

Bobcat Country News

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<http://bagdad.leanderisd.org/>

Homework Help!

Does your child need help with their homework? Send him/her to our Homework Help Center located in the Bagdad Cafeteria. We are open daily from 7:20-7:40. Teachers are ready to help!

Welcome Back!

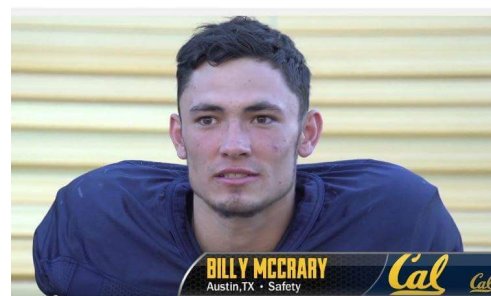
Dear Parents,

It is great to have all the students back and to see their smiling faces! I hope everyone had a good break. I would just like to remind everyone that we need to work together to ensure your child is reading at or above grade level. The teachers assess student levels regularly, and students can easily get behind if they are not practicing nightly. Students need to read fluently and with accuracy. They need to understand what they have read. In upper grades students need to be able to summarize what they have read and to be able to compare it to other books, stories or articles.

Please get with your child's teacher for reading suggestions and please plan on attending our free Parent Workshop on January 13– see back for information.

Happy Reading!

Cathy White, Principal



Distinguished Bagdad Alumni

Billy Ray McCrary III attended Bagdad Elementary for K-5th grade. Despite having dyslexia, and with the help of some amazing teachers, he graduated from Rouse as a member of NHS in 2015. Billy Ray's commitment to good grades, upstanding character and his athletic ability helped him to receive 17 full scholarships to schools such as Harvard, Northwestern, BYU, SMU, and Cal. Billy Ray is currently attending Cal University where he is studying business and playing football. #GoBears #GoBobcats

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.

Important dates

Parent Workshop 1/13

Student Holiday 1/18

Spirit Assemblies 1/20

No school 2/1 and 2/2

WE WANT YOU TO BE INVOLVED IN OUR SCHOOL Parents please go to www.leanderisd.org, and complete a volunteer application. Once you have been approved as an LISD volunteer you can come help at school! We want you to be involved at Bagdad! Remember that if you want to help with your child's field trip or want to help out at school, you must be an approved volunteer! Go to the PTA link to find out more or contact your child's teacher to find out how you can help in the classroom.

January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4 School Board Recognition Month	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Parent Work- shop 6:30-7:30 see below	14	15 End of 9-weeks Grading Period	16
17	18 No School MLK Holiday	19	20 Report Cards Spirit Assemblies	21	22	23
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FREE PARENT WORKSHOP

The responsibility for education starts early with parents and then is shared with the school system as the child gets older. It is the parent's task to live and teach in such a way as to inspire the growth of responsibility in the child so that ultimately, the child will grasp that responsibility to learn and to take what is offered and transfer it to life situations.

Come and learn about homework at Bagdad Elementary and how you can partner with the school to help your child be successful in his/her academic career.

January 13, 2016 from 6:30-7:30p in the Bagdad Library

Free childcare provided.

Sponsored by Parents as Teachers

Absences and Tardies

Regular and punctual attendance is the greatest single factor in school success. Students at school and on time are much less likely to drop out of high school and much more likely to attend college. **It is not too late to take action and ensure your children will graduate** – simply start now by making sure your children attend school regularly and on time, emphasize the important role of school in their lives, and make education a family priority.

Parents:

Please call the office or send a note with your child regarding transportation changes.
Please remember to call in transportation changes before 2:00 pm.
Thank you for helping to make this a smooth process!



GO BOBCATS!!!