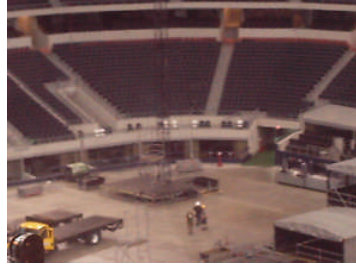




Welcome to the third edition of the student produced newsletter. We hope you enjoy the new layout and articles written by the students of the 7th and 8th grades Accelerated Learning Classes.

**Field Trip to the Dallas Cowboys Stadium**

On Friday, September 10th, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes along with Mr. Chaplin, Mrs. Eldredge, and Coach Wells went on a field trip to Arlington to tour the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium. The field trip was set up so that the students could study the architecture of the stadium. Everyone was impressed by the dome's immense size. They got to tour the stadium, visiting clubs, suites, and even the locker room! Afterwards they stopped at T.G.I. Fridays for a bite to eat.



**School Board Meetings**

- November 17, 2009
- December 15, 2009
- January 19, 2010
- February 16, 2010
- March 23, 2010
- April 20, 2010
- May 18, 2010
- June 22, 2010
- July 20, 2010
- August 3, 2010
- August 26, 2010



**Bluff Dale School is growing each year. Our current enrollment is 100!**

**UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

- Nov. 4  
Student of the Month trip to CiCi's Pizza
- Nov. 6  
End of the 2nd Six Weeks
- Nov. 9  
5:00 pm Lady Bobcats vs. @Three Way
- Nov. 11  
\*9:00 am Veteran's Day Program  
\*3:30 pm PTO meeting
- Nov. 13  
A/AB Honor roll Party
- Nov. 19  
\*Community Thanksgiving Luncheon  
\*4:00 pm Lady Bobcats @Dublin
- Nov. 20  
Battle of the Ax -Dinner at 5:00 pm and Game at 7:00 pm
- Nov. 24  
1:00 Early Release
- Nov. 25, 26 and 27

**3rd and 4th Grade Field Trip to Tarleton's Play**

Recently, I interviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders about a play they saw; a production of "Robin Hood" at Tarleton State University. They all agree that it was a quite enjoyable, well-acted play. They all said their favorite part of the play was when Robin Hood was tortured with the Hannah Montana song "Best of Both Worlds". They would willingly go back to see another play or recommend it to a friend.

**Students of the Month**

**"October"**

**Kindergarten: Clayton**

**1<sup>st</sup>: Juliette**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Gracie**

**3<sup>rd</sup>: Kaitlyn**

**4<sup>th</sup>: Jonathan**

**5<sup>th</sup>: Eden Breton**

**6<sup>th</sup>: Steven**

**7<sup>th</sup>: Hannah**

**8<sup>th</sup>: Wes**

These students will be treated to a pizza lunch at CiCi's Pizza in Granbury. Selection is based on the student's academic performance in the classroom (improvement or meeting expectations), attendance, attitude, politeness, helpfulness, etc.

**Basketball Schedule**

Nov. 2	Walnut Springs (Girls)	5:00
Nov. 9	@Three Way (Girls)	5:00
Nov. 19	@Dublin (Girls)	4:00
Nov. 23	Huckabay	6:00
Nov. 30	@Lingleville	6:00
Dec. 3-5	Bluff Dale Tournament	TBA
Dec. 7	Lipan	6:00
Dec. 14	@Morgan Mill	6:00
Jan. 7-9	Morgan Mill Tournament	TBA
Jan. 11	@Huckabay	6:00
Jan. 18	Lingleville	6:00
Jan. 25	@Lipan	6:00
Feb. 1	Morgan Mill	6:00



**THANK YOU** to Dave Bittenbinder and the Stephenville Rotary Club for the dictionaries that were donated to the 3rd grade class.

### Red Ribbon Week: Why?

We celebrate Red Ribbon Week because it serves as a vehicle for our community to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education. For some, a personal commitment to live drug free lives with the ultimate goal being the creation of drug free America.



### The Story Behind the Symbol of the Red Ribbon

Enrique "Kiki" Camarena was a police officer before he joined a secret team that fights drugs. He was killed in the task of trying to make a better world, a drug free world. People have honored him by making red ribbon week. The reason it is "red" ribbon week, is because the badge of his secret team was a red star. Since then people have done red ribbon week on the last week of October.

### Aussie Day

Aussie Day was a very interesting and fun experience. The kids threw boomerangs, made Aboriginal instruments (clap sticks), and learned about Australia's amazing history and culture.

The students painted the clap sticks with a dot design and also learned about the didgeridoo, an Australian instrument.

In the history class, they learned about bushrangers and their hard lives trying to escape, Captain James Cook and his mighty sail, and the Aborigines and their history. The geography class was very interesting; the students learned about the dangerous and most poisonous snakes and all the different animals in Australia.

At lunch the students tried some Australian food, some said the food was awesome and then got seconds, but others said the food was a nightmare!

In one of the classes they learned about the schools of Australia and how the kids get to do tons of cool activities in their schools, like scuba diving, rock climbing, and parasailing!

As the day was about to end all the grades got together and played a game of jeopardy. The questions were over the notes and information we learned about Australia. The winners were the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders who won by a landslide! It was a great day!



### PTO SCHEDULE

#### November

- 11<sup>th</sup> PTO Regular meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> A/B honor roll party

#### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> Teacher Christmas Luncheon
- 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Store
- 9<sup>th</sup> PTO regular meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Class Christmas Parties

### Fall Festival

The Fall Festival was great fun and the PTO raised just under \$7,000. The winner of the Raffle was Nikki Sherley. Mrs. Easter won Principal for a Day. Mrs. Cardwell won the Teacher Dart Throw.

Thank you PTO, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for all of their hard work, and making the Fall Festival a HUGE success.

### School Website

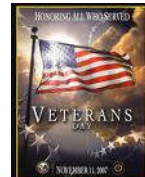
The school website address is <http://www.bdisd.net>. Our website is an excellent source for information on many different activities and topics. See our website for information on the Flu, lunch menus, new lunch payment options, and access to the parent portal of the online gradebook.

As always, thank you to the parents and community members who support the activities and programs of the Bluff Dale School.

## Don't Miss These November Events!

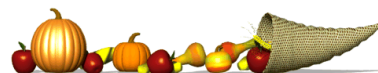
### Veterans Day

Veterans Day is an annual holiday to honor military veterans. Both a federal holiday and a national holiday, it is usually observed on November 11th.



The Student Council of Bluff Dale School will present a Veterans Day Program on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in the Bluff Dale School Gym at 9:00 am.

**The Community Thanksgiving Luncheon** will be Thursday, November 19th from 10:45 am to 12:10 pm.



### Thanksgiving Holidays

Bluff Dale ISD will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays, November 25th, 26th, and 27th.



### Battle of the Ax

The 3rd Annual Battle of the Ax basketball game will be Friday, November 20th. Come out and support the Bluff Dale ISD 8th grade class fundraiser and have a great time watching Bluff Dale Volunteer Fire Department vs. Tolar Volunteer Fire Department.

There will be a hamburger supper from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm (\$5.00 a plate) and the game will begin at 7:00 pm.