

MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

Watch D.O.G.S. Mentor Program at Baldwin

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com



and Meridian resident. His oldest son attends Baldwin as a Kindergartener this year.

Supported by Baldwin's PTA and administration, this is a national program that has increased father involvement in the classroom and is designed to encourage Dads and other male role models to take part in their child's education. A study conducted by the National PTA and The National Center for Fathering found that "father involvement in schools is associated with the higher likelihood of a student achieving mostly A's on their school work."

Baldwin students' dads, uncles, adult brothers and granddads are invited to spend at least one full day of structured volunteering throughout the school building on a day of their choosing. On a typical day, a Watch D.O.G. may read or work with individual students on class work

or homework, help kids in and out of cars during the busy drop-off and pick-up time, play games at recess, eat lunch with their child's classroom, patrol the hallways and assist

with traffic flow. These "Dads" will be assigned activities that will be a natural extension of the teachers' classroom curriculum. All Watch D.O.G.S. complete a background check, get a short orientation session and are given a schedule for their day so they can make the most of their commitment.

We are looking for more great Watch D.O.G.

Dads! For more information on the program visit www.fathers.com/watchdogs/allaboutwatchdogs/ or contact Top DOG David Mass @ dmassimo10@gmail.com to get involved in Baldwin's program.



THE MONITOR

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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 or you can email it 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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MERIDIAN ANNUAL HOA MEETING TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Meridian HOA Advisory Committee

Please plan to join us for Meridian's next annual Homeowner's Association meeting to be scheduled in January. You will receive a notice, agenda, and proxy form by mail within thirty (30) days of the meeting. However, in order to make quorum and conduct business, we must have at least 200 homeowners in attendance either in-person or by proxy.

This is an important meeting as our Association is nearing "transition" when Stratus, our neighborhood's developer, sells the last lot and our community becomes a true Resident Board, with 5 elected members, in charge of managing our Association. There is at least one Board seat (2-year term) and all Advisory Committee positions (1-year terms) up for election and/or re-election this January.

lot) by signing the form received in your US mail box either emailing or hand delivering it to a trusted neighbor/homeowner who plans to attend or to any of the following elected residents:

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THANK YOU for your continued support of our community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY FOR BALDWIN'S CARE AND SHARE HOLIDAY DRIVE

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop-Realtor, AustinRealEstate.com

Thanks to all the students and families at Baldwin who worked together to make the holidays merrier for a few of our Baldwin Bobcats. Each class at Baldwin brought items to help sponsor a family for the holidays. Based on the information the family has shared, including personal needs and a few Christmas wishes, the

students have each signed up to bring an item from the family's wish list. This year, Baldwin Bobcat families came together to support 21 families in this annual holiday tradition. Thank you to the Baldwin community to for your continued generosity again this holiday season.

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Baldwin's Winter Wonderland

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Baldwin held their annual Winter Wonderland Celebration (previously called Santa Night) on Thursday, December 8th from 5:30-7:30pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there to help ring in the holiday season. Students were treated to time with Santa and lots of holiday fun including crafts, games and a photo booth. The Baldwin choir provided additional entertainment to help spread holiday cheer.

The PTA sold pizza and drinks and the book fair was open late to provide some additional holiday shopping time. It was a nice way to kick off the holiday season for Baldwin students and their families. Several student groups from Gorzycki MS and Bowie HS were on hand to assist. Thank you to the Meridian neighbors that volunteered their time to make this Baldwin PTA event a success.



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The Girl Scout Cookies are Here!

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop,
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The Girl Scouts of Central Texas Cookie Sale will run from January 18th through February 26th in 2016. Look for your friendly neighborhood Girl Scout troop cookie booths right here in Meridian, at area grocery stores, restaurants and other retail locations nearby.

Your favorites are back, including: Thin Mints®, Peanut Butter Patties®, Carmel deLights®, Lemonades® and Thanks-A-Lots®

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