



**PENGUIN
PRIDE**

September

DPS Values		
Students First	Equity	Integrity
Collaboration	Fun	Accountability

Principal's Corner

Dear Escalante-Biggs Academy Community,

Together with our new Assistant Principal, Mrs. Smith, we cannot thank you enough for the wonderful first three weeks of school! The staff has worked very hard preparing for the opening of school and they have done an excellent job of welcoming students and families into their classrooms. The students are doing an outstanding job learning the expectations and they are already in a routine that will provide a year of increased achievement! Students have been learning about what it means to be responsible, respectful and safe at school, these are the values we recognize during our monthly "Pee Wee" Assemblies. This month we will also celebrate the start of Hispanic Heritage month.

For the 23-24 school year, we are working in conjunction with the district on improving attendance. Research shows that chronic absenteeism may prevent children from reaching early learning milestones. Children who are chronically absent in preschool and kindergarten are much less likely to read at grade level by the third grade. Part of our vision at Escalante-Biggs is ensuring that "we build a culture of excellence in which every child succeeds," to us this encompasses setting our students up for success beyond the years they spend with us in ECE and Kindergarten. Each month, the classrooms with the highest attendance will receive a special recognition and visit from our mascot, Pee Wee the penguin! If you are curious about your classroom's attendance, we have trackers posted in the foyer by the cafeteria. We will also announce the classes with highest attendance in the monthly newsletter.

We appreciate family support both within the school walls and at home. Please support your child by reading on a daily basis and encouraging them to complete homework. We would like to invite you to volunteer at school whenever you can. Our family liaison, Delia DeSantiago is compiling a list of school volunteers, to get added to the list, please contact: Delia_desantiago@dpsk12.net or (720)424-4636. Some ways you can volunteer are:

- Joining the Collaborative School Committee (CSC)
- Reading to students
- Specials classroom support
- Pee wee assemblies (share a special talent or something important to you about your culture)
- After school events
- Going on field trips
- Participating in community events
- Outdoor garden
- Organizing materials
- Lunch room support (10:30-1pm)

Finally, I would like to personally invite you to our Back to School Night on September 21st at 4:00pm, you will learn more about your child's classroom and we will have a variety of community resources there for you as well. Thank you to everyone – families, students and staff who have helped this school year begin successfully. We are off to a great start!

Sincerely,

Marta Rodenas



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Mark Your Calendar

- Oct. 12 - No School - PD for staff
- Oct. 13 - No ECE or Kinder Classes
- Oct. 17 - No ECE or Kinder Classes
- Oct. 27 - Fall Festival - 4:00pm-6:00pm

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 No school	5	6	7	8
11	12	13 Picture Day	14	15
18	19	20	21 Back to School Night 4:00-5:30	22 No ECE or Kinder Classes
25	26	27	28 College Invent Parent Meeting 8:40 EBA Cafeteria	29



Parking

As you drop off and pick up your child please remember to use the visitor parking lot located on the West side of the school. The front and East side parking lots are for staff members, access for the delivery trucks and busses. We appreciate your support.

At the beginning of the school year we focus on helping our students learn to get along. Learning to get along with others is very important for children's social development. Here are some ideas that you can do at home to support your child.



Congratulations

To students from:
Bula's class - Room 110
Mrs. Knight's Class - Room 111
for Perfect Attendance in August
Students received a visit from Pee Wee the Penguin and a special prize.



WAY TO GO!!!