



EHS

NEWSLETTER January, 2010

Band

The EHS Tiger Pride Band would like to make everyone aware of the accomplishments of some its members and notify you of the upcoming Band Booster's Rib Dinner.

Ricky Bigbie will be attending the ATSSB Region 2, 3A All-Region Band Clinic and Concert in Argyle, Friday and Saturday, January 15th and 16th, where he will be learning music under the instruction of renowned conductor Dr. Robert Jorgensen. The concert will be Saturday at 4 p.m. Ricky earned a spot in the All-Region band while competing against students from 1A,2A, and 3A classification schools.

Ricky and Rachael Bigbie, Vanessa Gilmore and Madison McNeal will be attending the ATSSB Region 2, 3A All-District Band Clinic and Concert in Wichita Falls on January 30th and the concert will be at 7 p.m. at Wichita Falls High School.

On February 7th the band boosters will be hosting the 7th annual Boosters Barbecue and Rib Dinner to be held at Dinsmore elementary cafeteria from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come enjoy lunch while the high school band performs. You may also pre-order rib racks with a band member who will be selling tickets in the next couple of weeks. There will be an auction at the site as well, and all donations benefit the Electra school band program. For more information please call Jim Strahan, band director at 495-2701, Julie Faulkner, assistant director at 495-2533 or Nancy Bigbie, booster president at 495-3682.

One Act Play

One Act Play season is beginning. The students are excited and ready to go. They will be attending several workshops during the months of Feb. and March. The first workshop is here at EHS on Feb 19. Next we travel to Frisco, Mar. 25, Mineral Wells, Mar. 6 and Iowa Park, Mar. 19. Zone contest for our zone is March 24 at MSU. The annual dinner theatre sponsored jointly by National Honor Society and One Act Play is Mar. 11. Mark your calendars and come and enjoy an evening of dining and

entertainment. More details about the dinner theatre will be in the Feb. edition of the newsletter.

Career and Technology Education (C.A.T.E.)

Eight junior and senior students will be participating in the Groundhog job shadowing event sponsored by the North Texas Tech Prep Consortium on February 2, 2010.

Senior Class Information

The Electra Volunteer Fire Department will be helping Seniors by sponsoring a Bingo on Saturday, January 30 at the Electra Chamber of Commerce. Next Sr parent meeting – Feb 8, 6:00 in Mrs. Patton's room. Now is the time for Srs to begin filling out FAFSA forms, taking SAT ACT and applying for college entrance!!!!

UIL

There is a UIL practice meet at City View on January 23 and another on February 20.

Classroom Teacher Program

The Classroom Teachers' Scholarship Benefit program is Thursday, February 25 at 6:30 P.M. at high school. The High School Royalty will be presented and Most Handsome and Most Beautiful will be announced. In addition, the winner of the Classroom Teachers' Scholarship will be announced.

Parent Access

Parent Access is a web base program that allows parents to view their child's grades and attendance. To access this program you will need a username and password. Mendi Perez at Electra High School has this information. Parents will have to come to the high school to receive the username and password. The username and password from the previous year will still work for your child. If you forgot this information contact Mendi Perez at 940-495-2218. Parents can access their student's attendance and grades at <http://www.electraisd.net/>. The link is located at the bottom left of the page. You will need a login and password to access the site. Please contact EHS for this information.

Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale. Price is \$50. We are featuring new method of purchasing your book. You may purchase your yearbook online at www.yearbookforever.com.

There is a banner on the second floor with this information.

Absences and Tardies

Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education—to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each days learning on the previous days, and to grow as an individual. Absences and tardies from class may result in serious disruption of a student’s mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences. Three tardies is equal to one unexcused absence.

Students who are absent from school or from any class must present a note signed by the parent or guardian within three days stating the reason for the absence. Presentation of such a note does not necessarily ensure that the absence will be considered excused by the principal, unless the absence was due to a medical or dental appointment and is accompanied by appropriate documentation from the health care provider.

Truancy will be considered an unexcused absence (day or part of days) and will carry all penalties as such, in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. Three unexcused tardies to a class equals one unexcused absence. When a student must be absent from school, the student—upon returning to school (within a 3 day period)—must bring a note, signed by the parent that describes the reason for the absence. Absences of 3 or more days will require a doctor’s note. The school administration will make the final determination on absences to be excused. EISD’s goal is to keep students in school and deter any unnecessary absences. The following procedure will be followed when a student is truant. EISD may also file with the court system when a student meets the below criteria.

1. EISD may file a complaint in a court of law against the parent and/or student if the student:
 - Is absent from school on ten or more days or parts of days within a six-month period in the same school year, or
 - Is absent on three or more days or parts of days within a four-week period.
2. The following consequences will be given to students when they have unexcused absences.
 - 1st unexcused absences warning letter sent home.
 - 2nd unexcused absences 3 days ISS
 - 3rd unexcused absences 5 days ISS

- 4th unexcused absences 7 days ISS
- 5th unexcused absences AEP

Once a student acquires more than 15 days of ISS the student will be sent to AEP.

TAKS

TAKS testing dates:

Mar. 1- Mar 5 ELA and Exit level Retest

April 26 –April 30 grades 9, 10, Exit level test

May 3 – May 28 End of course field test

EHS had our first TAKS accelerated instruction week to help students reach their goal of passing TAKS. The week went very well. Overall there was increase in performance in these students. We hope that all of the effort will pay off during the TAKS testing this spring.

If a student passes all sections of the TAKS test this spring they will be exempt from attending school on June 1-3 and the next year’s TAKS accelerated instruction week.

JR/SR PROM

Plans are currently being made for the 2010 Jr. / Sr. Prom which will be held on Saturday, April 17th at the junior high cafeteria. Parents and prom committee members recently met to select this year’s theme. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the JH School. All parents of juniors are encouraged to attend the meeting to help in the planning of this special event.

Junior Class Fund Raiser

Currently, the junior class is selling gel air fresheners in order to raise money for the prom. They are priced at \$5.00 each and are available in many shapes, colors, and scents. Anyone interested in purchasing fresheners may contact Carey Wheeler at 733-4607. The junior class thanks you for your support.

Electra FFA

Wichita county show will be Feb. 11, 12, 13. The Electra show will be Feb. 27th.

TAKS Accelerated Instruction Week

EHS had its first TAKS accelerated instruction week in January. The week was very long for the students and staff however the effort will pay off when the TAKS test approaches. EHS staff members made several home visits in an effort to reach out and open a line of communication between parents and staff and that they were successful with positive results.

GO TIGERS!!!
Ben Frieling
EHS Principal