

# **Bear Bulletin**

## **11/26/2018**

Originally this bulletin was going to be a weekly communication, but we have realized that biweekly will allow it to contain information in a timely manner and not overload parents with too many emails or notifications.

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### **Calendar Check**

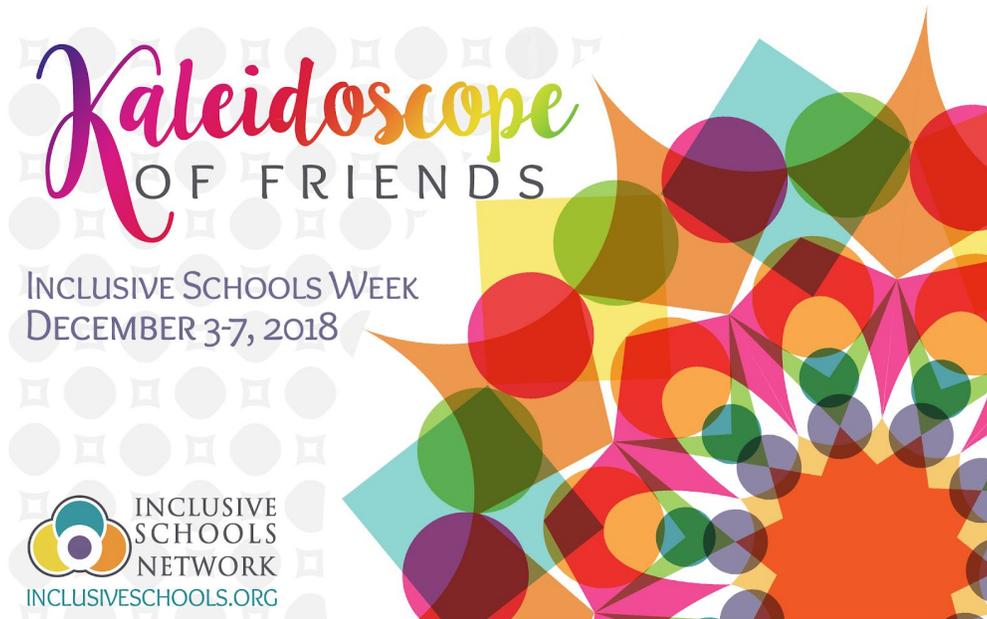
**December 1st-** Event for our Learning Zone and Creation Station Students

**December 3rd-7th-**Inclusive Schools Week, details below

**December 4th-8:15 PTO Meeting**

**December 17th-21st-**Christmas Spirit Week, Class Party and Programs-see schedule that went home in folders

## Inclusive Schools Week-December 3-7



Inclusive Schools Week is celebrated annually the first week in December by families, schools and organizations in the U.S. and abroad. The Week highlights and celebrates the progress that schools have made in implementing inclusive practices to ensure a quality education for an increasingly diverse student population. Learn more at [www.inclusiveschools.org](http://www.inclusiveschools.org).

- **Monday - Wear ORANGE**
  - “Orange” you going to Embrace our Differences?
- **Tuesday - Wear a Hat/Cap that you LOVE**
  - Each hat/cap is different and unique...Just like every person!
- **Wednesday - Write a Kind Note to Someone in our School**
  - Kindness is Contagious!
- **Thursday - Dress like a Superhero**
  - (no masks/props)
  - We have the Power to Care!
- **Friday - Wear your Bear Shirt**
  - Bears stand up for Everyone!

## **Holiday Spirit Week-Twas the Week Before Christmas Break**

### **December 17th-21st**

We LOVE to dress up and celebrate at the Primary. But, we also want to teach our students how to be kind and generous. We will be celebrating the holidays with fun dress up days and activities. We will also be encouraging students to bring items to donate to our local food pantry.

Please see additional details on our Facebook Page and in a flyer that went home in folders the week before Thanksgiving Break.

- **Monday-December 17th**
  - Grinch Day and bring Peanut Butter
- **Tuesday-December 18th**
  - Dress like a snowflake and bring a can of meat
- **Wednesday-December 19th**
  - Wear plaid or flannel and bring your favorite canned vegetable
- **Thursday-December 20th**
  - Red and Green all over, even your socks and bring dried noodles
- **Friday-December 21st\***
  - Pajama day and bring plastic jars of jelly and jams

\*There will be a special guests this day as well as fun surprises planned all day. Your student will NOT want to miss out on this fun.

## **1st Grade Holiday Performance**

Our first graders have been working hard to prepare for their first ever Holiday Performance.

### **Wednesday-December 19th**

1st Grade Program-8:30-9:00 in the cafeteria

Jupe, Kowalski, Cummings, Brown, Phillips, Friesenhahn, Blandford

Party to follow in classrooms from 9:00-9:30

### **Thursday-December 20th**

1st Grade Program-8:30-9:00 in the cafeteria

K. Johnson, Pressley, Diaz, J. Presley,

Ballenger, Gaylor

Party to follow in classrooms from 9:00-9:30

Other Holiday Parties will be going on **Wednesday and Thursday** as well. Check out the times and classes here:

### **Wednesday-December 19th**

9:30-10:30- **2nd Grade PARTY in classroom** (Heubaum, Meekins, Fry, Caballero, Coleman, Peterson)

**10:00-10:30 -PPCD AM Party in classroom** (Gonzales, Larcom)

**10:30-11:30-2nd Grade PARTY in classroom** (Skloss, Burlingame, Mason, Knox, Kotara, Schmidt)

### **Thursday-December 20th**

**9:30-10:30- Kindergarten and Pre-K Dual Language PARTY in classroom** (Wildenstein, Miller, V. Johnson, K. Johnson, Salan, Campbell)

**10:30-11:30-Kindergarten PARTY in classroom** (Brockman, Villanueva, Richter, Evans, Kosub, Crier, McFaddin, Brooks, Contreras)

**1:00-1:30 -PPCD PM Party in classrooms** (Gonzales and Larcom)

### **Drop off and pick up**

Thank you for your patience and grace as we get kids to class by **7:40**.

As a reminder, we will close lanes at **7:35**. You will need to park, and walk your students across the crosswalk to get to the main doors of the building. Also, the doors on the cafeteria side are locked at 7:35, and there is no parking in this area.

We have to close drop off lines at 7:35 because school must start at 7:40.

This is so we can have the required number of instructional minutes each day! We open the building at 7:00 each day, and our car lines and traffic are relatively slow from 7:00-7:15.

Don't worry though! If we have bad weather we will keep them open so kids stay safe and dry! Our student's safety and wellbeing is our top priority.

### **Decorating for the Holidays and Volunteer Opportunity**

We are attempting to turn the stage area and the sides of the stage in the cafeteria into a fun Holiday area for students by December 3rd! We have obtained several decorations for our hallways, but we still want to decorate other areas. We need volunteers to help decorate. We are also in need of the following to turn our school into a magical wonderland for the next few weeks.

- 2-5 trees with lights and plastic ornaments
- As many of those plastic candy canes that are about 2-3 foot tall as we can get
- 2 Blow Up decorations for outside the main door area and cafeteria drop off side.
- Extension cords

Thanks in advance for your help! The holidays are magical, and we want learning to be in a magical setting. We are just beginning our magical collection of holiday decorations.

Please contact Kathy for more information or if you have a questions about

donations.

### **APEX Fun Run**

This event was a HUGE success. PTO will be reporting out final earnings soon. THANK YOU for partnering with our school to provide a wonderful place to learn for our students.

### **Box Tops**

Keep SENDING IN THOSE Box Tops! We need them! They are ALL OVER items we buy for the holidays. There is a cute little mailbox by the main office.

### **Student Spotlight**

Check out our student spotlight on our website this week! Each week we will be shining a spotlight on our students and recognizing how they are being kind to others! <https://www.lvisd.org/Domain/11>

### **Stay Connected**

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to make sure you are up to date on all the fun things happening at La Vernia Primary School!

### **Behavior Resources**

The Holidays can be hard for students and families. We realize that here at school and are committed to teach behaviors and help break habits using a common language for behavior expectations.

Check out the Podcast here:

<https://danstromain.com/podcast/>

**Check out how you can phrase your words differently at home and watch the changes in your student's behavior. These are some we use at school and can be adapted for use at home as well.**

## **Turn Your Words Into Gold-Leave these in here**

Taken from Love and Logic in the Classroom by Jim Fay

<b>Ineffective Technique</b>	<b>Love and Logic Technique</b>
Please sit down. I'm going to start now.	I'll begin as soon as you are seated.
Please be quiet. It's time to begin.	I'll be glad to start as soon as you show me that you are ready.
Open your books to page 54.	I'll be working from page 54.
I'm not going to line you up until everyone is quiet.	I'll be lining people up as soon as it is quiet.
Don't sharpen your pencil while I'm talking.	I allow people to sharpen pencils when I am not giving directions.
You can't go to the restroom until I finish the directions.	Feel free to go to the restroom when I'm not giving directions.
Don't be bothering your neighbors.	You are welcome to stay with us as long as you and others are not being bothered.
Keep your hands to yourself.	Feel free to stay with us when you can keep your hands to yourself.
Turn your assignment in on time or you'll get a lower grade.	I give full credit for papers turned in on time.
Don't talk to me in that tone of voice!	I'll listen as soon as your voice is as calm as mine.
You show some respect.	I'll be glad to discuss this when respect is shown.

Don't be late for class.	All of those who arrive on time go home on time.
Don't try to turn in sloppy papers to me.	I'll be glad to accept all papers that meet the neatness standard for this room.
Keep your desks organized and neat.	All owners of neat desks are welcome to join us at recess.
I'm not loaning you any more paper.	I loan paper to those who have not borrowed before.
If you can't remember your pencil, you're just going to have to do without.	Feel free to borrow from anyone but me.
You're not going out without your coat.	You may go out as soon as you have your coat.
You're not going to stay in this group and act like that.	You may stay with us if you can give up on that behavior.
Don't you come back to this room until you can show some respect!	Feel free to come back to the room as soon as you are calm.
Quit breaking the rules of the game.	Those who can follow the rules are welcome to play the game.
Stop arguing with me.	I'll be glad to discuss this with you as soon as the arguing stops.
If you can't treat the paintbrushes right, you'll just have to sit out this project.	All of those who can handle the paintbrushes right are welcome to join us in the project.
If you forget your permission slip, you're going to miss the trip.	All of those who remember permission slips are welcome to go on the field trip.