. 16th - Board meeting
- Jan. 28th-Feb. 1 - Book Fair
- Jan. 31st - Parent's night at the book fair
4:00pm to 6:00pm

Attendance Drawing

Palo Pinto Elementary will be having an attendance drawing for the students that miss less than 3 days a semester. The second semester will start on Jan. 7th and end on May 17th. Students with 0 absences per semester will receive 3 tickets per semester in the drawing (for a total of 6 possible tickets for the year per student), 1 absence per semester will receive 2 tickets in the drawing, and 2 absences per semester will receive 1 ticket in the drawing. The Grand Prize will be a Nintendo Switch, and there will be four runner-up prizes (\$50 gift card to Walmart). One prize per student. The official drawing will be held on May 23rd at the awards ceremony.

A B Cs Of Student Success

E is for EMPATHY.

Empathy is a person's ability to identify and feel others' concerns. Parents can help to develop this important virtue in many ways.

- Let your child know how pleased you feel when he or she behaves in a kind way.
- Point out positive differences made when children do kind acts, no matter how small.
- When reading with your child, ask how people in the books feel in their situations.
- Help your child identify how someone feels and then identify a way to help.

Source: *Building Moral Intelligence* by Michelle Borba

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Parent Pointers Emphasizing the Importance of Reading

- ▶ Parents who read usually have children who read.
- ▶ Reduce TV viewing time and videogame time, and increase reading time.
- ▶ Set aside a time each day when you and your child will read.
- ▶ Read aloud to your child. Reading with expression shows a child that you love books and that you enjoy reading to them.
- ▶ Share what you have read with your child, and ask your child to do the same with you.

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