



Bobcat Country News

Reminder:

Our tardy bell rings at 7:45. Students not in their classrooms when the bell rings will be counted tardy.

Attendance matters!

Bagdad has been tracking attendance by grade level and recently 3rd grade had the highest attendance and was able to attend an extra field trip!
 Next up: kinder, 1st and 2nd grade– we are tracking and looking for an exciting field trip for the winner.
 Make sure your child comes to school every day (unless they are sick). Starting this habit now will help them (and you) as they move to middle and high school. Plus, missing even 5 minutes can be hard to make up– a whole day even harder. Let us know if we can help!

A Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

One great benefit of being an educator is the availability of current research on what works. A recent article came across my email about the amount of time kids spend reading each night. The article confirms research that has been around for a while– 20 minutes of reading a night can make a big difference. The article was a study on students who were reading below grade level. Students who read 14 minutes a night continued to stay below level, but students who read 20 minutes a night were able to catch up

by the end of the school year. The students read books that were on or above their level of reading– so challenging books are important. I encourage you to continue with nightly reading (at least 20 minutes) and challenge you to begin if you have not already. A new habit can be started at any time, and starting now will have an impact on your child this school year. One of the best memories you can make with your child is reading at night– read to them, have them read to you – but make it a regular habit, and make it an enjoyable, bonding time for you and

your child. This will connect them to reading and hopefully light the spark of loving to read!

Online book resources are listed on the back page of this newsletter. In addition, students have library books and we have the Little Free Library in front of the school– books are free for the taking!

Please contact the school if you need more books or other resources.

Sincerely,
Cathy White



COOKIES WITH SANTA!
 Come join us for fun, food games and SANTA!
 December 4, 6:00-8:00 pm
 Your help is needed! Contact Ms. Razo if you can volunteer: bagdadptavolunteers@gmail.com



Distinguished Bagdad Alumni Shelby Mullins

Shelby is a senior at Texas A&M graduating this May with a degree in Physics and a minor in Mathematics. She is planning on going to law school to become a patent attorney. She has already been working for UT and at Texas A&M in their patent departments and is taking the patent bar in May .

Shelby attended Bagdad and participated in the ground breaking ceremony when it was built. She was in Mrs. White’s 4th grade class and was in the first group of students to attend Bagdad from kindergarten through 5th grade.

Do you know a former Bagdad student that we should feature?

This year we will feature former Bagdad students in our newsletter! If you know a former Bagdad student that we should feature, email Mrs. White at cathy.white@leanderisd.org.



DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 Hearing and Vision Screening	1 Hearing and Vision Screening	2 Fall Picture make-up Day	3	4 Cookies with Santa 6:00-8:00	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 Spirit Day—wear your Bagdad t-shirt or hoodie!	12
13	14	15 Bagdad Choir Field Trip	16	17 Choir Show 7:00 pm	18 Choir 8:45 am Classroom Holiday Parties— see teacher for times	19
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Library News from Mrs. Liptak

Winter break is coming up soon, and it's the perfect opportunity to get in some quality reading time with your child(ren)!

We have a wide assortment of online books that are available!

For the younger students:

Tumblebooks: <http://www.tumblebooklibrary.com/home.aspx> (Login: bagdad Password: bobcats)

Starfall: <http://www.starfall.com/>

Between the Lions: <http://pbskids.org/lions/>

For the older students :

Capstone Interactive books: <http://www.mycapstonelibrary.com/login/> (Login: bagdad Password: bobcats)

ABDO: <http://my.abdodigital.com/login/> (Login: bagdad Password: bobcats)

Overdrive: <https://leanderindtx.libraryreserve.com/10/45/en/SignIn.htm?url=Default.htm> (Login/password = your child(ren)'s normal computer login)

Winter Break, unfortunately, is also a time when many library books get lost or damaged. Please help your child(ren) come up with a plan to keep library books safe over the two weeks off. I will review with all students to keep their library books in their backpack, and if they go out of town to leave their library books at their house. This way, all students will have their library books when they return in January, and will be able to check out new books.