

# BALDWIN NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 1, 2026



## HEY BOBCATS!

We have a fun-filled month ahead of us and hope you can join us at some of our upcoming events! As always, safety is our top priority so we kindly remind families that dogs are not allowed on campus. Additionally, students are running in the parking lot and riding their bikes in the parking lots at dismissal. Please monitor this activity closely so everyone remains safe!

Please note that EVERY family must re-register their students through Enroll Austin beginning February 16<sup>th</sup>! Be sure to review the attached flyer for important details and next steps.

We thank our Baldwin community for your continued support and partnership. Your encouragement and involvement mean so much to our staff, and they truly appreciate the trust and support you show each day. Together, you help make Baldwin a welcoming, caring place where our students and staff can do their very best work. Thank you for trusting us with your loved ones each day!

Warmly,  
Jamie Eubanks and Julie Ozuna

## IMPORTANT DATES

-  Last Day to submit orders for copies of Snowlands for author autograph - Feb 3
-  Author visit for 3rd/4th/5<sup>th</sup> graders - February 4
-  Campus Tour for students new to Baldwin - February 4 @ 4:00 pm
-  CAC meeting - Feb 9 in the library
-  Volunteer Appreciation Week - February 9 - 13- Volunteer Social Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in Foyer
-  Pre-K Stuffie Sleepover in the library - Feb. 10
-  PTA Staff/Faculty Chili Lunch - Feb. 11
-  2<sup>nd</sup> grade Field Trip to Zach Scott Theatre - Feb 12
-  President's Day (no school) - Feb 16
-  Parent-Teacher Conferences (no school for students) - Feb. 17
-  Austin Public Library Literature Live performance - Feb. 19
-  Pre-K Family Fun Day - Feb. 20
-  Austin Jazz Workshop - Feb. 20
-  Young People's Concert for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grades - Feb. 24
-  UT Girl's Day - Feb. 28





## Slide Into the Waves of Pages Reading Program!

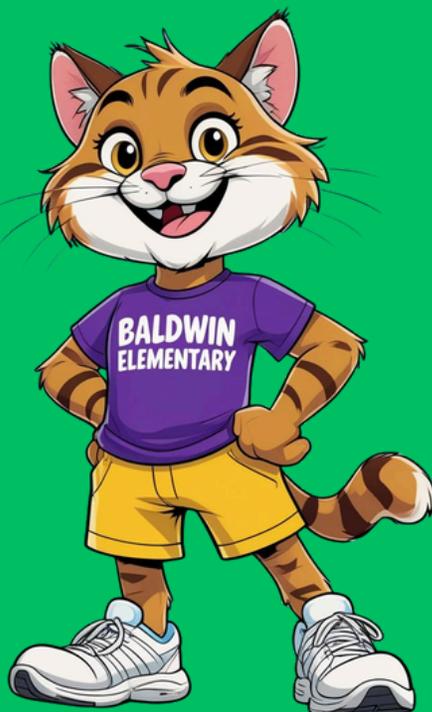


The Waves of Pages Reading Program encourages students to read for pleasure by providing a chance to earn 1 FREE admission to **Schlitterbahn New Braunfels**. Each student who reads for 10 hours (600 minutes) during the 10-week program will be awarded a FREE admission to the park and a special discount offer to purchase additional tickets for family and friends.

*Information and reading trackers came home in folders in December. If you need to print an extra, [click here](#).*

*They are due no later than February 20.*

Read to self!  
Read to others!  
Listen to a book or audiobook!



### TEACHER & STAFF BIRTHDAYS

- 2/7 Kyra Mills
- 2/18 Pam Schumacher
- 2/22 Lauren Linahan

# School Spotlight

*Congratulations to our  
teachers and staff  
on your years of service!!*



## 5 years

Ms. Caffey, Ms. I. Moreno  
and Ms. A. Arriaga

## 20 years

Ms. Dickie

## 25 years

Ms. Spencer

Thank you for your dedication,  
commitment, and the impact you  
make every day to AISD and Baldwin.

## Teacher of the Year *Lauren Linahan*



Congratulations on being named  
Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Linahan!

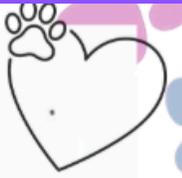
Your dedication, passion, and impact on  
students truly set you apart.  
Thank you for inspiring minds, shaping  
futures, and making a  
lasting difference every single day.

Baldwin Loves You!

# Congratulations!



# animal Shelter Drive



Everyone deserves a good life - including animals. So, why won't ya help them too?

Date: Jan 30<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 13<sup>th</sup>

FOR: Austin  
Animal Services

### Items Needed

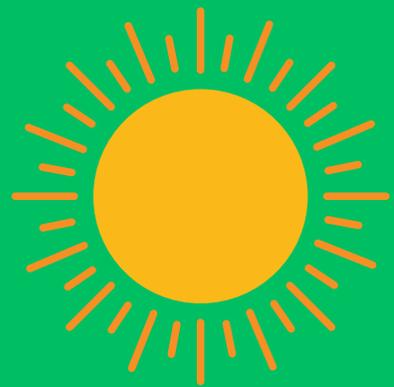
Dog/Cats treats	Newspaper	Crates
Canned dry food	New collars	Cages - for small exotic pets
Washable durable pet toys	Harnesses	
Bedding-Blankets	Leashes	
	Carriers	

Reminder!: ends on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>.

FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup> **KIDS**  
**SUMMER**  
**CAMP FAIR**

MILLS ELEMENTARY

5:30-7PM



# COUNSELING CORNER

In February, students are focusing on skills related to acceptance and understanding differences. Through classroom discussions and activities, students are learning that everyone is unique and that differences in abilities, interests, backgrounds, and opinions should be respected and valued. Emphasis is placed on kindness, empathy, and inclusion, helping students recognize how their words and actions can make others feel welcome and supported.

Students are also practicing communication and collaboration skills to strengthen teamwork. They are learning how to listen to others, express their ideas respectfully, and work together to solve problems. These skills help students build positive relationships and successfully participate in group activities both in and out of the classroom.

## How To Support at Home:

- Encourage teamwork during games, chores, or family activities.
- Praise kindness, cooperation, and inclusion
- Discuss and celebrate differences in ourselves and others.
- Model effective, kind communication with others.

## Contact Info:

Email: [kaitlyn.pruet@austinisd.org](mailto:kaitlyn.pruet@austinisd.org)  
 Phone: 512-841-8900, ext. 72673  
[Baldwin Counseling Website](#)

## We are all... Different!



Our differences mean we can be our true selves.  
 Friends will like us for who we really are.

We can find our own creative ways of doing things  
 and bring new ideas to the world.

**Our differences make the world more interesting!**

Attention 5th Grade Parents!

# MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION DATES

**JAN  
23**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students  
(*who are zoned to GMS*)  
visiting Gorzycki Middle School  
**9:15 am - 12:00 pm**

**JAN  
23**

5<sup>th</sup> Grade students  
(*who are zoned to SMS*)  
visiting Small Middle School  
**9:15 am - 12:00 pm**

**JAN  
29**

Counselors from GMS & SMS visiting Baldwin  
to go over 6th Grade Choice Sheets  
**9:15 am - 10:15 am**

**FEB  
13**

6th Grade Choice Sheets due for students  
attending **Small Middle School**

**FEB  
16**

6th Grade Choice Sheets due for students  
attending **Gorzycki Middle School**

If you have any questions regarding the transition to middle school, please contact **Kaitlyn Pruet** at [kaitlyn.pruet@austinisd.org](mailto:kaitlyn.pruet@austinisd.org) or 512-841-8900 ext. 72673

# Morr Meroz on February 4

## *Snowlands: A Blood Moon* Book One

In the heart of the Snowlands, prey and predator alike mysteriously disappear as three outcasts join forces for the adventure of a lifetime in the first book of the heart-stopping Snowlands series -- perfect for fans of *Wings of Fire* and *Warriors*!

Feba, an orphaned wolf cub, is believed to be cursed. Her rare white fur is said to be a bad omen. When a mysterious creature starts killing members of Feba's pack one by one, all eyes fall on her. She has no choice but to run away, forced to roam the perilous Snowlands all on her own ...

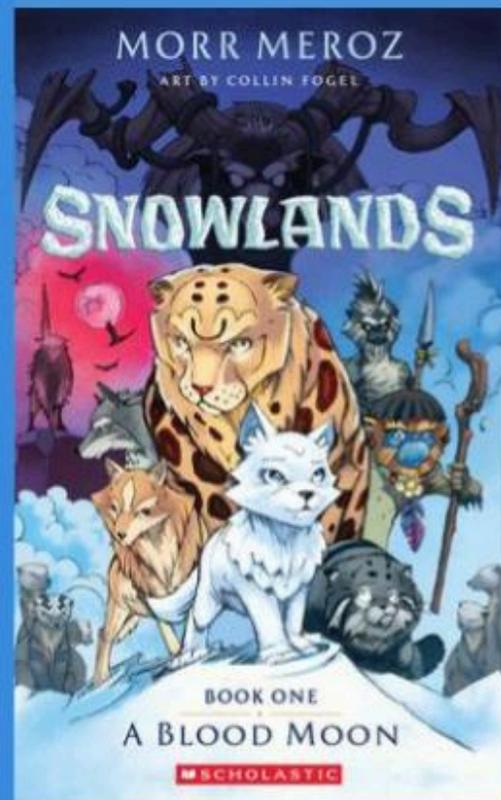
Until she meets Usha, a fiercely independent leopard, and Batu, a bumbling wildcat, each with their own secrets and reasons for wandering the Snowlands. Together, they form an unlikely trio, bound by fate. As these uneasy allies cross the frosty wilderness, they'll uncover a widespread danger in the mountains that threatens to destroy everything.

Get ready for the adventure of a lifetime in *A Blood Moon*, the epic first book in the Snowlands series!

To purchase a copy, visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/2737bnjj>

Be sure to select the correct school on the purchase form. Books will be signed by the author.





## Celebrate your child's birthday with a Bobcat Birthday Book!

Consider donating a book to the Baldwin Library 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, and your child will have the opportunity to check the book out first.

Summer birthdays will be celebrated on their half-birthdays.

To donate a birthday book, please visit the library website at <https://tinyurl.com/4cc64puv> or scan this QR code and choose "library".



***Thank you so much for supporting the  
Baldwin Library!***

Thank you



Thank you to the  
Faul Family for  
being the January  
Golden Spoon  
Lunch Sponsor!

Baldwin needs



City of Austin is hiring  
Crossing Guards for Baldwin

For more info, visit  
<https://tinyurl.com/mw65hpaw>





# Scoops of Love for our Baldwin Volunteers!

Bobcat Parents/Guardians,  
If you have volunteered this year at Baldwin,  
please join us for a

**ICE CREAM  
SOCIAL**

**FEBRUARY 10 - 3:30-4PM**

Baldwin Foyer

Baldwin  
PTA



**Baldwin  
Cafeteria**

**Thursday,  
Feb 19th**

**5:30-7:00p**

**FOOD!**

**FREE Night  
of Fun!**



**RSVP by  
Feb 17th**



**PRIZES!!!!**

\*children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

# KINDER CAMP!



## How to register:

- Complete google form: <https://forms.gle/E7xBvEJwaX72qpja6>
- Venmo @millskyra within 24 hours of registering
- you will receive a confirmation email once google form and payment is received.

Cost: \$120 per  
child!

July 27th-30th

9am-11am

EXTENDED  
DEADLINE TO  
REGISTER IS JULY  
20TH!

## What to expect:

- Explore a new part of the building each day
- participate in crafts
- meet new kinder friends
- getting excited and ready for the first day!

For any questions email  
[kyra.mills@austinisd.org](mailto:kyra.mills@austinisd.org)  
Space is limited.

# MEET OUR NEW BOOK NOOK VENDING MACHINE!



We are thrilled to share the wonderful impact your support of the Book Fair has made. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families during the past several Book Fairs, we were able to purchase a brand-new book vending machine! This exciting addition to our school will help spark a love of reading by making books feel like a special reward and celebration.

The vending machine will be used to recognize students who are working hard to achieve their academic, behavioral, and social-emotional goals. Every book a child earns from the machine represents their dedication to learning.

If you'd like to help us keep the vending machine stocked, you can visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#).

Every donation helps us continue inspiring a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you again for being such an important part of our school community!

# BALDWIN ELEMENTARY CAREER FAIR

(3RD - 5TH GRADE)

Volunteers needed for our Career Fair taking  
place on May 7th, 2026!



All jobs, careers, and industries welcome!

## Description



Volunteers will briefly share what they do for their jobs to help students explore different careers.



## Audience

3rd - 5th graders



## Time

08.00 AM - 10.30 AM

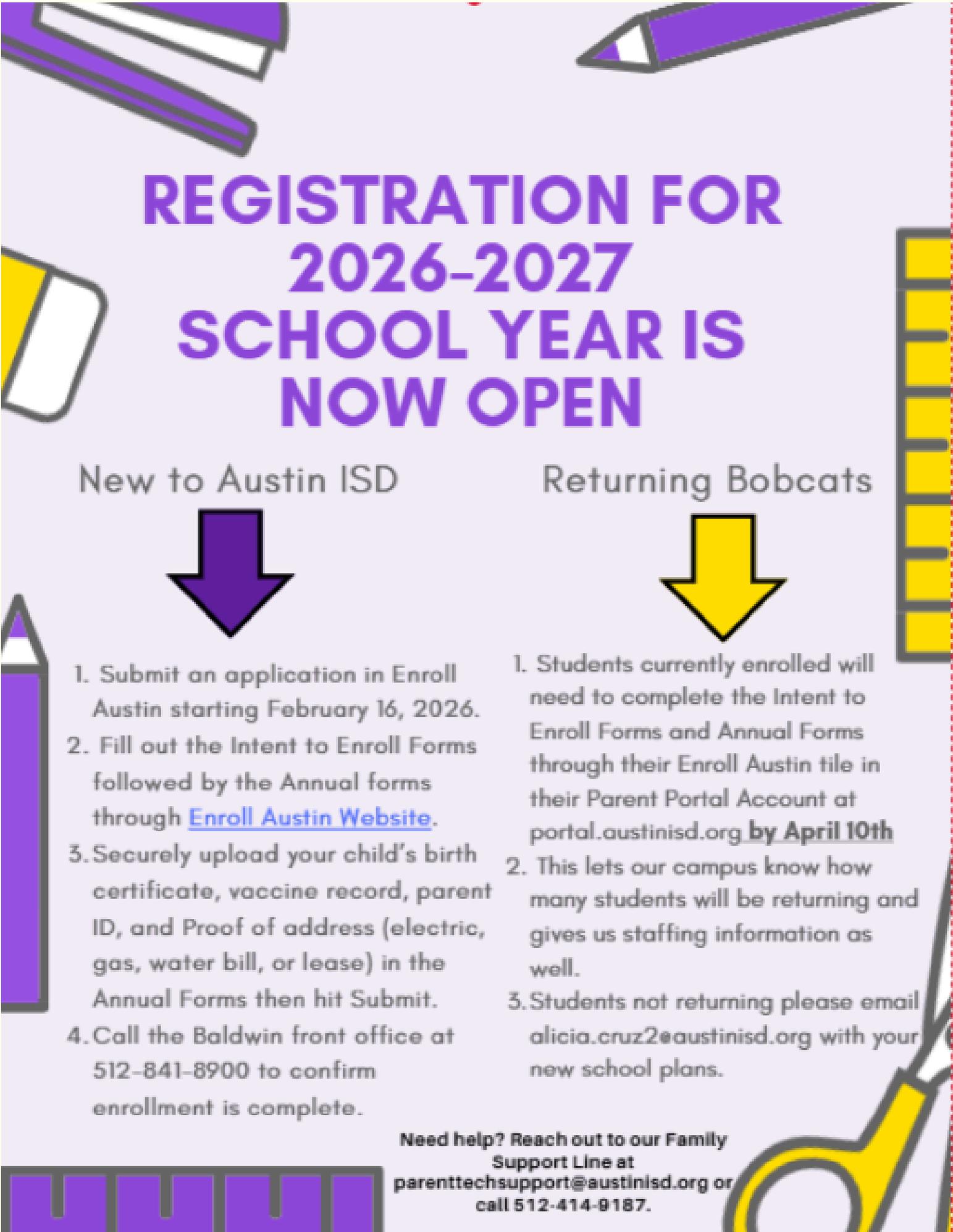


## Location

Baldwin Elementary School

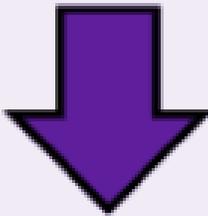


Scan the QR code  
to sign up  
OR  
visit this link:  
[https://forms.gle/  
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W9](https://forms.gle/GjTgCYsLrqtI2SYW9)



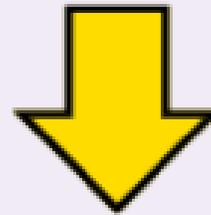
# REGISTRATION FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOW OPEN

## New to Austin ISD



1. Submit an application in Enroll Austin starting February 16, 2026.
2. Fill out the Intent to Enroll Forms followed by the Annual forms through [Enroll Austin Website](#).
3. Securely upload your child's birth certificate, vaccine record, parent ID, and Proof of address (electric, gas, water bill, or lease) in the Annual Forms then hit Submit.
4. Call the Baldwin front office at 512-841-8900 to confirm enrollment is complete.

## Returning Bobcats



1. Students currently enrolled will need to complete the Intent to Enroll Forms and Annual Forms through their Enroll Austin tile in their Parent Portal Account at [portal.austinisd.org](http://portal.austinisd.org) **by April 10th**
2. This lets our campus know how many students will be returning and gives us staffing information as well.
3. Students not returning please email [alicia.cruz2@austinisd.org](mailto:alicia.cruz2@austinisd.org) with your new school plans.

Need help? Reach out to our Family Support Line at [parenttechsupport@austinisd.org](mailto:parenttechsupport@austinisd.org) or call 512-414-9187.