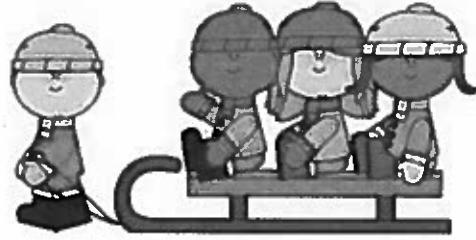


January 3, 2016



Dear Pirtle Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family had a terrific holiday break and that your child/children are well rested and eager to be back in school. The last day of the second grading period was December 16<sup>th</sup> and report cards will be sent home Jan 5<sup>th</sup>. This report card has the nine week averages as well as the semester averages.

Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! They have earned the ATTENDANCE BANNER for the second grading period with an attendance rate of 97.4. This was the highest percentage in the entire school. Our campus average was 96.5% for the second grading period. Our average needs to be 97.5% this third grading period so please help by having your student in school unless ill.

The beginning of a new year is an excellent time to review expectations regarding school with your child. Please discuss the importance of completing all assignments in a timely manner, attending school daily and being helpful and kind at all times. Thank you for encouraging exemplary performance in all areas!

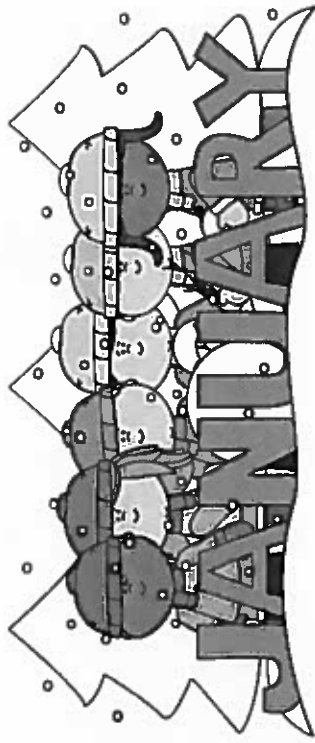
Since we are beginning a new semester I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the district's promotion policy. Students not maintaining a 70 average or not passing core subjects will be subject to retention. If you child has poor or failing grades, NOW is the time to instill good habits of studying, doing homework, turning in assignments, etc. I encourage every parent to sign up for Family Access which can be found on the [ww.bisd.net](http://ww.bisd.net) website. Go to the tab "Students & Families" and scroll down to "Family Access" then fill out the information. Our staff will check the information for accuracy and then approve your use of Family Access. This will allow you to closely monitor your child's grades at any time. Triggers can be set for almost any area such as: weekly emailed progress report, missing assignments, below 70 average, etc.







This semester will be busy as we complete mid-year testing in all grades as well as begin making preparations for STAAR testing in grades 3-5. Benchmark testing will be held on January 17 and 18<sup>th</sup>. The campus will be closed for lunches/visitors due to testing on those days. As always, thank you for sending us GREAT students. We take pride in our school and our students. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school and schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

Lastly, with cold and rain coming our way, PLEASE label all jackets and coats with your child's name. We have an entire bucket FULL of jackets with no names.

Sincerely,

Pam Neves  
Proud Principal



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 SECOND SEMESTER	4	5	6 Tiger Clubs 	7
8	9	10	11	12 4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> PAC Fieldtrip "Internet Safety"	13 Tiger Clubs 	14
15	16 Student Holiday Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	17 Closed Campus Benchmark Testing	18 Closed Campus Benchmark Testing	19	20 Tiger Clubs 	21
22	23	24	25 Kinder Cap & Gown Pictures 	26	27 Career Day K-2 Tigers Club 	28
29	30	31				