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Community Monitor

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

Cubs Conduct Carnival Clean-up

SUBMITTED BY: JACQUELYN WALDROP, REALTOR-AUSTINREALESTATE.COM

Baldwin's 7th annual Fall Carnival, was held on Friday, October 14 and while most Bobcats slept in or headed off to sporting events, Cub Scout Pack 12 conducted their annual Carnival Clean-up Service Project on Saturday, October 15th. The Scouts, their parents and even some siblings arrived on campus bright and early at 8am to clean up after all the Carnival fun.

The Scouts picked up trash and other items left on campus after the event, but most importantly, armed with leaf blowers, push brooms and giant trash bags, they cleared out the confetti from 600 dozen confetti eggs. These boys had their work cut out for them, and they worked for a few hours in the sunshine, but most importantly, with a smile! Baldwin's campus was, perhaps, left even more clean than before the Carnival took place. Good job, Scouts!

The Baldwin Fall Carnival continues to be the PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year, raising more than \$25,000 for Baldwin PTA programs annually. The money raised goes directly to school programs that support Baldwin students, including technology hardware and support, classroom sets of novels used for instruction, on-campus field trips, such as the traveling Science Safari and Mobile Planetarium and much, much more. The Baldwin PTA would like to thank Meridian residents and other community members for your participation and continued support of this exciting event, and especially Cub Scout Pack 12 and their families for their continued clean-up efforts after the Fall Carnival. #Pack12Rocks



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Baldwin Vocabulary Parade

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On October 28th, just in time for Halloween, Baldwin students conducted their 4th Annual Vocabulary Parade, led by Baxter the Bobcat, the front office administrative staff and the Gorzycki Tiger Drum Line. The students were each encouraged to select a new vocabulary word and dress up as the word. For instance, for the word "drowsy," the student could dress up in pajamas, a bathrobe, slippers and carry a coffee mug in their hand. Parents and Meridian neighbors lined the school sidewalks and even a small portion of Meridian Park Blvd, to see the kids parade their creative costumes.



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A Really Sweet Fundraiser

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com

Becher Orthodontics had a creative fundraiser for Baldwin's PTA, and other local school

PTAs in November.

To encourage healthy teeth and habits, Dr. Becher and Dr. Rangwala encouraged their patients, families and friends to bring in their Halloween candy, and they would "purchase" it for \$1/lb. so their orthodontic team could package it up and send it to our active duty troops.

The wonderful families at Baldwin didn't disappoint! They collected a whopping 155 pounds, more than 16 grocery bags full! At \$1/lb., the PTA raised \$155 for our school, encouraged a healthy lifestyle for our students and community and supported our troops at the same time.

Thank you to Emily Mirkin, Meridian resident and Baldwin PTA member, who coordinated the effort for Baldwin PTA, all those who donated-especially the kids who gave up their candy, and to Dr. Becher and Dr. Rangwala of Becher Orthodontics for this trifecta of a fundraiser!



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THANKS & GIVING to Baldwin Staffers

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop-Realtor, AustinRealEstate.com

This November, Baldwin held their 7th annual Staff Appreciation week October 31-November 4 for the Baldwin students and community to recognize the efforts of staffers who help the school day run smoothly. From the cafeteria managers, custodians, nurses, counselors and the music, athletic and art department teachers and too many more to name, Baldwin classrooms each adopted a special staffer for the week. These staffers each received something special from the classroom kids, including things like hallway signs of appreciation or a daily Starbucks, lunch or breakfast delivery. In addition, the Baldwin PTA hosted a breakfast on Thursday morning during the week for the entire Baldwin staff, an event the teachers and staffers look forward to every year. Thank you, Baldwin staffers. Our school is special because of your everyday efforts!



RECIPE OF THE MONTH Watermelon Salad

2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
1 lime, zested and juiced
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
1 red onion, thinly sliced
4 cups seeded watermelon chunks
1 cup crumbled feta cheese
1/4 cup mint chiffonade
2 cups baby arugula

Directions:

Add the white wine vinegar, lime zest and juice to a small bowl. Whisk in the olive oil and season with salt and pepper. Add the thinly sliced red onion and let marinate for 5 to 10 minutes as you prepare the rest of the salad.

Add the watermelon, feta, mint, and arugula to a large bowl. Toss with the vinaigrette and serve immediately after dressing.

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Bobcats Salute Our Nation's Veterans

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Bobcats gathered on Friday, November 11th to honor our nation's active duty and veteran heroes, as part of a school-wide assembly. Several Bobcat family honorees attended and shared their name, division and military service years with the students. The special assembly opened with Scout Pack 446 serving as color guards and presented the US and Texas flags while the student body and guests sang the National Anthem. The special assembly was led by two Baldwin 5th grade MCs who shared a bit of Veteran's Day history with the student body, and the 3rd grade classes sung two patriotic songs in a special tribute to the veterans in attendance. The highlight of the program was a short address by Baldwin 5th grade teacher, Nick Shear, who served in Afghanistan as part of the Army reserves and continues to serve in the reserves. He told the students, "I wanted to give back to my country and community that has served me well. My Dad and brothers also serve. I am very proud of my tour in Afghanistan. It made me more responsible and mature, a better person. I made a lot of friends and brothers in the military. It shaped me as a person and I am very thankful for that." At the close

of the assembly, the veterans and their families in attendance were invited to a special reception in the library.

Thank you to our active and veteran military service members and their families for your unwavering service to protect our nation. Bobcats salute you!

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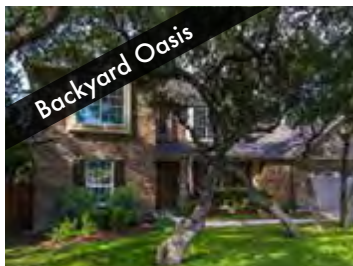


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