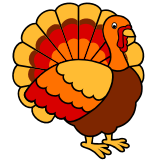




# Bulldog News



Raul B. Fernandez Elementary  
**EXEMPLARY!**



**Principal's Corner**



**November 2009**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for actively participating in your child's education. It was great to see all the parents coming in for conferences at the end of the first 9-weeks. It is important that your child sees you involved and that he or she knows they have the ability to achieve.

**We have great news! Fernandez Elementary has been named as a recipient of the 2006 Gold Performance Acknowledgement. The school has earned the Gold Star in Reading, Math, Writing, and Science. Schools earn the rating by having 20% or more students perform at the Commended level on their TAKS tests in these areas. Only seven other NISD elementary schools scored so well!**

Certainly this is testament to the outstanding instruction delivered by Fernandez teachers. Your involvement in the educational process and support of your children goes a long way in supporting us. Together we can tackle anything. Keep up the good work and thanks for your continued support.

Have a safe and restful Thanksgiving holiday.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Mackey



## PTA FUNDRAISERS

The Fernandez PTA wants to extend a big "Thank You!"



to all who participated in the 1st fundraiser of the year. We truly appreciate everyone's efforts in making this fundraiser a HUGE success! Proceeds always go back to helping our students succeed. The 2nd fundraiser is Cookie Dough/Gift Wrap and runs Nov. 2nd-16th.

## Box Tops Girls vs Boys Contest! Nov.2-Dec.11



Our school Box Tops contest has always been a tremendous success. Box Tops means \$\$\$ for the school! Ms. Delany and Mrs. Greco received treats for collecting the most Box Tops for our first contest this year. The next contest involves girls competing with the boys. Winners will receive extra recess and popsicles! We appreciate your support!

## Election Day Nov. 3!

Voting will take place in the Fernandez library from 7:00am-7:00pm.



## Important Dates to Remember:



- Nov. 3- General Election Day
- Nov. 6- Early Release
- Nov. 11- Veterans' Day Flag Ceremony
- Nov. 13- Last Day for BMC Food Drive
- Nov. 16- Last Day for Fundraiser
- Nov. 23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday



## Safety Drills

The Fernandez staff and students recently participated in a "mock" evacuation drill and Lock Down. The practice drills were facilitated by the Fernandez Crisis Team. The drills are a good opportunity to rehearse in the event of a real emergency. Students were attentive and well behaved. A Tornado drill will take place in December.

## Rain Delays



This fall San Antonio has experienced a number of rainy days. Unfortunately rainy mornings cause numerous traffic delays. In the case of a rainy morning we are advising parents to get at least a 15 minute head start to school. We hope this will alleviate some of the heavier congestion along Ridgebrook and allow students to arrive on time to school. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

## BMC Food Drive Nov. 2-13



Ms. Bisang & Ms. Hernandez will be sponsoring a non-perishable food drive in their classroom. Students who donate will receive a fall leaf with their name on it to display on their classroom door. The top three classes with the most food items collected will receive a prize. Thank you for your support!

## Veterans' Day Flagpole Ceremony Nov. 11th



Please join us for our Veterans' Day ceremony outside by the Fernandez flagpole during Morning Announcements on Nov. 11th, weather permitting. Be sure to wear your red, white & blue!