



Timberwolf Howl

*Build Learners to be
Productive Citizens*

*Honor, Integrity,
Loyalty
and Leadership*

Principals Corner

Dear Parents, Students and Staff,

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a much needed break and spent time doing the things that make you happy. We have many activities planned for the next couple of months so please check our school's website, facebook, and newsletter for dates and times of happenings!

The student award ceremonies will be held next week in the cafeteria to recognize students who have made the A or A&B Honor Roll and for Perfect Attendance. Parents are always welcome to join us for the celebration. We also have 5th field trips planned for Biz Town, Wax Museum, Sci-Mathelon, and more.

Sincerely,

Debbie Spoon

Principal

Tom Cox Intermediate



<https://www.facebook.com/CoxCISD/>

Check us out for up to the minute information.

January Important Dates

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Fifth Grade

Language Arts

Happy New Year from Language Arts! We are going to be diving into Drama and Traditional Literature this new year. Look for students to compare cultural traditional literature genres with dramatic plays, in addition to analyzing poetry with these two genres. In writing we will be fine tuning our Informational books and heading towards publishing. We will be reading traditional literature from various cultures and comparing these texts to other genres. In writing, students will be finishing their informational books. Students should still be reading each night for at least 15 minutes - the only way to become a better reader is to READ!!

Science

In science we will begin discussing landforms and the process that form them. These processes include fast changes to the earth's surface (earthquakes, landslides, and volcanoes) as well as slow changes (weathering, erosion, and deposition). After those units we will study the formation of fossils and fossil fuels.

Math

In January, 5th grade math will be multiplying and dividing fractions. Then we will move on to algebraic expressions and coordinate graphing.

Social Studies

In January, students will be traveling to Biz Town. We have been busy getting prepared. Please see below for each home bases travel dates. If you have any questions please contact your students social studies teacher.

Biztown Dates

January 17 - J Howard, Dyson, Baughman, Landes Tackett, K Howard, Loring, Roland, Santos, Briones.

January 18 - Goady, Crass, Little, Brennan

January 23 - Wright, Mills, McDaniel, Wall, Austin Fenske, Wofford, Hammer

January 24 - Everill, Norris, Henry, Bukowski

Sixth Grade

Language Arts

Happy New Year 2017! We hope you all enjoyed your holiday break and are ready to get back into Language Arts! Our focus in writing will be on Persuasive writing, the students will be discussing persuasive ideas for an essay in which they will have to address their arguments. If your student needs any additional help, we have morning tutorials in the library from 8:00-8:30am.

Science

We are starting the New Year off with a pop! Students will start their unit over energy. We will discuss the different forms of energy and how energy can transfer between forms. One of the most memorable labs we will do is the Popcorn lab which gives students a hands on learning approach with a delicious final product. Students will then do a project over the different energy resources where they will research energy alternatives and create a presentation. After that we will move on to Earth! Looking forward to moving on and preparing your students for York!

Social Studies

During the month of January we will continue our studies of Europe with a focus on recent history. Next, we will be covering Russia and other Eurasian Republics. It is an exciting time.

Math

Math will be working on inequalities this week, next week we will have a test.

PTO News

Important Dates

January 6 PTO Meeting 9:30 in PTO Room

January 10 Crust Pizza Spirit Night

January 19 Papa John's Spirit Night

Box Tops

Our next contest will take place in January and February. The student from the 5th and 6th grade who brings in the most box tops by the end of February will win a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Library News

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Buy One, Get One before the break. Your support means a lot to all of us who call Tom Cox home. We will have a full Scholastic Book Fair May 22-May 26 to enable us to prepare for summer reading.

This month we will continue to host "Book Tastings" in the library. Our students and teachers have reported that they enjoyed the experience, with students learning a book selection skill that they will be able to use indefinitely.

Students who are participating in the **Six Flags Read To Succeed program** will need to complete and return their signed reading log by **February 8, 2017**. Forms are still available in the library if an extra is needed. Earned Tickets will be delivered to the school the beginning of May.

From the Assistant Principals

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! We hope all of you enjoyed your break and are looking forward to a prosperous 2017!

A few reminders:

We now have Timberwolf Time in the library before school. If your child's teacher needs your child to make-up work or finish an assignment, they will put the work in the library. The teacher will let your child know that their work is available in the library to complete before school. Timberwolf Time is available every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday morning from 8:05 – 8:30 in the library.

Also, want to thank you for making attendance a priority. Kyle Sherburne has already given some great prizes and there are more to come in the next few weeks. Prizes are awarded at the end of each nine weeks. Each student who is present every day in the nine weeks earns a certificate, and all names are put into the grand prize drawing. At the end of each nine weeks a fifth and sixth grader will be drawn for the \$50 prize. Students who have perfect attendance for the entire semester will be in a drawing for a camera and a selfie-stick, and perfect attendance for the entire year will get in the drawing for a bicycle and a helmet. There will be a boy and a girl bike that will be given away. Thank you, Mr. Sherburne, for supporting the importance of attending school!

Thank you for all of your continued support this year!

Liz Koehler, Debi Dodd, and Linda Graham

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

As the cold weather approaches we may see more rainy/cold days and want to inform parents of transportation and dismissal procedures. If your student is a walker/biker they will be expected to walk or ride their bike on rainy or cold days, unless you and your child have an alternate plan in place. If you choose for your child to be a car-rider on rainy/cold days it is not necessary to complete a transportation change form.

In the case of severe weather (thunderstorms, lightning, blizzard...) we may hold walkers/bikers until we feel it is safe for them to walk or ride home. If that does occur we will contact the parent to inform them of the delay. Bus transportation will run as scheduled.

We would also like to remind parents that if they are dropping off their child before 8:00 they are to drop them off in the front of the building. Students will need to wait under the covered area until they are allowed in the school.

If the parent chooses to wait in the car with their child they will need to park in the front parking lot and not in the "car rider" lane in order to keep the flow of traffic running smoothly.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Debbie Spoon

Award Ceremony Times

Tuesday Jan 10

1:50 Bravehearts

2:20 Wolfpack

2:50 Rangers

3:20 Warriors

Wednesday Jan 11

9:00 Howlers/Scouts

9:40 Prowlers

1:55 Trackers

2:30 Trailblazers/Hunters

3:10 Cubs

Counselor's Notes

Happy New Year to everyone. We hope you had a wonderful holiday. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through this year.

We all know how important it is to get back into a school routine.

These few tips may be helpful:

- Establish a reasonable bedtime.
- Set up a homework time and an area that is quiet and well stocked with the necessary supplies to complete assignments.
- Check your student's planner daily for assignments and project due dates.
- Prepare lunch and clothing in advance to save time in the morning.

We are still in need of fleece blanket kits for our student council committees to work on. Any and all donations are appreciated. A special thank you to all those who donated items to make the holidays brighter for those in need. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

February Important Dates

3 CISD Int Honor Choir Audition

9:30 PTO Meeting

8 York Counselors at Lunch for course questions

9 PTO Spirit night at Kendra Scott
Rising 7th Graders parent meeting at York @6:30

10 GT Field Trip

16 Spirit Night at Papa Johns

17 Rising 7th graders online course registration due

18 Destination Imagination Tournament

20 Student Holiday