

MERIDIAN *Community Monitor*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MERIDIAN

Meridian Neighborhood Garage Sale

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com

**Saturday morning,
October 14th @ 8am**

Clean out those cabinets and closets and upcycle those items you've tucked away that are just taking up space! Meridian hosts two neighborhood garage sales per year. The first in April and the second in October. Updates posted on "NextDoor" and the Meridian Social Buzz Facebook page.



Meridian Social Events for 2017

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**Last Food Truck Night of the Year:
Saturday, September 23 @ 5-8:30pm**

Enjoy Food Truck Night with your neighbors at the Pavilion. We'll have live music and an outdoor movie, too!

**Fall Community Wide Garage Sale:
Saturday, October 14 @ 8am-1pm**

Clean out those closets and host a garage sale at your home, this will be advertised on Craigslist and in the newspaper. If it rains there will be an alternate make-up date.

**Holiday Cookies and Caroling at the Pavilion:
Tuesday, December 19 @ 6-7:30pm**

Come and join your neighbors for cookies and music at the pavilion before you go out and view the Christmas lights in the neighborhood. Awards will be given to the top decorated house in each section.

See NextDoor and the Meridian Marquee for more details!

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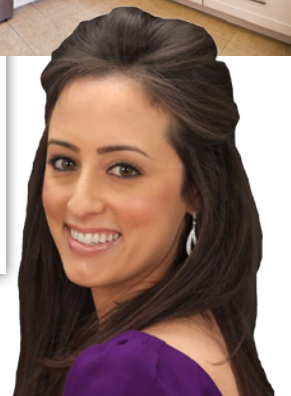
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MERIDIAN FOOD TRUCK NIGHT

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Bring your family and meet your Meridian neighbors at the Pavilion & Pool for a fun-filled evening of live music, outdoor movie (TBD) and selections from local food trailers, with something yummy for everyone!



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community service, and much more! When you sign your son up for Cub Scouting, you are signing him up for more than an after-school activity. Whether he's camping for the first time or catching his first fish, your son will be taking part in activities that are fun as well as character building. We camp twice a year and have a winter trip to places like the USS Lexington and NASA. Our dens contribute to the community through hands-on community service projects. Helping other people is a fundamental part of the Scouting experience.

Join us and see why we say that Pack 12 Rocks!

Find out more: Emily Barker / membership@pack12rocks.org

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September 10: Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon

Colin's Hope will host the annual Kids Tri on Sunday, September 10. The event is limited to 400 athletes, and will close quickly! For more information visit www.colinshope.org

September 24: Colin's Hope Got2Swim

Looking for our annual Got2Swim? Join Colin's Hope and Open Water Planet on Sunday, September 24 for a 10K solo, 2, or 3 person relay on Lake Travis!



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*Source: Texas DFPS, Watch Kids Around Water

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

Submitted by: Jacquelyn Waldrop, Realtor-AustinRealEstate.com



With the start of the new school year, Baldwin is looking for more great Watch D.O.G. Dads! Last fall, Baldwin introduced a new mentor program called Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) geared towards having more male role models in school. The "Top DOG," or coordinator of this new program, David Mass, is a Baldwin Bobcat Dad and Meridian resident. His oldest son attends Baldwin as a 1st grader and his youngest son has entered Pre-K 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.

Get involved and see first-hand what a day at Baldwin is really like for your Bobcat!

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.

CALLING MERIDIAN MAMAS TO JOIN CIRCLE C MOM'S CLUB

*Submitted by Jacquelyn Waldrop: AustinRealEstate.com
& Circle C Mom's club member*

Circle C Mom's is a group of neighborhood moms that coordinate events for children, moms and families. Children's events include weekly age-specific playdates, holiday parties and field trips. Weekly moms' events are usually hosted at members' homes or nearby restaurants and include activities such as bunko nights, book club, craft night, movie nights, recipe/supper club, ladies-only lunches and much, much more! These activities are a great opportunity for moms to get out and enjoy a little "adult" time and meet new friends.

If you're interested in joining, please contact Kimberly De LaGarza @ delagarzakim@yahoo.com



Austin Independent School District 2017-2018 School Calendar



Grade Reporting Periods

August 2017

7-10 New Teacher Orientation
14-16 Staff Development
17-18 Planning & Prep
21 First Day of Classes

September 2017

4 Student & Staff Holiday - Labor Day

October 2017

9 Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference;
Secondary Staff Development

November 2017

20-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2017

20 Winter Break Begins

January 2018

2 Student Holiday - Staff Development
3 Classes Resume
15 Student & Staff Holiday
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

February 2018

19 Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference;
Secondary Staff Development
1st Bad Weather Makeup Day

March 2018

12-16 Spring Break
30 Student Holiday - Staff Development
2nd Bad Weather Makeup Day

May 2018

28 Student & Staff Holiday - Memorial Day
30 Last Day of Classes
31 Planning & Prep

Legend

	Student/Staff Holiday		Planning & Prep/ Student Holiday
	Staff Development/ Student Holiday		First / Last Day of Classes
	Student Holiday - Elem. Parent Conference Secondary Staff Development	+	Bad Weather Make-up Day
	New Teacher Orientation	}	Secondary Grading Period
	District Closed	}	Elementary Grading Period

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