



# Soaring Eagles

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## Calendar of Events

**December 6**  
**General PTA**  
**Meeting**

**December 13-15**  
**Wrapping Work-**  
**shop for Teachers**

**December 20**  
**Classroom Winter**  
**Parties**

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## December 2011

### From the President

*Tara Lundmark, President*

This Thanksgiving I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a great community here at Encino Park! I'm thankful for the parents, teachers, administrators, and volunteers who give time to make Encino Park a safe and happy place for our children to grow and learn. Thank you for all you do to make Encino

Park a special place.

Thank you to all of you who have helped with so many activities at school this fall - the Fundraiser, Campus Clean-up, Faculty Appreciation, Red Ribbon Week, the Bike Rodeo, Box Tops, Book Fair, Reflections & the Art Gala! As we look forward to December, I hope you will participate with us in our Eagle Angel Giving Tree. Every year we sponsor holiday gifts for families at

our sister school Olmos Elementary. We'll begin after the Thanksgiving holiday break. Wishing you all a safe and very happy Thanksgiving!



### Encino Park Earns 5 TEA Gold Performance Awards

The Texas Education Agency awards Gold Performance Awards to campuses for high performance on indicators other than those used to typically rate the campuses. In order to receive these distinguished awards, the campus must be rated Academically Acceptable or higher. Encino Park has an Exemplary rating.

Encino Park earned 5 Gold Performance Awards for the 2010- 2011 school year:  
Math – More than 25% of the students earned a commended rate on the Math 2007

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mended score is  
about 90% or above.  
Reading - More than 25%  
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Reading 2007 TAKS  
test. A Commended  
score is about 90%  
or above.  
Writing - More than 25%  
of the students  
earned a com-  
mended rate on the  
Science TAKS test. A  
Commended score is  
about 90% or above.  
Science - More than 25%

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Science TAKS test.  
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about 90% or above.  
Significant Growth in  
Math.

This places our school in a  
very elite group in the state of  
Texas and in North East ISD.

Congratulations to all of the  
Encino Park community who  
gives their best everyday.

## Tardies

*Audrey Garcia, Assistant Principal*

Our school has had an overwhelming number of tardies this year. Parents are asked to help students learn to value education and understand the importance of arriving on time and ready to learn. The habits developed by children during their elementary years will last a lifetime.

Here is a breakdown of the grade level tardies and the number of students enrolled.

Kindergarten -	178 tardies	(102 students enrolled)
1st grade -	150 tardies	(109 students enrolled)
2nd grade -	177 tardies	(112 students enrolled)
3rd grade -	183 tardies	(132 students enrolled)
4th grade -	174 tardies	(113 students enrolled)
5th grade -	158 tardies	(152 students enrolled)

## Encino Park Elementary Honors Our Veterans

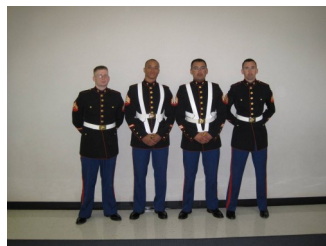
Encino Park students honored the Encino Park campus veterans on Friday, November 11, 2011. The day honored all the staff members at Encino Park who have served in the Armed Forces: Michael Ytuarte, Chris Meyer, Susan Loader, Henrietta Williams, Carolyn Marx. The Marine Color Guard opened

the ceremony with the posting of the colors. Mr. Chris Meyer, special education teacher and Retired Air Force Colonel spoke about his experience in the military and encouraged the children to be appreciative of all those in our community who serve in the military. The students viewed a moving powerpoint honoring our families who have family members who have served in the military. Throughout the ceremony, the children sang a medley of patriot songs.



The students also participated by decorating a medal for a family member or friend who currently serves or served in the military. The star medals were on display throughout the week. Michael Ytuarte, Kinder grade teacher organized Encino Park's Veteran's Day Celebration.

*"Where liberty dwells, there is my country." - Benjamin Franklin*



## Science Fair Winners

### Kindergarten

1st	Kieran Lundmark	Mrs. Barr
2nd	Jackson Smith	Mrs. Barr
3rd	Aiden Wilkewic	Mrs. Rich
4th	Sathvik Jinna	Mrs. Rich

### First Grade

1st	Ryne Farber	Mrs. Cheslock
2nd	Mairi Smith	Mrs. Demers
3rd	Katelyn Morgan	Mrs. Demers
4th	Carmella Johnson	Mrs. Cheslock

### Second Grade

1st	Veda Atluri	Mrs. Young
2nd	Caden Wallis	Mrs. Luna
3rd	Caila Rodriguez	Mrs. Williams
4th	Megan Rodriguez	Mrs. Loveland
5th	Randall Forrester	Mrs. Loveland

### Third Grade

1st	William Winchester	Ms. Neff
2nd	Siddarth Rao	Ms. Herrera
3rd		
4th	Nicolas	Mrs. Noriega
4th	Kenedy Everest	Ms. Neff

### Fourth Grade

1st	Ian Oda	Mrs. Peche
1st	Mia Sutherland	Mrs. Peche
1st	Carey Jedow	Mr. Jentz
2nd	Tiana Lawso	Mrs. Spears
2nd	Kaylee Hammer	Ms. Morrison
3rd	Caleb Smith	Ms. Morrison
4th	David Kent	Mrs. Spears

### Fifth Grade

1st	Eli Smith	Ms. Craig
2nd	Maya Lundmark	Mr. Shelby
3rd	Aaron Delgado	Mr. Shelby
3rd	Luke Gray	Mr. Shelby
3rd	Catherine Kamen	Mrs. Turner
4th	Favour Robinson	Mrs. Robinson



***“Men love to wonder,  
and that is the seed of  
science” - Ralph Waldo  
Emerson***





## Encino Park Crossing Guards

With their warm smiles, they greet the students and parents and help everyone safely across the street. Ms. Barb Wheeler and Mrs. Ellawaine Johnson are our helpful City of San

Antonio crossing guards this year. Barb is posted on Encino Rio and has been with us almost two years. Ellawaine is posted on the corner of Encino Rio and Caliza and has been helping us for

four years. You will see them every morning and afternoon. Please give them a big thank you.

***“Volunteers are seldom paid; not because they are worthless but because they are priceless.”***  
***- author unknown***

## Superintendent’s Award

Duane “Grandpa” Foote received the Superintendent’s Award for his service as a volunteer at Encino Park Elementary. Grandpa Foote arrives in the morning by 6:45 and works a full-day assisting students to their classrooms, working in the cafeteria and helping with dismissal at the end of the day.



## PTA Nominating Committee



At the upcoming general PTA meeting on Tuesday, December 6, the Encino Park Elementary PTA will be selecting members for a nominating committee to recommend candidates for the PTA officer positions for the 2012-2013 school year. Nominations to serve on the committee will be taken from the floor and voted on by the general body. The panel must consist of five members and an alternate. If you are interested in serving on this committee, contact Suzanne Wofford at [jakewoff@satx.rr.com](mailto:jakewoff@satx.rr.com) for more information.

## Student Senate

Third, Fourth and Fifth grade students elected Student Senate Officers recently. 18 students ran for the 5 different offices. The students campaigned for a week. The students handed out campaign buttons, bookmarks, and trinkets to encourage students to vote. The halls were filled with campaign posters throughout the week. On October 16th, each



candidate gave a 1 to 2 minute speech encouraging the audience members to vote for them.

The 2011-2012 Encino Park Student Senate Officers are: President -Joe Bull, Vice Presi-

dent- Maykla Nasis, Treasurer-Conner Johnson, Recording Secretary-Zane Tapper and Corresponding Secretary-Claire Mayo.

Student Senate sponsors wanted the election process to be similar to the United States election process so that students could learn the importance of voting.



## Librarian's Nook

### Mrs. Green, Librarian

**Bluebonnet Book Club:** There are only 2 more months for the students in grades 3-5 to finish reading Bluebonnet Books. Students were invited to read at least 5 of the 20 state nominated titles at the beginning of the school year. A voting party will be held in the library Jan. 20th for students who read 5 or more Bluebonnet books and passed the quizzes in the library. After the votes are compiled across the state of Texas,

an award is presented to the author of the winning book in April. The list of titles are on the Encino Park Library webpage.

**4th Grade Battle of the Books:** Students in 4th grade are invited to read a collection of books and test their knowledge of the books in May. Each 4th grade class will have a team of students who have read the books and have earned a place on the team by scoring the highest on a Qualifying Test. In May we will have a friendly competition to see which 4th

grade class will be our school champion and represent Encino Park at our District Level Competition. Students have already been reading 9 titles on the list as they are also Bluebonnet Books. Nine more titles will be introduced to students in December. A list of the books that will be tested in the competition are on the Encino Park Library webpage.

Cuddle up with a good book and read over the Holiday Break!

*"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket."*

*- Chinese proverb*



## Classroom News



*“...our lost and found bin is flooded with sweaters and jackets...with their name on the label, it’s easy to return them to the owner.”*



### Keen Kinder

We hope you had a wonderful, restful Thanksgiving with your family. These next few weeks before our Winter Break will be very busy. Please make sure your child gets a good night’s sleep and is prepared for each day at school. This is a fun, festive time of year, but we still have important work to do here at school...a lot of learning going on! With cooler weather here, please make sure your child’s jacket/sweater has his/her name in it. The Lost and Found Box is full of lost items...and without names, it is harder to tell who they belong to.

### Fabulous First

We would like to thank all of the parents who generously donated books to our classes from the book fair. Your donations were greatly appreciated and the children loved the new additions to our class libraries.

It is that time of the year again when the weather is changing. We will be going outside for recess so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. Also, please remember to label your child’s jackets, sweaters, etc. Please remember to read each day with your child to build reading fluency and comprehension.

### Spectacular Second

As we experience colder temperatures, it’s a great time to label your child’s jacket. Each year, our lost and found bin is flooded with sweaters and jackets left behind at school. With their name on the label, it’s easy to return them to the owner.

In addition, second grade is in need of empty cardboard Pringles chips cans. They will be used in our next science rotation. Each student will need one.

### Fantastic Fourth

Our fabulous fourth graders have enthusiastically been digging into our study of soil. It’s been a real treat for them to learn about the properties of soil. They have especially enjoyed using the handheld and table microscopes to compare soil textures. Science rocks!

The early explorers of Texas have kept students busy in Social Studies. Some of those names have been a little challenging for them... Alvar Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, just to name a couple. They have also been learning about the missions, presidios, villas, and colonies.

Students had a blast putting together their own 1,000 booklets and coming up with strategies for locating larger numbers. Help them keep their skills fresh by working on adding, subtracting, and ordering larger numbers. You can also review their understanding of fractions and decimals.

You may also want to check on supplies for your student. This is the time when glue sticks, glue, and pencils may need to be replenished. Have a wonderful and peaceful break. We look forward to seeing those smiling faces soon!

### Fearless Fifth

Fifth grade is flying by... We are wrapping up our science Unit on Energy, our Math unit on Fractions, Decimals, and Percents, and we’ve been learning about the features of text. Of course, we are working with words and keeping our spelling and writing skills honed as well. In Social Studies, we have covered the early European Explorers and are currently settling in on the Colonization of America. Earlier this month we had the privilege of attending “A Bad Case of the Stripes” at Tejeda Middle School. Great job by the Tejeda theatre class; we enjoyed their production. As we prepare for a week long break, remember to keep reading! We hope all our Encino Park families have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Encino Park Elementary  
Angel Tree 2011



Share the gift of giving with your child and help out children in need.

PTA will be collecting gifts for 30 families at our sister school from

Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> -Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

A link to the holiday wish lists will be available on the PTA website  
and the front office.

Thank you for helping make the holidays special for children at  
Olmos Elementary.



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## NEISD 2011 Bond Proposal

On Nov. 8, 2011, the North East ISD community voted to pass the \$399,410,000 bond package. Funds will address four critical areas: 1) growth, 2) facility equity and additions, 3) technology, and 4) transportation.

### Tax Impact of 2011 Bond Proposal

#### How will the passage of the 2011 bond package affect me and my property taxes?

Compared to taxes paid in October 2011, a homeowner with an average home value of \$160,870 would see a tax increase in October 2012 of \$72 (\$6/month), and an increase in October 2013 of another \$25 (\$97 total compared to 2011).

**(Disclaimer:** Increase in monthly taxes is calculated using estimates for average home value, property value growth, and bond interest rates. All estimates are subject to change.)

#### How will the bond election affect senior citizens?

Any homeowner age **65 or older** is eligible to have their school district taxes frozen at the rate they paid when turning 65. This exemption must be applied for through the Bexar Appraisal District. (A successful bond election will not raise the taxes of senior citizens.)

#### How can I be sure that North East is keeping administrative costs low and spending tax dollars effectively?

Two state-mandated reports show that NEISD is low in administrative costs and superior in managing its public funds. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) shows that NEISD's administrative cost ratio is 5.14 percent, well below the state standard of 11.05 percent for districts with 10,000+ students, and the lowest of all Bexar County school districts. TEA also evaluated the district's management of financial resources through the School FIRST report and found that NEISD met all indicators, awarding it with the state's highest rating of "Superior."

For more information contact Community Relations at 210-407-0040 or visit <http://www.neisd.net/bond>

*"It was a wonderful way to pull our community together."*

## Papa John's Delivery Night

The 1<sup>st</sup> Papa John's Pizza Delivery Night was a huge success! Thank you to all the wonderful drivers! I would also like to thank all the teachers for donating their time to help make this event so memorable! It was so exciting to drive teachers around to the homes and see the excitement from a child's face when they saw the teachers! This was a wonderful way to pull our community together!



## Winter Class Parties



Parents, soon you will be receiving an invitation from your child's classroom Room Parents to attend your child's Winter Party on December 20, the last day of the semester, and a very busy day for students eager to leave for the break! Grades 3-5 will party from 9:30-10:15 and grades K-2 from 1:45-2:30. We encourage you to come and help celebrate with your child in their

classroom. However, please note parents will not be able to come to their child's class



prior to the start of the party. Also, please remember to get your visitor name tags prior

to attending the party. Only assigned Room Parents will be allowed early access in order to decorate and prepare for your child's class party. You might be asked to donate an item for this party, so thank you in advance for helping! If your help is not requested for the Winter Party, then you'll receive a request for the Valentine's Party. Thank you, Parents, and Happy Holidays!

### **Bike Rodeo Celebrates Bike Safety**

Several hundred students participated in the annual bike rodeo held at Encino Park Elementary on November 3rd. Students from kindergarten to fifth grade arrived with their bicycles in tip-top shape for the bicycle inspection followed by several skills activities.

The kids had the most fun riding through the obstacle course lined with cones, the "Slow Going" lane and the "Stay on Line" event. You could hear kids of all grade levels cheering on their classmates and teachers, too, as they displayed their skills for all to see!

The kids really look forward to this day each year," said Stacey Hammer, PTA Bike Rodeo Coordinator. "And we were lucky to have cooler weather this year!" We had Watch D.O.G dads assisting with the judging of events and even had a couple of dad's with an array of tools for last minute adjustments and repairs.

Mrs. Bohrmann, Principal of Encino Park Elementary, conveyed that "we couldn't do this, or all the other wonderful enrichment activities, without all the volunteers and support from the community. Thank you!"

### **BMX Bike Show Awes Encino Park Eagles**

After the conclusion of bike rodeo, the Encino Park PTA fundraiser assembly program was held. Offered by United Stunts, Encino Park Eagles received a lineup of great messages. The stunt bike riders, led by Atom Baker, provided the most thrilling and exciting program our students could expect. The riders shared with students the responsibility of being a positive role model and living a healthy, drug-free life style in order to follow your dreams. The riders connected with students by living their dream as stunt bike riders. They encouraged students to find something that they enjoy doing and work hard at it. The riders closed the show with an amazing backwards flip, which awed spectators of all ages!

We are grateful to all the students in attendance who participated in the Encino Park PTA fall fundraiser, Entertainment books. The vendor sponsored this event as a part of the prize structure, and it was a great way to close our Bike Rodeo festivities! Exciting! Educational! Fun!



**A special thank you goes out to all the generous donations given by our community! These donations were used as prizes all week long!**

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# Nutrition Nuggets


Food and Fitness for a Healthy Child

December 2011

North East Independent School District  
Dr. Brian Gottardy, Superintendent

**BEST BITES**

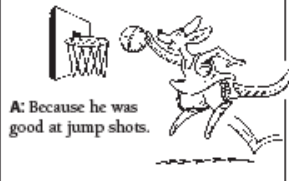
**The gift of cooking**  
Cooking is a wonderful hobby—and life skill—that parents and children can learn together. At holiday or birthday time, consider giving your youngster cooking lessons that you can take with him. You might find classes at a community center, the library, or a local cooking school.



**Why Eat?** Foods that are rich in nutrients will keep your youngster feeling full longer. Plus, getting vitamins and minerals through food (rather than supplements) helps her body absorb them better. Nutrient-rich foods include fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats, fish, beans, nuts, and low-fat or fat-free dairy products.

**Dress for PE**  
Encourage your child to dress for activity on PE days. He should wear loose-fitting clothes that are comfortable to move in and sneakers that have good support. Also, be sure he takes a jacket, a hat, and gloves or mittens so he can enjoy outdoor PE or recess.

**Just for fun**  
Q: Why did the coach want the kangaroo on the basketball team?



A: Because he was good at jump shots.

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## Grocery store fun

Have a bingo game... play I Spy... make a map. Where are you? At the supermarket!

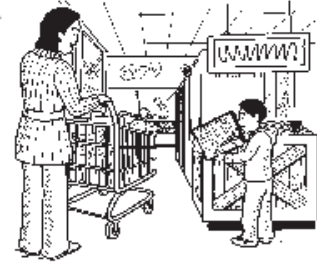
Games and activities can make food shopping fun—and help teach your youngster about healthy eating. Here's how.

### Play bingo

Before leaving home, help your child use your grocery list to create a bingo game. Together, make a bingo card with the food groups (fruits and vegetables, dairy, grains, meats and beans) across the top. Have him write food items from your list underneath their headings (example: milk in the dairy column). Then, as you put each item in the cart, he can mark off the box on his bingo card.

### Spy healthy foods

Let your youngster take along a pair of binoculars and play I Spy. For instance, when you're picking out produce, you might say, "I spy a vegetable that is purple and shaped like a big pear." He can use his binoculars to search for the answer (an eggplant). As you play, he'll build observation skills and learn more



about foods. Tip: Pick a healthy item you'd like him to try—once he "spies" it, he might be more interested in sampling it at home.

### Draw a map

Have your child pack a pencil, markers, and paper (a sketch pad or blank paper on a clipboard). While you shop, he can make a map of the grocery store. He might draw rectangles for each aisle and label them with the foods found there. Suggest that he add symbols so he can see the sections at a glance (a banana for fruit, a loaf of bread for grains). He'll learn how the grocery store is organized and where the healthiest foods are.

### Positive feedback

When your child chooses nutritious foods, let her know that you notice. Your praise can encourage her to keep making similar decisions. Here are some things you could say:

- "Good idea to have carrots for a snack!"
- "I'm happy to see you trying pomegranate seeds. They're so good for you!"
- "Wow—I see lots of yummy vegetables on your plate!"
- "I'm glad you and Tami decided to turn off the TV and go shoot baskets."
- "I like the way you're cutting the fat off the meat. That's what I do, too."
- "I appreciate your clearing the table. With you helping, we'll finish sooner and be able to play outside." ●



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