

MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

Baldwin Campus Beautification

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

The Baldwin Beautification and Campus Improvement Committee has been hard at work to clean out beds and green spaces. We would like to give a great big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who came out Saturday, April 22 for our Earth Day Clean Up. We had families of new and former Bobcats and some Baldwin staff members pitch in to update a flower bed, clear brush, and collect many bags of trash. Thank you again for all the hard work.

Want to help get in on the action? We'd love additional support! Contact us: Programs@BaldwinPTA.org



Baldwin 5th Graders Inspire Social Change

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop



You may have noticed several of our younger entrepreneurs holding bake sales and lemonade stands in the neighborhood over the past couple of months. This is all for a great cause! Baldwin 5th graders in Ms. Beeler's class have been hard at work

in small groups on what they are calling "social change projects."

Emily, Julia, Lily and Kathryn selected the local Humane Society, a no-kill animal shelter, for their project. They baked some sweet treats and managed a bake sale at the Meridian pool area. Together they raised over \$100 to purchase items off the Humane Society's supply wish list to help further their cause. When asked why they chose the Humane Society, they all spoke about their love for animals and wanted to help make a difference.

Each project team in the class chose a different organization to support, including one that provides vaccines to children in poverty stricken areas. Way to go 5th graders! Keep up the great work in supporting your community and world in a positive way!

Meridian Food Truck Night

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

The Meridian Social Committee and Hello Nabr would like to thank to all the Meridian neighbors that came out to the Pavilion for the first Food Truck Night of the year on Saturday, May 6th. We hope you enjoyed an evening of fun food, live music from Meridian's own Electron Donors band and "Trolls" movie night!

Save the Date!

Don't miss our next Food Truck Night and Annual Summer Pool Party scheduled for Saturday, July 22 @ 5:30-8:30pm.



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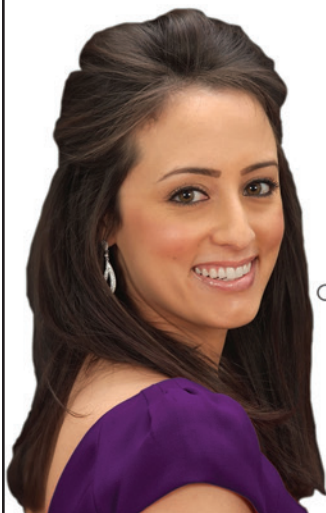
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Welcome to Kindergarten!

Incoming Kindergarten/Fall 2017 Summer Playdates

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

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

Wednesday, June 14th from 5:30-7pm

Meet and Greet

- Circle C Metro Park playground
- Bring a water bottle
- Light snacks will be available

Wednesday, August 9th from 10:30am-12pm

Bobcats in the Building

- Story Time in the Baldwin Library from 10:30-11am
 - Cafeteria Picnic from 11am-12pm
- (no food will be served, BYOL ~ Bring Your Own Lunch)

This is a special day when our building will be open to Kinder Baby Bobcats and their parents to help get our Baby Bobcats acclimated with the building.

Saturday, August 18 from 9:30-11am

Kindergarten Kick-Off Celebration

This is a special playdate where your Bobcat cub will have the opportunity to meet children in his/her class on Baldwin's large playground. Snacks will be provided. Don't miss the celebration and the opportunity to meet new friends and classmates!

Need more info: Jacquelyn Waldrop / J.Waldrop@AustinRealEstate.com / 512-923-3099 Get up-to-date playdate info, class reminders and more at Facebook page for Kinder Families only: facebook.com/groups/BabyBobcatsKinder2017/

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Baldwin's CATCH Family Fun & Fitness Night

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop



This annual event was held on April 26th from 6-7pm and was an opportunity for the Baldwin community to learn about healthy foods, smart choices and fitness. Students had the opportunity to experiment and play with the new Drum Fit equipment—giant yoga balls on stands paired with Drum Sticks, while a video guides students through a series of rhythmic full-body movement, a gift from the Baldwin PTA.

Health and Fitness experts were on hand to share their knowledge about CPR, healthy food choices and nutrition. Kids played nutrition themed carnival games, snacked on healthy food, and won some great prizes. Lots of prizes were given away, but one lucky student won a free week at a sports camp and another won some free fitness classes! The evening was sponsored in-part by the CATCH Global Foundation, is a 501(c)3 public charity. Their mission is to improve children's health worldwide by developing, disseminating and sustaining the CATCH platform. Founding partners: MD Anderson Cancer Center, the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation, the RGK Foundation & UTHealth. For more information, visit CatchINFO.org



SCHOOL NEWS

Congrats to our Meridian scholars, including our Baldwin Bobcats, Gorzycki Tigers and Bowie Bulldogs on a fantastic year of school! Best wishes for a super fun and safe summer!

Free Funds for Baldwin PTA Programs

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop

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FINGER LICKING GOOD BBQ CHICKEN WINGS



Instructions

1. Preheat Oven to 425F
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, chili powder, salt, pepper, paprika, and garlic powder – set aside.
3. In another large bowl, combine BBQ sauce and honey – set aside.
4. Lightly coat wings with mayonnaise and then drop a few at a time into prepared flour mix to coat, shaking off any excess.
5. Place the floured wings onto a parchment paper lined baking sheet and spread them out in a single layer.
6. Bake for 23 mins then flip them over.
7. Bake for an additional 23 mins, until skin is crispy and golden brown then remove from oven.
8. Preheat oven to 500F
9. Drop the wings into the large bowl with BBQ Sauce and Honey – mix around a few at a time to coat evenly then replace back onto baking sheet, spreading them into a single layer.
10. Bake for an additional 8 to 10 mins, until sauce is bubbly and caramelized. Cool then serve!

Ingredients

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| 1 cup flour | 1 tsp chili powder |
| 1 tsp kosher salt | 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper |
| 1 tsp paprika | 1 tsp garlic powder |
| 20 chicken wings or drumettes | 1 tbsp Mayonnaise |
| 1 cup BBQ Sauce | ½ cup Honey |

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