



# Welcome to Our 3rd Grade Parent Orientation

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One Team, One Dream



# Teachers



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# Third Grade Vision

**The third grade mission is to plant seeds of creativity while cultivating growing minds in a rich, fun environment synergizing with our families and community.**



# Parent Communication

**Our goal is to work together as a team, parents and teachers, to help grow your kiddos into successful, collaborative, and happy learners in third grade. Please email us with any questions or concerns. If you have questions about Math/Science, email Mrs. Williamson. If you have questions about ELAR/Social Studies, email Mrs. Bruce.**

**When your child is absent, we ask that you email both teachers so we are able to prepare and meet the needs of your student.**





# Capturing Kids Hearts

**This program helps build meaningful connections. The goal is to capture kids' hearts to capture their minds. When students feel connected to their school and teachers they can achieve academic success. Students thrive when they feel cared for and engaged!**



# Daily Schedules

**Bruce's Homeroom Schedule**

**Williamson's Homeroom Schedule**

Library Day for Both Classes: Day 4 of Specials





# Dismissal

- **Dismissal Time: 3:00 p.m.**
- **Pick-Up:** Parents that are picking up students from school should not arrive before 2:45. If the grade level is not outside and the parent has arrived, they will be asked to circle around until that grade has come out.
- **This year, 3rd grade is the last grade level to exit the building.** Students will not be released until 3:00 p.m. Please be aware that if you are in line before 3rd grade is out, you may be asked to circle around.
- **Transportation Changes:** Please let the front office and teachers know in advance of transportation changes. Prior to 2:30 p.m. would be appreciated.



# Drop Off and Pickup

Please click on the link below to review information about before and after school procedures.

[Before School & After School Transportation](#)

## [Seat Belt Practice for Younger Students](#)

For the safety of everyone, please do not exit your vehicle while in the parent pick up or drop off line. If your child needs assistance buckling or unbuckling, please park in a parking space, safely exit your vehicle, and walk the child across the crosswalk at drop off. If you are in parent pick up, please safely park, use the crosswalk and come pick up your child.





# Dismissal Car Tags

When picking up students from school, please be sure your **PURPLE** car sign is hanging from your window. After picking up your student, please take down your car sign so we know you are good to go. If you need a new sign, please contact your child's teacher. It is important that all regular pick up vehicles have this sign. If you are needing multiple signs, please contact your child's teacher.



# Snack

**Third graders will have snack at 9:00 am each day. If your child brings a snack, we ask that they only bring 1 and it is a healthy, mess-free choice.**

**We ask that students only bring and drink water in the classroom throughout the day to avoid messes that result in stains.**





# From Nurse Cluck

**All students in grades Pre-K-5th should bring an extra change of clothes and undergarments in case of emergencies. (Physical, playground, spills, etc.)**

**These can be stored in a gallon ziploc bag with your student's name on it, in their backpack.**



# Nurse Information

**Please contact the nurse if your child or children have any medical issues that the nurse needs to be aware of or if there have been updates to a medication.**





# Allergies

- Please do not send any food containing any type of nuts for birthday celebrations.
- If your child has a food allergy, you are welcome to send in extra snacks for your child to enjoy on days we have birthday treats.



# Breakfast & Lunch

[Menus \(link\)](#)

[Add lunch money \(link\)](#)

- Breakfast is at 7:00AM
- Third grade lunch is 11:45AM -12:10PM
- Visitors will only have lunch with their child, friends will not be permitted to join. Please limit phones/photos during this time to ensure privacy. Please arrive a few minutes early and exit through the office. Please do not follow your child out to recess. If you are dropping off a lunch please do so by 11:30.





# Daily Behavior

**Focus/Follow Directions**

**Respect**

**Effort**

**Self Control**

**Honesty**

**Consequences**

1. Teacher redirection/warning
2. Student folder is collected on teacher desk
3. Student folder is signed
4. Student writes a written reflection using 4 questions
5. Office referral (extreme cases)



# Red Take-Home Folder

- Comes home and returns to school daily
- Graded work will come home one time a week
- Please keep all work - unless it needs to be corrected and returned





# Reading

**We will be using district resources from Savvas and TEKS Resource for reading. We will also incorporate skill groups and literature circles to practice our skills this year.**



# Phonics

**We will be using district resources from 95 Percent Group. 95 Phonics focuses on the phonics and word study strand of our literacy program and is taught as a whole class.**





# Language Arts

**Writing will include genre based writing pieces, word study, and grammar. We will not have formal spelling tests this year, although weekly spelling checks will be done through the 95 Phonics program.**



# Social Studies

**We will be using the district online resource, Studies Weekly. We will also complete projects throughout the year.**





# Math

**We will be using district resources from Eureka Math for math instruction. We will incorporate FIT skill groups to enhance our understanding of math concepts.**

**In 3rd grade, the goal is for students to complete 24 multiplication facts (factors 0-10 with a maximum product of 100) with a score of at least a 75% accuracy in 2 minutes.**

**Program: Zearn (3 lessons per week—District Mandated)**



# Math Units

## 1st Semester:

**Module 1:** Properties of Multiplication and Division & Solving Problems with Units 2-5 and 10

**Module 2:** Place Value and Problem Solving with Units of Measure

**Module 3:** Multiplication and Division with Units 0, 1, 6-9, & Multiples of 10

**Module 4:** Multiplication and Area





# Math Units

## 2nd Semester:

**Module 5:** Fractions as Numbers on the Number Line

**Module 6:** Financial Literacy and Data

**Module 7:** Geometry and Measurement Word Problems

**STAAR Review**



# Science

**We will be using district resources from PhD Science, STEMScopes and TEKS Resource for science instruction. We look forward to safely engaging our students through interactive inquiries in our classrooms!**





# MTSS/FIT Groups

**Through MTSS, a framework that focuses on intervention best practices within the areas of academics, behavior, and social/emotional supports for the whole child, all students are tiered. If your student requires additional support, this will be documented and you will be contacted by the teacher.**

**FIT, or Focused Instructional Time, is a 40 minute period during the day where all Third Grade students receive additional instructional support and/or enrichment. The teachers will work with small, skill-based groups of students from their classes, as well as other third grade classes.**



# Grading Guidelines

- We will not be assigning homework this year. Unfinished classwork that has been assigned for a daily grade can be sent home for completion. This work should be completed by the student and returned the following school day.
- Late work is defined as any assignment that is not turned in at the announced due date and time. All late work for the nine weeks is due by the end of the grading period.
- Work not submitted by the due date will be entered as “missing” and as a “0” in grading system.
- Work that is not submitted by the end of the grading period will remain a “0”.
- Assignments submitted past the due date (within the 9 weeks) will not have points deducted.





# Make Up Work

- **Make-up work for absences will be eligible for full credit.**
- **The teacher may exempt a student from some assignments if doing so will not negatively impact the student's ability to master the content or unfairly bias his/her grade.**
- **Make-up work and tests for all absences should be of the same rigor, but not necessarily the same format, as the original activity, assignment, or test.**



# Reteach and Retest

- **Reteaching must take place prior to retesting.**
- **A maximum grade of 70% will be recorded when redoing, retesting, and/or reassessing for any failed grade.**





# Grade Weights

Number of grades required by subject for students in  
Grades 2 - 5

	ELAR	Math	Science	Social Studies
Minor - 70%	8	8	6	6
Major - 30%	2	2	2	2



# Report Cards

- Report card periods are nine weeks.
- Report cards will be electronic this year.
- Progress report periods are every three weeks and will also be electronic.
- If we have a concern, we will notify you to set up a conference.





# Home Connections

- Parents will be given an opportunity at the beginning of the year to opt “yes” or “no” to receive this printed material. You can communicate throughout the year with the teacher if your choice changes.
- Teachers will send home this material each time there is a unit change for ELAR and Math to families that have opted “yes”.
- This material is not for a grade, nor does it get returned to the teacher.
- Material will be a previous skill learned, not a new skill.
- The purpose of providing this material to families is to:
  - Provide another means of communication between school and home.
  - Promote discussion between parents and students about the learning happening throughout the day.
  - Review skills and strategies that have previously been taught.
- Teachers will continue to promote best practices at home such as nightly reading and practicing math facts.



# Unit Study Guides

Unit Study Guides may include information that has been already taught for parents and students to discuss together.

- This may include, but is not limited to:
  - Multiple choice questions
  - Short answer questions
  - Copies of presentations used during instruction
  - Copies of anchor charts/notes that may be used during instruction
  - Answer keys *will not* be provided to students and parents. Unit Study Guides will be reviewed in class prior to assessments.





# Birthdays

- **Balloons are not allowed at school.**
- **Due to instructional time limitations, individual “student birthdays” are not allowed to be celebrated on a “large scale” at school.**
- **Please leave store bought treats with a nutrition label.**
- **We will celebrate around 2:45 PM.**
- **Invitations must be to all boys and all girls in your child’s homeroom, or only boys/only girls.**
- **Please send paper invitations with your child to class to hand out. Teachers are not able to send out class invitations via email to parents.**



# Technology

- **This year, third graders will all have access to Chromebooks in the classroom.**
- **We are using Google Classroom to post some of our assignments. You can access this at home through the BISD Student Portal. Go to [boerneisd.net](http://boerneisd.net), students tab, and then student portal to login.**
- **Please have your child bring earbuds/headphones to keep at school.**
- **They can also bring an optional computer mouse.**





# STAAR

This year, your child will take **Math and Reading STAAR** assessments. These assessments will be online and your child will have the entire instructional day to complete the tests. We will take **Interim** assessments to familiarize students with the testing format. Those results are good indicators as to how your child will perform on the actual STAAR tests.

## **STAAR Dates:**

- **Reading STAAR: April 16th**
- **Math STAAR: April 30th**



# Parent Conferences

- We will set up parent conferences beginning in October. They will be before or after school this year.
- We will meet with you on an individual basis, in person or on the phone, to talk about your child's personal grows, glows, and goals for the school year.
- Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail to set up a conference if you have concerns.
- More information will be coming on parent conferences.
- We want to work with you to ensure that your child has a successful year in third grade!





# Visitors, Volunteers, and Background Checks

All volunteers, family members, and students that are not enrolled must use the “Visitor Check In System” before moving through the school. All visitors must wear a yellow “visitor” tag at all times in the building. Family members of employees should always be accompanied by the employee at all times at school. If a teacher anticipates a special family member or guests that will be helping in the classroom, they must be cleared through the **Criminal History Background Check**. Criminal History Background Checks must be completed online with the previous link and will take about a week to be processed and approved. Once you receive your email confirming your approval, you are ready to start volunteering on campus. The principal reserves the right to know who is on campus at all times. Any adult walking through the building is required to have a “Visitor” badge visibly on. This ensures they have checked in through the front office.



# Specials

**PE**- Please have your child wear appropriate PE clothing such as tennis shoes/shorts under dresses. If your child must sit out for any reason, please send a doctor's note or a note from yourself stating so. Students are bringing water bottles to PE, so please make sure your child has first and last names on them.

**Art**- Aprons will be available on messy days, but if possible best/favorite clothes should not be worn on Art day. Stay tuned for announcements on Art Contests, and our annual fundraiser.

**STEM**- Students need to bring their own headphones. Unfortunately, bluetooth headphones do not work on the computers.



# Attendance Matters

- **It's the Law-** students are only allowed 18 absences for the school year- this includes excused and unexcused absences.
- Attendance letters are sent to all student with 5 or more absences and/or tardies.
- Students with 10 or more absences will be place on an attendance plan/ attendance recovery plan.
- Students with 18 or more absences are considered truant and can be filed on in Truancy Court.
- Attendance excuses must be turned in no more than 3 days after absence.



# Hello from Mrs. Smith in the Library!

Great things will be happening in the library this year! Here are a few sneak peeks:

- Collaboration with grade-level teachers for student projects in the library
- MakerSpace area for students to explore STEM ideas
- New library layout
- Scholastic Book Fair! Dates TBA
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Library Crew Club (Grades 4-5)
  - Sign up info in Mrs. Shults email coming home soon!

Please scan this QR code to

sign up to volunteer in the library!



You must fill out a new background check form before you begin volunteering. These are found on our campus website!

Email me with any questions - [kathleenm.smith@boerneisd.net](mailto:kathleenm.smith@boerneisd.net)

*Thank you!*





*your*  
**FORES PTO**

**Our goals are to:**

- Encourage interaction between families and the school.
- Serve as a source of support.
- Work with administrators, teachers, staff, families and the community to improve our children's educational experience.

**Join us today!**

scan the QR code or go to  
[foresppto.com](http://foresppto.com)



We rely heavily on fundraising to support teacher grants for classroom needs, student field trips, strategic planning, innovative technology, and on-campus events like Field Day, class parties, Bike Rodeo, Veterans Day, and more!

All parents/guardians of a current FORES student, as well as all current faculty and staff, are invited to join the PTO in our mission.



## I have questions....

### Do I have to go to meetings?

- No. But, you are welcome to attend!  
We want your feedback and input!

### Do I have to volunteer?

- No. We understand not everyone can do this. BUT, if you want to we would LOVE your help! Go to [forespto.com](http://forespto.com) to see opportunities!

### Can my business sponsor?

- Absolutely! Email [forespto.sponsorships@gmail.com](mailto:forespto.sponsorships@gmail.com) for more info! Or, go to [forespto.com](http://forespto.com).

## Membership Levels

### \$25 INDIVIDUAL

One individual membership

### \$35 SILVER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

One FORES spirit stick voucher

### \$75 GOLD FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Two FORES spirit stick vouchers and one adult FORES T-shirt

### \$175 PLATINUM FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Three FORES spirit stick vouchers, one adult FORES T-shirt, and one child FORES T-shirt

### \$300 MUSTANG FAMILY MEMBERSHIP

Three FORES spirit stick vouchers, two adult FORES T-shirts, one child FORES T-shirt, two tickets to Cowboy Breakfast





## Membership Drive

**Now-Sept. 22!**

Join: [forespto.com](https://forespto.com)

**Our goal: 100% FORES staff & family membership!**

## Student Incentives!

Every class with 100% participation will receive an ice cream party & each student will receive a Spirit Stick!

## Teacher Incentives!

- Teacher of **FIRST CLASS** in **EACH GRADE** level to reach 100 % membership will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card.
- Teacher of **RUNNER UP CLASS** in **EACH GRADE** level will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card.
- **First THREE** teachers to reach 100% PTO membership will receive first pick at Thanksgiving pies.



# I Love My School (ILMS)- FORES Fall Fundraiser

*Two weeks*  
of **FUN**-draising!



If you enjoy entertaining, or have a fun  
“experience” idea of your own, please  
consider hosting one of our  
**ILMS PARTY EXPERIENCES!**

**Aug. 8-  
Sept. 13**

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**Sign-up to host  
an ILMS Party!**

**Sept. 15**

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**Attend  
Parent Mixer!**

**Sept. 15-  
Sept. 28**

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**Purchase  
party tickets!**

**Sept. 15-  
Sept. 28**

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**Raise money  
thru  
donations!**

**Sept. 29**

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**Attend  
Family Color  
Run!**

**more info: [forespto.com](http://forespto.com)**



# Upcoming Events

Aug. 29 - Texas Roadhouse Spirit/Cash Back Night

Sept. 1 - Deadline to Order Spirit Wear

Sept. 1 - Yearbook Order Deadline for \$25

Sept. 6 - Spirit Stick Sale & Workroom Training

Sept. 7 - Grandparents Day Lunch

Sept 8 - Grandparents Day Lunch

Sept. 12 - School Pictures

Sept. 15 - I Love My School Fundraiser Kick-off!

Parent Mixer & Parties Open for Purchase

Sept. 19 - Willie's Spirit/Cash Back Night

Sept. 22 - Membership Drive Ends

Sept. 22 - Allergy Awareness Day

Sept. 28 - ILMS Fundraising Deadline

Sept. 29 - ILMS Color Run & Foam Party

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FORES PTO PRESENTS...

I ♥ my  
SCHOOL  
FOR OUR KIDS, SOMETHING

Kid  
Friendly

## ILMS PARENT MIXER

CASH BAR • LIGHT APPS •  
ILMS PARTY PREVIEW • LIVE MUSIC

### ILMS FUNDRAISING KICK OFF EVENT

Don't miss out on the kick off for our annual fall fundraiser! Preview parties before parties go on sale at 7pm! Meet and Greet with Party Hosts and other FORES families!

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 15**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**MIKEY'S CHICKEN & TAVERN**

25930 I-10 W, Boerne, TX 78006

Free  
Entry



# Get Connected!



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GroupMe.



[forespto@gmail.com](mailto:forespto@gmail.com)



Download the app!  
Just search for  
Membership Toolkit.







# BISD Handbook

**BISD Parent Student Handbook**

**FORES Parent Handbook**

**Skyward Access (check grades and attendance)**



# Class Wish Lists

[Mrs. Williamson's Amazon Class Supplies Wish List](#)

[Mrs. Bruce's Amazon Class Supplies Wish List](#)