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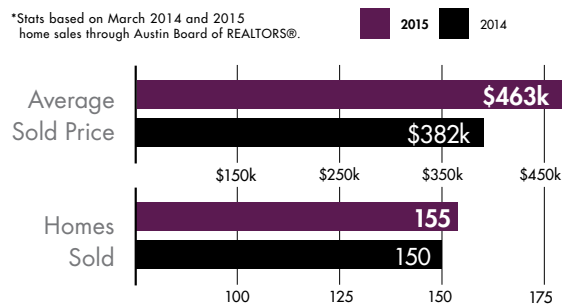


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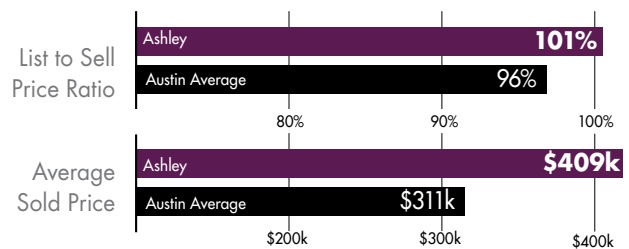
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## Ms. Betty's "Bon Voyage" Retirement Celebration

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop, Bobcat Parent*



*Ms. Betty with a few of Baldwin's 1st graders.*

Baldwin Bobcats said goodbye to a very special staff member, Ms. Betty Johnson, simply known as "Ms. Betty" to all those that know and love her. She is retiring from her Head Custodian duties at AISD and Baldwin Elementary at the end of the 2104-2105 school year after many years of service to students, staff and community members.

Students, Parents, Faculty and Staff held a special school-wide assembly on Wednesday, May 27th to pay their respects to Ms. Betty. Many students and staff members purchased purple and gold Bobcat "We love you. Ms. Betty!" t-shirts to wear for this special celebration. And, more than \$3600 was collected from the very generous Baldwin community to send Ms. Betty on the retirement trip of a lifetime, a cruise to Jamaica for her and her family, further showing the impact of Ms. Betty's contributions to our school.

Ms. Betty is known for her infectious smiles and "I Love You All's" to all those that walk the Baldwin halls. You may have also seen her as our daily neighborhood crossing guard at the Meridian Park Blvd. and Espina intersection each morning and afternoon, rain or shine, hot or cold, working hard to keep our kids safe as they cross the street at these high-traffic, busy times of day.

Thank you, Ms. Betty, for all your hard work and giving our students, teachers and staff a safe and clean environment in which to learn and work. You will be missed, and "we love you" right back!

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# THE MONITOR

## WELCOME

### *A Newsletter for Meridian residents*

The Monitor is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Meridian residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com) or you can email it [meridian@peelinc.com](mailto:meridian@peelinc.com). Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.

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# Save The Date!

Meridian Food, Fun & Festivities

**Evening of Friday, July 17th, 2015**

**Meridian Pavilion**

Bring your family and meet your Meridian neighbors at the Pavilion for a fun-filled evening of live music and selections from local food trailers. Check back here for upcoming Food Truck dates for this Summer and Fall!

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## Baldwin Incoming Kindergarten Summer Playdates

*Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Baldwin Kinder Kick-off Chair*

Meet and mingle with future Bobcat cubs and parents at our summer playdates:

**Thursday, June 18th from 5-7pm @ Circle C Metro Park Playground**

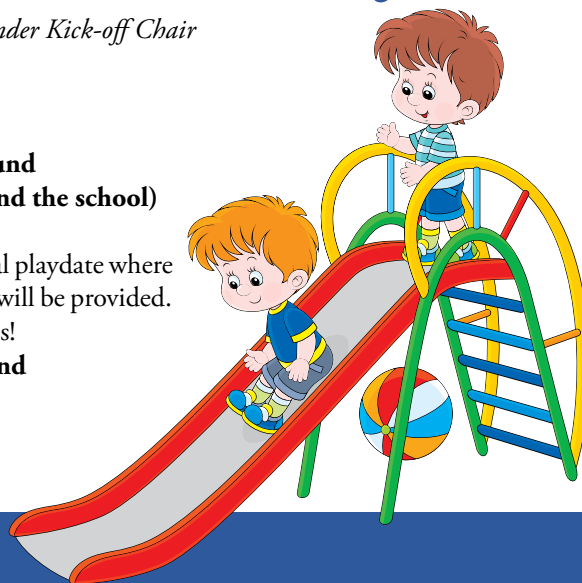
**Tuesday, July 14th from 9:30-11:30am @ Baldwin Kinder Playground (behind the school)**

Then, join us for a very special Kindergarten Kick-Off Celebration! This is a special playdate where your Bobcat cub will have the opportunity to meet children in his/her class. Snacks will be provided. Don't miss the celebration and the opportunity to meet new friends and classmates!

**Saturday, August 22 from 9:30-11am @ Large Baldwin Playground**

*Please contact Jacquelyn Waldrop at*

*jwaldrop@austinreps.com / 512-923-3099 with any questions.*



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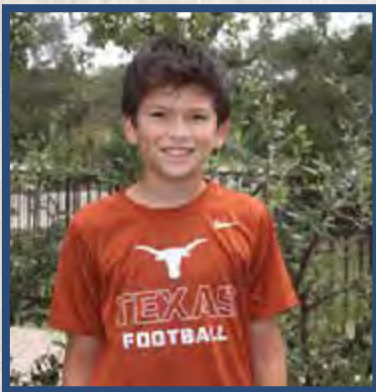




# CONGRATULATIONS

*Submitted by proud parents, consolidated by Jacquelyn Waldrop*

## BALDWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOBCAT GRADUATES



***Cristian Gonzalez Vockell***  
*Just wanted to let you know that Carina, Dad, and I are very proud of the young man you are becoming. We are so blessed to have you in our lives. We know you have a very bright future ahead of you. Love always, Mom, Dad, and Carina*



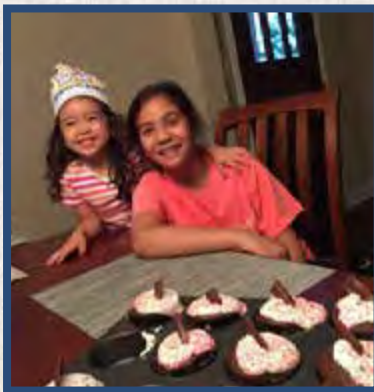
***Brandon Almaguer***  
*Congratulations Brandon! We are so proud of all that you have accomplished thus far and we look forward to seeing all the great things the future holds for you. You're awesome!*



***Morgan Gonzales***  
*Morgan- we could not be more proud of you and how well you did this year. You brighten everyone's day and we love you so much! Mom & Dad*



***Kayla Ferrante***  
*We are so very proud of our precious, kind and talented Bobcat, Kayla! We love you to the moon and back! Love, Mom, Dad and Claire*



***Melina Christodoulides***  
*Congratulations Melina! We are so proud of you! We have no doubt that you will take middle school by storm, just as you have elementary school. Love Auntie Suling, Uncle Gary, Cousins Andrew, Johnny and Sammy*



***Jason Graziani-Agnew***  
*We are so proud of you for all you have learned in these 5 wonderful years at Baldwin. Love, Mom Claudia*



# MERIDIAN GRADS!

GORZYCKI MIDDLE SCHOOL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TIGER GRADUATES



*Fanny Dolisy*

*Congratulations Fanny! We are very proud of you and can't wait to see what you'll do at Bowie! We love you very much! Mom, Dad, Aline and Ginger*



*Joshua Gonzales*

*Joshua, we are so proud of all your accomplishments and for making drum line at Bowie next year!  
Love, Mom & Dad*



*Matthew Morales*

*Congratulations to our Gorzycki Tiger graduate from Mom, Dad, Marissa, and the rest of your family. We all love you very much and we know you'll do great at Bowie!*

*Congratulations Meridian neighborhood graduating students! We are so proud of you!*



## JUNE 2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Submitted by Melinda McKenna

### JUNE 1

**Exhibit "Alternate Views"** Sculptures (Thru Aug. 23rd) - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** - Weds & Fri - Sprouts - Preschool Program - (Thru Aug. 31st) - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** - Saturdays - Nature Play - (Thru Aug. 31st) - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

### JUNE 4

Last Day of School, AISD

### JUNE 5

5:00 p.m. - First Friday Live Music - Grey Rock Golf Club

### JUNE 6

**Exhibit "The Nature of Art"** (Thru Aug. 31st) - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

### JUNE 8

City of Austin Recycle Day - Every two Weeks

### JUNE 11

Nature Night - Plants - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

### JUNE 18

Nature Night - Pollinators - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

### JUNE 25

Nature Nights - Snakes - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

### JUNE 27

International Mud Day - Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Save the date: Meridian Food Trailer night at the Pavilion/ Friday, July 17th.**

Looking for more information about the organizations listed above?  
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## B.I.G. LOVE CANCER CARE

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop*

B.I.G. Love Cancer Care is a 501c(3), non-profit, volunteer based organization committed to providing basic necessities and personalized care to cancer kids and their families at Dell Children's Medical Center and Texas Children's Hospital. B.I.G. Love Cancer Care Services was established in February 2007 in honor of Chaney and Jessica Phillip's, five year old daughter, Brooke Alyson Phillips, after her battle with acute myeloid leukemia.

B.I.G. Love is beginning its second year at Dell Children's Medical Center after the Phillips relocated to Austin. Fulfilling wish lists 52 weeks a year is their largest program. Each week the families complete a wish lists of needs and B.I.G. Love shops for the items and delivers directly to the hospital rooms. This service allows the cancer patients and families to receive basic needs, comfort items, and specific food requests without ever having to leave their child's room.

Other programs offered are the compilation and delivery of new diagnosis bags, weekly toys, holiday gift baskets, catered meals, and a comfort cart. The latest program is the family kitchen, which supplies easily prepared food items and snacks to the families on the oncology floor and at Dell Children's Blood and Cancer Clinic weekly. To find out more visit <http://www.biglovecancercare.org/>

### B.I.G. LOVE WISH LIST:

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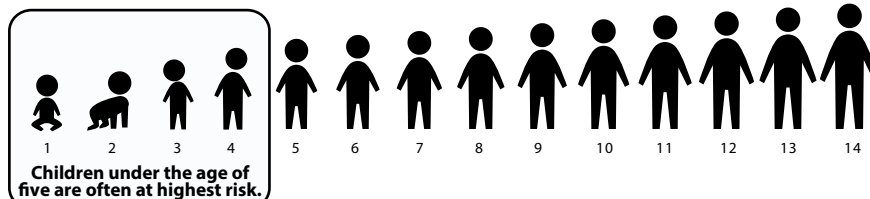
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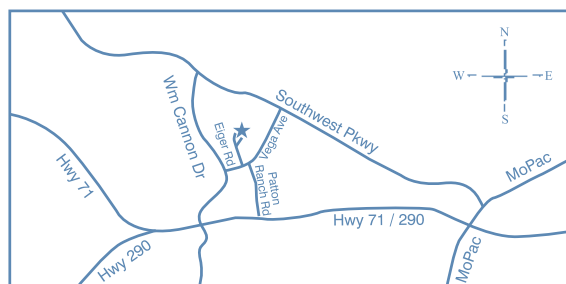
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|--------------------------------|---|----------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
|                                | TOTAL                                   | AVERAGE        |                     |                   |            |                   | TOTAL          |                 |
|                                | Homes<br>Sold                           | Square<br>Feet | Price / Sq.<br>Foot | Sold Price<br>\$K | Year Built | Days On<br>Market | Available      | Pending<br>Sale |
| <2500                          | 8                                       | 2,139          | \$ 160              | \$ 342            | 2008       | 17                | 2              | 0               |
| 2500-2999                      | 5                                       | 2,851          | \$ 143              | \$ 408            | 2009       | 33                | 1              | 1               |
| 3000-3499                      | 7                                       | 3,189          | \$ 137              | \$ 436            | 2008       | 38                | 4              | 1               |
| 3500-3999                      | 7                                       | 3,671          | \$ 134              | \$ 492            | 2008       | 75                | 0              | 0               |
| 4000-4500                      | 4                                       | 4,278          | \$ 184              | \$ 787            | 2013       | 70                | 2              | 2               |
| >4500                          | n/a                                     | n/a            | n/a                 | n/a               | n/a        | n/a               | 1              | 0               |
| Meridian Total                 | 31                                      | 3,113          | \$ 149              | \$ 465            | 2009       | 44                | 10             | 4               |
| % Change Mo/Mo                 | 19%                                     | 2%             | 0%                  | 2%                | 0%         | 42%               | 0%             | -60%            |
| % Change Yr / Yr               | 72%                                     | -8%            | 6%                  | -3%               | 0%         | -15%              | 100%           | -43%            |

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