



### American Red Cross History

March is American Red Cross month. The American Red Cross is dedicated to helping people in need.

The organization depends on contributions of time, blood, and money. Clara Barton helped found the American Red Cross in Washington, D.C. on May 21, 1881. Clara Barton led the American Red Cross for 23 years. In that time, Americans led our first disaster relief efforts, helped the U.S. military during the Spanish-American War, and campaigned for peace relief work. Today the American Red Cross helps in five areas: disasters, military members/family support, blood collection, health safety, and international relief.

### Instagram Safety

Remember these safety tips for Instagram:

- Turn on your privacy settings.
- Don't share your location with photos.
- Be respectful of other users.
- Everything you do online is traceable. Think before you post a photo or video to your profile.
- Inappropriate online activity can harm your reputation.

### Yearbook

Yearbooks are being sold in room 507 and online for \$35. The web address is [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) to pay with a credit card. Checks and cash are accepted.



### Cheer Tryouts

- Cheer tryouts are coming up on March 27.
- Mandatory pre-tryout cheer clinic is March 23-25 from 4:00-5:30.
- Optional clinic day (run through of try-outs) is on March 26 from 4-5 pm.
- Mrs. Jorgensen and Mrs. Ortiz

### Nurse's Corner

- With several cases of the flu in the last couple weeks, I would like to remind everyone that the district policy states a child should not be sent to school with 100.0 temp or greater and can not come to school for 24 hours after having a temp of 100.0 or greater.
- I would also like to remind everyone that the district policy clearly states that children are to bring **no medications** to school. There are serious consequences for this action and all medications, even your most basic meds, are considered drugs.
- Children are allowed to store cough drops in the nurse's office and use as needed.
- Please remember if your child is sick it is very important that we work together to get them better before sending them back to school to prevent the spread of any bacteria or viral infections.
- Spring break is right around the corner. Be safe out there.
- Remember, even when there are clouds out, you can get sun burned. Take care of your skin and make sure and use sun screen. Enjoy your break!
- Nurse Amy

### HEB Camp Requirements

- When is it and where is it?**  
April 27-May 1 in Leakey, Texas
- How long is the trip?**  
5 days (Monday – Friday)
- How much does it cost?**  
Approximately \$100.00  
(Price may be subject to change)
- Who gets to go?**  
-8th grade students must have an average of 70 or above in all classes (including high school credit courses) during the first semester and must have an average of 70 or above in the 4th and 5th six weeks and have been in attendance at least 90% of the required school days.
- 8th grade students who have had the following:
  - \*3 referrals that result in In School Suspension (ISS)
  - \*1 referral that results in a Suspension
  - \*Students that attended SDGC or Nueces County Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) **at any time during the school year are not eligible to attend**

### Texas Public Schools Week

- Texas Public Schools Week is March 2-6.
- Monday**-Cowboy Up! Wear your favorite Texas cowboy/cowgirl attire
- Tuesday**-Getting' A-Head in Texas!  
Wear your favorite hat/cap (It's the teacher's discretion to have students wear hat/cap in the classroom)
- Wednesday**-Go Team! Texas Spirit!  
Wear your favorite Texas team t-shirt or jersey
- Thursday**: Lone Star State!  
Wear Texas flag red, white, and blue! (Students participating must wear all three colors: red, white, & blue)
- Friday**: Reel Cool Texas Hornets!  
Wear your favorite fishing shirt  
\*Students must be in school appropriate attire.\*

### Track Schedule

- 2/27 @ FB
- 3/5 @ FB
- 3/19 @ TM
- 3/26 @ GP
- 4/2-3 @ Alice-District



**Reminders**

- 3/2: 5th Six Weeks Begins
- 3/2: HEB Camp forms go out (8th graders only)
- 3/2-6: TX Public Schools Week
- 3/4: 8th Grade Panoramic Photo
- 3/6: Report Cards Go Home
- 3/9-3/13: Spring Break
- 3/26: HEB Camp forms due (8th graders only)

**Monthly Fun Facts**

- March birthstone: Aquamarine
- March flower: Daffodil
- American Red Cross Month
- Fire Prevention Month
- Women's History Month
- World Math Day is the first Wednesday.
- March 2nd is the anniversary of Texas' independence from Mexico.
- March 8 is International Women's Day
- March 14 is Pi Day.
- March 22 is World Water Day.

**Band**

We took 61 Flour Bluff JH Band students to the All-Region Band auditions on January 25 to Gregory-Portland MS. Last year, the kids tied the previous Flour Bluff record of 32 students who qualified for one of the bands. This year, they shattered the old record, with 39 students qualifying for the All-Region Band! Flour Bluff had more students make the bands than any other school at the contest. Also, 22 of these students made the Symphonic (top) Band, and three students made first chair overall on their respective instruments (Abrianna Garcia - Oboe, Micah Moon - Bassoon, and Kyle Xu - Tenor Saxophone).

We are so proud of these students. They have been working hard on challenging tryout music for several months to prepare for this audition. Please join us in congratulating these students for their fine accomplishment!  
-Mr. Burnett and Ms. Briley

**Band Continued**

**Flute**

Addyson Grunberg-3rd Symphonic,  
Alexandria Iyescas-1st Concert, Joonie  
Park-4th Concert, Cassandra  
Carrillo-9th Concert

**Oboe**

Abrianna Garcia-1st Symphonic,  
Linda Liu-2nd Symphonic

**Clarinet**

Maelynd Sinnreich-9th Symphonic,  
Evelyn Weldon-4th Concert, Karol  
Hinojosa-Ruiz- 6th Concert, Jonpaul  
Urtado-10th Concert, Gabriela  
Guerra-11th Concert, Sophia  
Smith-14th Concert

**Bass Clarinet**

Kody Click-3rd Symphonic, Karmen  
Simpson-2nd Concert

**Alto Sax**

Azariah Fryer-3rd Symphonic, Jared  
VanGorder-5th Symphonic, Alexis  
Lee-2nd Concert

**Tenor Sax**

Kyle Xu-1st Symphonic

**Bari Sax**

John Reyna-1st Concert

**Bassoon**

Micah Moon-1st Symphonic, Abigael  
Ferguson-2nd Symphonic

**Trumpet**

Steven Garcia-2nd Symphonic,  
Ines Fiestas-3rd Symphonic,  
Ben Edgecomb-5th Symphonic,  
Nathan Skrobarczyk-7th  
Symphonic, Connor Murphy-8th  
Symphonic

**French Horn**

Darrius Powell-2nd Symphonic, Lilah  
Holley-4th Symphonic, Hunter Ford-5th  
Symphonic, Claire DeLaMatyr-2nd  
Concert, Diego Espitia-6th Concert

**Trombone**

Emerson Britt-3rd Symphonic,  
Kylie Navarre-4th Symphonic,  
Eli Cooper-4th Concert

**Baritone**

Abigail Pankin-4th Symphonic,  
Kate Yniguez-2nd Concert, Apostolos  
Stamatakis-3rd Concert

**Tuba**

Jaden Edmond-3rd Symphonic,  
Brannon Chapman-2nd Concert

**Daylight Savings Time**

Daylight Savings Time begins March 8. Set your clocks ahead one hour.

**Girls Basketball**

Congratulations to the  
Lady Hornets!  
*7th A Team*-4th in District  
*7th B Team*-Co-District  
Champs  
*8th A Team*-Undeclared  
District Champs  
*8th B Team*-Co-District  
Champs

**Tennis Schedule**

**7th Grade Coach Sivils & Coach Redman**

- 3/5 @ Alice
- 3/21 District Tournament

**8th Grade Coach Sivils & Coach Redman**

- 3/5 @ Alice
- 3/21 District Tournament

**Pi Day**

Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th. Pi is the symbol used in math to represent 3.14159. Pi is the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

**Boys Basketball**

Congratulations to the Hornets!  
*7th A Team*-Undeclared  
District Champs  
*7th B Team*-3rd in District  
*8th A Team*-District Champs  
*8th B Team*-2nd in District

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