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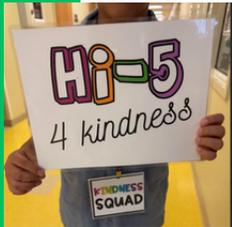
NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 1, 2025



HEY BOBCATS!

These first seven weeks of school have been full of excitement and joy at Baldwin! Our Kindness Squad spread positivity across the campus in combination with Start with Hello Week, we kicked off our marathon kids in PE and our wonderful WATCH D.O.G.S. program began! Our students have been working hard with their MAP and CBA testing as well and we are proud of their hard work! At Friday assembly, we celebrated our Golden Spoon winners for showing great behavior in the cafeteria and also honored our Students of the Month for being RESPECTFUL. These moments are always a highlight of the month! Parents, be sure to ask your child about Bobcat Time that the whole campus participated in last Friday! We are so proud of all the ways our Bobcats are learning and leading this month. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a wonderful place to learn!



With gratitude,
Jamie Eubanks and Julie Ozuna
Baldwin Elementary School



IMPORTANT DATES

-  CAC Meeting - 10/6- If you would like to be a part of the CAC in the future [please fill this out!](#)
-  No School - 10/10 & 10/13 & 10/20
-  Transportation Appreciation Week. Thank a bus driver! 10/13 - 10/17
-  Principal's Coffee - 10/17 @ 8:00 am in the Baldwin Library
-  End of the 1st nine weeks grading period - 10/17
-  Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences - 10/20
-  [Unity Day - WEAR ORANGE! - 10/22](#) (click the link or see flyer below)
-  Boo Bash 4pm- 7 pm- 10/25
-  [Red Ribbon Week - 10/27 - 10/31](#) (click the link or see flyer below)
-  Vocabulary Parade & 2nd Annual Great Pumpkin Drop- 10/31





CELEBRATE YOUR CHILD WITH A BIRTHDAY BOOK!

Consider purchasing a library book to celebrate your child's special day. All donations help fund book purchases and author visits. Your donation makes a BIG difference!

After donating, your child will be invited to choose a book from our special birthday bookshelf. We will add a commemorative bookplate inside the cover celebrating your child, and they have the first opportunity to check out their special book! Summer birthdays can be celebrated on their half-birthdays.

Birthday books can be purchased on the library tab at this [link](#).



TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- 10/5 Julie Ozuna
- 10/10 Gracie Pena
- 10/16 Flor Solis
- 10/27 Tayiah Benton
- 10/31 Katie Kelley



Get ready for Green Apple Deposit Days!



Baldwin Elementary Deposit Days Schedule

The Green Apple Savings Club encourages students to learn about finances, save regularly, and build healthy money habits.

Fall 2025
August 29
September 26
October 24
November 21
December 19

If you would like to learn more about this program, please contact Amber Rios at amrios@aplusfcu.org.

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GIFTED & TALENTED REFERRALS

Important Dates:

- August 19 - October 17, 2025: GT Referral window for K-5th grades. [Click here](#) to submit a referral for your child. All 2nd graders are screened. No referral needed for 2nd grade students.
- October 17, 2025: All GT Referral forms due by 3 pm.
No late submissions accepted. **This is a two-step process. After you refer, please make sure you check your email for the parent observation/rating form to complete.**
- October 27 - November 21, 2025: Student testing window - This is both a qualitative and quantitative data collection, including standardized test results, teacher input forms, and student work sample collection.
- December 19, 2025: Parent/guardian decision letters mailed by this date
- January 2026: Students newly identified for GT will begin receiving services at school

Thank you for your interest in the Gifted and Talented Program. Please remember that a thorough review of all your students' talents requires time. We thank you in advance for your patience with this process.

Attention: **Second Grade Families!**

COMING IN OCTOBER

- WHAT?** Universal Screener
- WHO?** All 2nd grade students
No referral needed
- WHY?** To identify students who might benefit from Gifted and Talented (GT) services

What is GT?
Gifted and talented refers to a child who performs or shows the potential of accomplishing a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment.
Gifted and talented children may also exhibit an unusual capacity for leadership or high-performance capability in an intellectual, creative, or artistic area.
In AISD, GT services are provided at every campus for GT-identified students. Each campus has a GT Advocate to support GT services.

Common Characteristics of GT Students
You may notice some of these characteristics and behaviors in GT students:

- Large vocabulary
- Interest in problem-solving
- Intense curiosity
- Early reader
- Diverse interests/abilities
- Highly creative
- Developed sense of humor
- Intuitive
- Highly sensitive and/or empathetic
- Highly enthusiastic and/or energetic
- Asks many questions

How can I support my child?
All 2nd grade students will participate in the GT screener assessment in October. It is not necessary to do any test preparation at home. A good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast will ensure your child is ready for the day.
A few things families can do everyday to support academic success:

- Read together. Read anything, anywhere!
- Talk together. Ask questions and leave time to listen to answers.
- Look for numbers, shapes, and patterns. Talk about what you observe.

Additional questions?
Please reach out to your campus GT Advocate with any questions about the upcoming GT Universal Screener or GT Services.



➔ GIFTED AND TALENTED (GT) SERVICES in Austin ISD

WHAT ARE GT SERVICES?
Gifted and Talented (GT) Services offer specialized support for children who perform or show the potential to perform at a remarkably high level of accomplishment when compared to others of the same age, experience, or environment.

INFO VIDEO 

COULD MY CHILD BENEFIT FROM GT SERVICES?

Does your child:

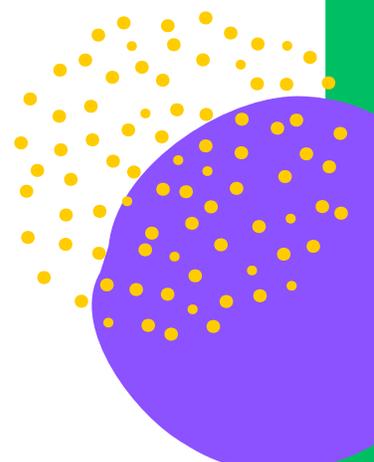
- seem to learn earlier or faster than peers?
- have an interest in problem solving?
- display persistent curiosity?
- have deep, intense feelings and reactions?
- have diverse or unique interests?
- seem highly creative or energetic?

**These are some of the characteristics you may notice.*

HOW DO I REFER MY CHILD?
REFER MY CHILD?
If you would like your child to be assessed for GT Services, please fill out the **GT Referral Form**.
Student screening will begin in October and parents/caregivers will be notified with the results. GT Services will begin in January for newly-identified GT students.

REFERRAL FORM 

 bit.ly/2025AISDGTInfo



COUNSELING CORNER

Happy October!

Students are starting out October by learning about kindness and friendship through our Bucket Filler lessons. We talked about how our words and actions can either “fill” someone’s bucket (help them feel happy and supported) or “dip” from their bucket (hurt their feelings). Students were challenged to practice ways to be bucket fillers at school, home, and with friends. Ask your child: “What’s one way you filled someone’s bucket this week?”.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, and our next lessons will be focused on Anti-Bullying. Students will learn what bullying looks like, how it’s different from conflict, and—most importantly—how to be an upstander. An upstander is someone who speaks up, shows support, or gets help when they see unkind behavior. We’ll be practicing ways to stand up for ourselves and others in safe and respectful ways.

How To Support at Home:

- Encourage your child to notice acts of kindness and point them out.
- Talk about the difference between being a bystander and being an upstander.
- Role-play simple ways your child can respond if they see bullying.
- Wear ORANGE on Unity Day (October 22nd) to show support!

Together, we can help our students build a school culture of kindness, respect, and courage!

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

This is my heart
before bullying



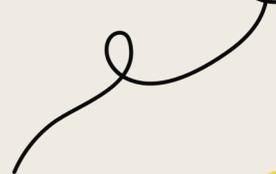
This is my heart
after bullying



PACER's
National Bullying Prevention Center.
Create a World Without Bullying | pacer.org/bullying

Contact Info:

Email: kaitlyn.pruet@austinisd.org
Phone: 512-841-8900, ext.72673
[Baldwin Counseling Website](http://BaldwinCounselingWebsite.com)



Baldwin Elementary School

WEB STORE

**Pay for your student's Enrichment Fees.
You will need your student's ID #. It can be
found on the AISD Parent Portal.**

**SCAN
ME** 

<https://baldwin.myschoolcentral.com>

**For questions/help contact the school:
512-841-8900**





**There are 3 spots left
to sponsor the Golden
Spoon lunch!!**



Thank you to everyone that has signed up.
March, April and May are still open.

Each month we celebrate great cafeteria behavior with the Golden Spoon Award. Kids celebrate with lunch on the stage and teachers get a sponsored lunch. It's a win for great behavior!

Click on the sign-up if you are interested or email
Mrs. Arriaga @ alma.arriaga2@austinisd.org

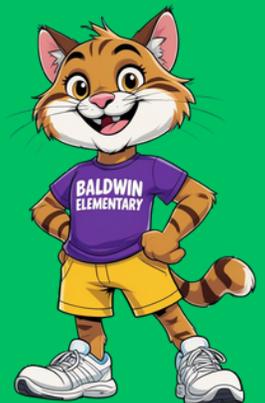
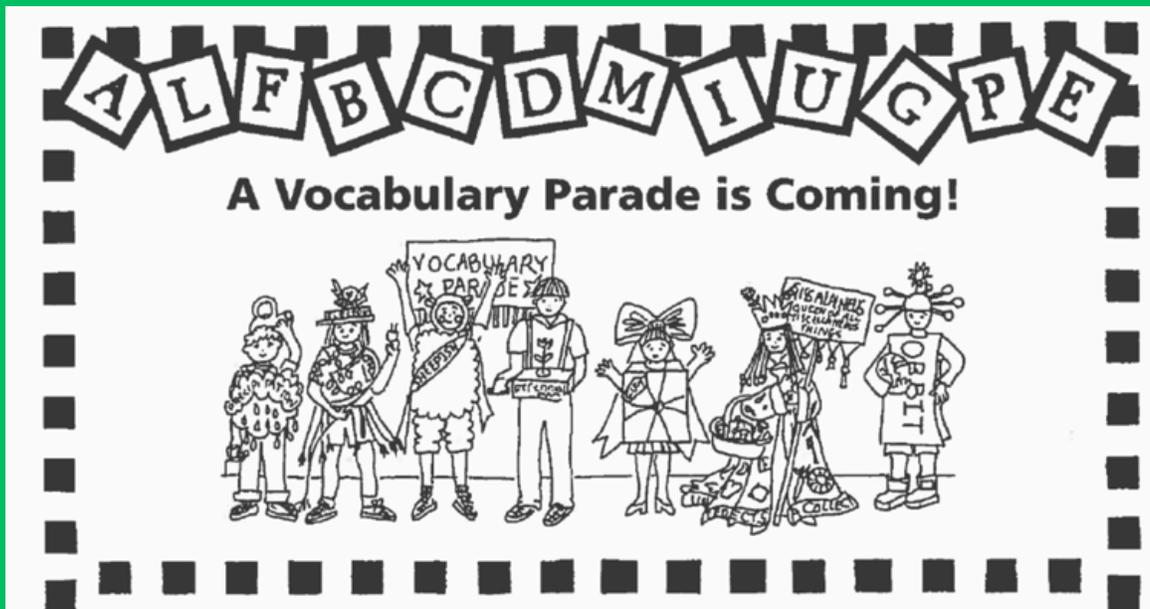
*Thank you to the Needham Family for sponsoring
the teacher lunch for September!!*

Save the Date for the Vocabulary Parade!



Join us for our annual Baldwin Vocabulary Parade on Friday, October 31 at 8:15 am!

[Click here](#) for more information!



No blowup costumes, weapons, or masks that cover the face, please!

UT STRING PROJECT PRESENTS...

FALL FESTIVAL

A CONJUNTO CELEBRATION!

FREE
ADMISSION



FEATURING...

LOS TEXMANIACS
& THE UT CONJUNTO ENSEMBLE



OCTOBER 11, 2025

BATES RECITAL HALL @ 11:30 am

Join the UT String Project for a special 30-minute performance of conjunto music with Los Texmaniacs, the UT Conjunto Ensemble, and other fun surprises!

DETAILS →

music.utexas.edu or email
String_Project@mail.music.utexas.edu



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OCTOBER 2ND FROM 4PM TO 7PM

CIRCLE C COMMUNITY CENTER

7817 LACROSSE AVENUE, AUSTIN, 78739

UNITY DAY

22 OCT 2025

SEND A VISIBLE MESSAGE TO PREVENT BULLYING
WEAR AND SHARE ORANGE

#UNITYeveryDAY

PACER.ORG/UNITYDAY
 Sponsored by PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center since 2011



SAVE THE DATE

Boo Bash!

Trunk or Treat! **Saturday, October 25th** *Petting Zoo*
4-7pm

Bounce House *Games*

Food, Fun & More





RED RIBBON WEEK

SPIRIT DAYS

MONDAY 10/27	TUESDAY 10/28	WEDNESDAY 10/29	THURSDAY 10/30	FRIDAY 10/31
<p>"Hats Off to Healthy Choices"</p> <p>Wear your favorite hat to celebrate making smart choices for your brain and body.</p> 	<p>"Team Up for a Healthy Mind"</p> <p>Wear your favorite team jersey/shirt to show teamwork in keeping our brains strong.</p> 	<p>"Bright Futures, Bright Minds"</p> <p>Wear bright colors and sunglasses to remind us that our future is bright when we take care of ourselves.</p> 	<p>"Dream Big, Rest Your Brain"</p> <p>Wear pajamas to school to celebrate the importance of sleep and self-care for a healthy brain.</p> 	<p>Baldwin's Annual Vocabulary Parade!</p> <p>*School appropriate costume to represent a vocabulary word *No weapons, masks, or inflatables *Send clothes to change into after, if necessary</p> 