



Helotes Elementary School



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October Newsletter

Dear Bulldog Families,

Welcome back to the new school year! We have now been in session for almost six weeks and time has flown. **A big thank you for your patience and understanding with our new Raptor sign-in system and the school parking.**

- Flu season is already upon us. We are asking parents to please make sure the emergency card in the office is updated with current phone numbers, so we can contact you in the event your child is sick and needs to be picked up from school. In addition, please know we are reinforcing the importance of students washing their hands.
- I would like to thank our PTA for sponsoring our Fall fundraiser. We appreciate our friends of Helotes, in addition to our parents and family members who supported our school. All of the money raised is spent in support of our students.
- October is a very busy month for our Bulldogs. Please make sure you take a look at our school calendar. Students will celebrate Red Ribbon Week from October 26th to the 30th. To help make this a memorable week we are asking students to do the following:

Monday, October 26th Everyone wears Red! Monday also kicks off our Fall Food Drive. Bring canned good item(s) to class. Donations will be accepted from October 26-November 3.

Tuesday, October 27th- Give Drugs the Boot! Wear your boots to school today!

Wednesday, October 28- Our School Rocks DRUG FREE! Wear your Crazy Socks rock outfits!

Thursday, October 29-We are Wild about being DRUG FREE- Wear camouflage or animal print!

Friday, October 30-Hats off to Bulldogs being drug free- Wear your spirit shirts and a crazy hat!



A special note of thanks to our Red Ribbon Week sponsors the Helotes P.T.A., TEAM HERO, and Helotes Optimist Club!



Again thank you for your continual support and dedication to our Bulldog Family!

Points to Ponder

• Curriculum Diagnostic Benchmarks

(CDBs)- Northside has established instructional timelines and curriculum for each grade level and subject. Students (2nd-5th) take district assessments (CDBs) periodically to determine whether or not they are mastering the curriculum. CDB results are used to guide instruction, make decisions about re-teaching, and determine when tutorials or intervention programs are needed.

• **Students Arriving Late**– I would like to remind you of our school hours and clarify what is considered a tardy arrival at school. Each morning, the first bell rings at **7:40** which allows students to enter the classroom. **The second bell which follows at 7:45 indicates the beginning of the school day.** After 7:45 am, a student is considered tardy to school.

• **Traffic and Safety**-Please help us keep our students safe by abiding by all traffic laws. It is unlawful and unsafe for cars to make a u-turns in front of the school. In addition, please note that cell phones are prohibited in all schools zone in San Antonio.

• **Annual Bike Rodeo**-Our Bike Rodeo is just weeks away...October 16th. See the Bike Rodeo Flyer for information regarding the schedule along with the instructions for the event. Still want to volunteer and haven't? The form is on our home page to download and sign up. If you've signed up to help, be certain you have completed the background check which must be done before you can volunteer for the big day. The link is <http://www.nisd.net/schools/volunteer/>. This must be completed with each new school year.



• **Career Day**-Career Day is November 5th. We are looking for volunteers. Please call the office if you are interested in sharing your talents with our students.