



# Parent Information Bulletin

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## Wall of Honor

Every year Nichols Elementary honors the veterans with the Veteran's Wall of Honor. The nomination forms went home. Our PTA volunteers are assembling the wall this week so that it will be ready for the Veterans Day program which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. If you are planning to attend this event please remember that a Drivers license or government ID is required to visit the campus. All veterans are welcome and will be recognized during the program. If you have a uniform please wear it with pride. Finally, we would like to thank all of the present and past military members for their sacrifice, dedication and service to our country and for the freedom which we enjoy everyday.

## Nichols Walk-A-Thon

We want to thank everyone who participated and helped in the Nichols Walk-A-Thon. We had fun. All that is left to do is to soak the teachers who received the most money for the quarter drive. The winners are Mrs. Layton – Kindergarten, Mrs. Perales – 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Mrs. Pena – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Miss Olvera – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Mrs. Thomas – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Mewhinney – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Kaarlsen – specialist team 1, Mrs. Bailey – specialist team 2 and Mrs. Gonzales – the office staff. A student from each class will be chosen randomly to soak the teachers on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. Wear your Walk-A-Thon Shirt!

## Student Council

Start collecting canned goods and other non-perishables for the annual Canned Food Drive. Student Council sponsors this community service, and will be collecting items in the foyer during the week of November 9-20. Thank you for helping us help others!

Grace Mewhinney, Terry Ford, and Laura Kaarlsen, Student Council sponsors

## Internet Safety for Cool Kids by The Safe Side

- Never go on chat rooms without asking your Safe Side Adult.
  - Don't open e-mails, downloads or pop-ups without asking your Safe Side Adult.
  - Never respond to e-mails or anything that makes you feel uncomfortable and always tell your Safe Side Adult.
  - Do not post personal information about yourself online, and never meet someone in person you have met online.
  - For more information visit: <http://www.thesafeside.com/>
- Your Counselors, Laura Donnel and Sandi Vasquez

## Bike Rodeo

Bike Rodeo was a tremendous success. It was a beautiful day and the students thoroughly enjoyed it. The coaches would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped judge at the Bike Rodeo. We appreciate the time you gave to help make this day a success.  
Coach Bertsch and Ritenour

## Book Fair

Calling all PALs! Don't forget to volunteer for Book Fair. Set up is November 19 and preview day is November 20 (both before Thanksgiving Break). Book Fair is in full swing on November 30-December 4. Hours will be 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday. We will pack up the book fair immediately after 12:00 on Friday, December 4 and volunteers will be needed for this as well. I hope you will join in on the fun!  
Elizabeth Rush Librarian

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## Early Release

Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
students will be released from school at 11:45 AM. Teachers will be participating team planning.

## Stardust Studio

Make plans to attend the Los Leones Student Arts Festival on Saturday, November 7, at the Leon Valley Community and Conference Center. The festival lasts from 8:30 am - 2:00 pm and will include artwork from Northside schools, musicians, food, dancing, and a live chalk competition. Come enjoy the arts! Laura Kaarlsen, Art Teacher

## Mustang Winter Games

It's time for Mustang Winter Games! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 3, from 6:00-7:45 PM. Registration will begin 6:00 PM and sessions will start at 6:30 PM. We will have many fun sessions for you and your child to attend that will give you some ideas for ways to build skills at home. Hope to see you there. Elizabeth Holguin  
Laura Kaarlsen

## Things to Remember

### College Spirit Day

November 4<sup>th</sup>

### Veteran's Day Program

November 11<sup>th</sup>

### Early Release

November 6<sup>th</sup> 11:45 AM

### Thanksgiving Holiday

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>