

Helotes Elementary Bulldog Bulletin

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Principal's News

Dear Bulldog Families,

It is hard to believe November is already here! We are all so thankful that we have received some much needed rain lately. We would like to thank all the families for taking the time out of your busy schedules to meet with your child's teacher prior to the first report card.

- 🐾 Our annual bike rodeo was held Friday, October 16th. Everyone really enjoyed the Bike Rodeo and the wonderful weather. A big thanks to Mrs. Santascoy, Ms. Mazurek, Helotes PTA, and our wonderful Dad volunteers. In addition, a special thanks to Officer Jesse Lopez and Officer Yvonne Riojas for officiating the Bike Rodeo. We also would like to thank Mrs. Norma Pittman from the Helotes Optimist Club for her support with the Bike Rodeo and for providing the ribbons and trophies for our children. Each child who participated was awarded a participation ribbon. Trophies were awarded to first, second, and third place winners in grades kindergarten through fifth grade.
- 🐾 We were so excited to see so many parents at our Kinder Performance last month. It was such a thrill to see the students demonstrating some of the things they have learned in music and physical education. Thanks to Mr. Giles, music teacher, and Ms. Mazurek, physical education teacher, for your time and effort. In addition, a big thank you to our PTA PALS for providing ice cream sundaes for the event. We all had a blast!
- 🐾 Helotes Elementary will be honoring our veterans and men and women of the Armed Forces with an assembly on Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Helotes Cafeteria. We invite all family members who attend to wear your military uniforms. In addition, there will be a musical tribute. If you attend the assembly in the morning, please be prepared to sign into the office using a driver's license or picture identification. We hope to see you there!
- 🐾 We really need your help! More and more parents are checking students out prior to the end of school. Please keep your child in school all day. We understand doctor's appointments and emergencies, but we need them here in order to do our job. Academics don't stop until 2:40, and then it's packing up time, writing in agendas, etc. We need kids here until the end of the day. In addition, please understand that safety is our first priority and changing the way your child goes home after 2:00 pm is very difficult. If there's a change in transportation, 2:00 pm is the cutoff time to make that change. Our staff is dedicated to ensuring that all students are dismissed safely every day. Please help support our efforts by keeping changes to a minimum.
- 🐾 Thank you to Gateway Christian Church, Pastor Van Pay and the Helotes Rotary Club for the beautification of Helotes Elementary. We are profoundly touched by your donation of improvement materials and all your hard work this past Saturday. It was honor to have our community members spend so many hours improving our school grounds.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 11/5 Career Day
- ◆ 11/11 Veteran's Day Celebration
- ◆ 11/13 Walk-a-PAWn
- ◆ 11/17 Grandparents Breakfast
- ◆ 11/23-11/27 Thanksgiving Holiday

Walk-a-PAWn

- 🐾 We are into our PTA Fundraiser full power. Please take time to donate to our PTA and their efforts. The "Walk a-Pawn" will take place on the morning of the 13th. Students will be walking with their buddy classes at a scheduled time. This fundraiser is 100% profit for the school. The donations will fund field trips and instructional materials.
- 🐾 On a final note, during the Thanksgiving Holiday it is a time to reflect on all the blessings that have been bestowed on us. Thank you Helotes Community for being so generous and supportive. We could not do it without you! Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Rhonda Johnson