

Knights in the Know

January 13, 2017

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 16 ~ MLK, Jr. Holiday
- Jan. 20 ~ Yearbook orders due
- Jan 23-29 ~ Savory Bistro Orders
- Feb. 8-9 ~ Drum Fit during PE
- Feb. 8 Choir Concert 6:30
- Feb. 9 ~ Drum Fit Family Night
- Feb. 10 ~ Valentine Parties 1:50-2:35
- Feb. 17 ~ End of 4th 6 weeks
- Feb. 22 ~ Report cards issued
- Mar. 6-10 ~ Spring Book Fair
- Mar. 8 ~ Ocarina Concert 6:30

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Linda Bozeman, Principal

Landon Turrubiarte, Asst. Principal

Internet Safety

Katie Greer (KL Greer Consulting) led discussions with students and parents this week on the topic of staying safe on the internet. Our children are online more than ever before while using gaming systems, apps, and more. Mrs. Greer taught students that people on the internet are not their friends if they do not know them personally. All games and apps have settings that let you play with people you know. She explained the importance of digital footprints and that deleting something is like throwing a blanket over a person's head who is still in the room with you. Just because you covered them doesn't mean

they are not there.

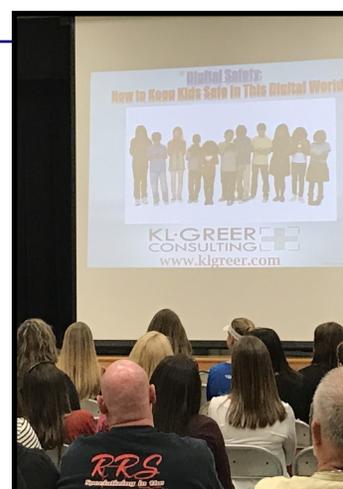
Her message to parents was that we need to model good social media behavior for our children. In general, children spend 44 hours or more per week online. She suggests setting clear expectations with your children for technology use including texting. Parents should spot check their children's text messages, apps, logs, friends, followers, and subscriber lists. She urges parents to have a list of their children's login information which is crucial in emergency situations. Mrs. Greer also suggests setting a time in the evening when all technology devices are turned in, such as

the dining room table, in an effort to minimize online time and keep tabs on who your children are communicating with. That is not easily done when they have 24 hour access to their phones.

We encourage you to take a look at Mrs. Greer's website. There are directions for how to set parental controls, suggestions for apps that really help your children in their growth and development, and much more.

Thank you, PTA, for providing this education for our students, parents and staff.

[Katie Greer](#)



Student Spotlight ~ Art Awards

Jake DeBlanc and Logan Chase were honored this week during a reception at UMB Bank for finishing in 1st place for art at Blanton in the Adopt-A-School contest. The theme this year was "My school is great because...". The district winners were also announced this week. We are excited to say that Jake DeBlanc won 3rd place overall for 5th grade. **Way to go, Jake and Logan!**



Reminder: No school Monday, January 16th due to MLK, Jr. Day!



Watch DOGS

Thank you to this week's Watch DOGS for their time and energy working with students. We appreciate you! If you are interested in this program and need information, please contact our PTA.



Mr. Barker and Ava

Mr. Ladd and Liam



Yearbook Orders Due

Have you ordered your child's yearbook? These are great ways for your child to remember all the wonderful happenings at Blanton Elementary this school year. We encourage you to get your order in soon as the deadline is fast approaching. January 20th is the cutoff date. Yearbooks are \$25 each and can be purchased online. To place your online order, please fol-

low these steps.

- Log on to www.balfour.com
- Type in "Blanton" under "Shop Your School"
- Select Blanton Elementary in Argyle
- Click on Yearbook
- Select your yearbook, optional accessories and shout-out ad.
- Checkout. You will receive a confirmation

- email.
- Please note: a \$1.00 service fee will apply.

Shout-Outs (Personal Ads) are \$10 and are still available through this ordering process.

The PTA contact person for the yearbook is [Leslie Haralson](#).



Green Team

The Blanton Green Team has been busy! They are currently working with Mrs. Gray researching how to compost. We can't wait to see how they use what they have learned!

Way to go, Green Team!



DISD will now utilize an electronic system to send you flyers instead of adding to them to our Tuesday folders.

Go Cowboys

Students and staff showed their support for the Dallas Cowboys today. We had some friendly rivalry as well with plenty of KC Chiefs, Green Bay Packer, and New England Patriot shirts. Go Cowboys!



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Blanton Mission

We will work collaboratively to ensure high levels of learning for ALL students, while inspiring and empowering them to become safe, respectful, and caring learners.

Building Dreams

Empowering Minds

Strengthening our Community

Blanton Elementary School

Staff Spotlight ~ Sewell, Krutka, Woodfin, Valenta, Sydow

We would like to publicly thank those staff members who worked so hard to plan activities for our students during the Katie Greer meeting on Tuesday night. Mrs. Krutka (librarian), Mrs. Woodfin (library para), and Mrs. Valenta (art) planned four stations for students to rotate through. Mrs. Sewell (5th grade) and Mrs. Sydow (Harpool) came Tuesday evening to work with the National Junior Honor Society students who oversaw the stations. These staff members are greatly appreciated. It was a successful evening.

