

# Eagle Talon

A D V A N T A G E A C A D E M Y - G R A N D P R A I R I E



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## VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

We are requesting that any parents, grandparents, staff or faculty members that would like to participate in our Veteran's Day Character Assembly on November 9th to please let us know! If you would like be willing to be interviewed in front of the students about your military experiences, or if you have any uniforms, pictures, military memorabilia or medals you could set up for a

display for our students to view, that would be much appreciated. We would love to have you volunteer to be on our campus to share your experiences with our students. Please contact the front office (214.276.5800 option 2 then option 3) to let us know you are interested and to get information to fill out the paperwork for a background check. We thank you for your time in our military and

hope you will be willing to share that with our wonderful students! Our Elementary Assembly will be from 2:20 until 3:00 and our Secondary Assembly will be from 3:15 until 3:50 in our gym.



### PTO

PTO will meet on Tuesday, November 8th at 5:30 in room 103. Officers have been elected and PTO is ready to go!! Come join us in helping make our campus soar!

### THE DISCIPLINE CORNER

Parents, with the temperatures finally dropping, we just want to remind you that students may only wear solid Blue, Black, White or Grey jackets/sweaters inside the building. Teachers will ask students to remove the jackets if they are another color. On dollar jean days, jeans

may not have rips, holes or shreds. They must be Blue Jeans and not any other color. You will be asked to bring appropriate jeans and student will be out of the classroom if a violation occurs. Parents, please speak with your students daily on making good choices and to speak to

a teacher/administrator if a problem persists. Please explain how taking matters into their own hands may have a consequence with the school. The Student Code of Conduct is available online or in the front office. Please go over it with your student.

# SENIOR NEWS

Seniors—mark these important dates on your calendars:

- **11/01**—Josten’s will be taking orders in the 29 Building for rings and graduation stuff! If you are ordering online, please make sure your cap and

gown is ordered prior to 12/22!

- **12/14**—Jostens will deliver class rings at 9:00
- **03/21**—Jostens delivers graduation announcements at 9:00

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HOMECOMING KING, JAIME PERALTA AND HOMECOMING QUEEN, JESSICA WALL!**



*“Tell me and I will forget.  
Show me and I may remember.  
Involve me and I will understand.”*  
-Chinese Proverb

## THE SPOTLIGHT

Hip-Hip-Hooray for Kindergarten Today!!!

We are learning the ABC’s and 1,2,3’s, along with who famous Americans are and why, plus we are bubble coggging the life cycles of butterflies,

frogs and trees! We are beginning to read blends and words and we are developing our vocabulary as we read those words! We have so much more to learn—we’re not done yet! Give us a cheer

when you see us anywhere! We love being at Advantage Academy Grand Prairie!

## THE NURSE’S NOOK

### EAT A GOOD BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING!

It has been shown that breakfast is the most important meal of your day! Eating a healthy breakfast boosts your brain power and gives you the energy you need!


Did you know that children who eat a healthy breakfast do better on their class work and tests?

As we all go through the morning rush of getting ready for the day, please set aside time to make sure your child/children eat a

good healthy breakfast before coming to school.



# November 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					<b>DOLLAR JEAN DAYS EVERY FRIDAY—<i>No holes in jeans!</i></b>	
		1 Tutoring Food Drive begins Josten's Orders	2 Elementary Character Assembly	3 Tutoring	4 Report Cards  Fundraiser is DUE	5
6	7 Tutoring	8 Tutoring PTO 5:30 room 103	9 Explore Test for all 9th graders. Veteran's Day Assemblies	10 Tutoring	11	12
13	14 Tutoring	15 Tutoring Thanksgiving Luncheon	16 Elementary Character Assembly	17 Tutoring	18 EARLY RELEASE K-12 Last day of Food Drive	19
20	21 FALL BREAK	22 FALL BREAK	23 FALL BREAK	24 FALL BREAK	25 FALL BREAK	26
27	28 Tutoring	29 Tutoring	30 Secondary Character Assembly			

## GIVING THANKS – NOVEMBER 15TH

Come join us for  
**Advantage Academy's  
 Annual  
 Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving lunch with your student during your student's lunch period.

Complete the Volunteer Application online and Register for a Fast Pass Check-in. Your Visitor's Badge will be waiting for you!

If you're planning to eat lunch, you need to submit your order and payment to the school office before November 4th.

Meals must be preordered and you will receive a meal coupon to claim your meal on that day. Adults (18 & over) are \$4 and children are \$3.

Students of Advantage Academy do not need to purchase a ticket.



# PRINCIPAL'S PLACE

Greeting Parents,

It's hard to believe that two months have already gone by in our school year! We just completed our first 9-weeks grading period and report cards will be distributed soon! Parents, I need your support in making sure that students with grades of 74% or less attend the after-school tutorials. Remember—"Failure is not optional."

We have so many things to be thankful for as the Thanksgiving holidays are rapidly approaching. Thank you parents for allowing Advantage Academy to educate your child/children. Thank you to our teachers and staff for your amazing work ethic and commitment to our students. Thank you to the students for making AAGP the wonderful school that it is! Thank you Dr. Beck and the Central Office Administrative staff for your support and thank you for your commitment to building a new campus that will be enjoyed by all for generations to come.

Parents, I look forward to seeing you on November 15th for our special Thanksgiving Luncheon!

Happy Thanksgiving,

H. Fitzpatrick,  
Principal

## DISTRICT HONORS

Please join us as we say congratulations to several of our staff and teachers who were recently honored at our District Staff Development:

**Herbert Fitzpatrick**  
**5 Years of Service**

Gerardo Raymundo  
Achieved Exemplary on TAKS  
for the 2010-2011 school year

Hayley Roberts achieved Exemplary on TAKS for the 2010-2011 school year

Dana Chisholm  
Achieved Recognized on TAKS  
for the 2010-2011 school year

We are honored to have these wonderful teachers and administrator working for your students at the Grand Prairie Campus and look forward to adding many more names to

this list for this school year!

Thank you for your support and encouragement as it takes a lot of dedication and hard work to do all that needs to be done to give your students a future and a hope!

# IT'S IN THE NUMBERS!

Ask any math teacher what the number one question their students ask of them and you will hear “so what does *math* have to do real life anyway?” Here is a little excerpt that demonstrates this very question:

Upon being asked this same question by yet another student, I replied, “If you can tell me one thing that does not connect back to math, I will give you a stamp”.

“Food” Mr. Jaime Escalente replied. .

“Well, where do you want to start with food? We can talk about the actual pricing of food, calculating revenue minus expenses to get profit. We can talk about buying it, adding a percentage for sales tax and a possible tip if you are at a restaurant. Or, we can go to the act of chewing it and find the rate at which we chew depending on the type of food. We can even cut out the possible dinner foods and dive straight to dessert with  $\pi$ . Math is just that spicy!”

My students know that I will not teach them something that is not relevant to their lives. At some point, if not frequently, my students will either practice, observe, or demonstrate what they learn in my class. That point does not even necessarily have to wait until the finish the class either. The holiday season is here, so they can easily encounter any of these situations:

1. They may solve a system of linear inequalities to show Advantage Academy the possible big and small candle combinations they can sell to reach their 50% profit goal for the school fundraiser.
2. They may observe a charity estimating the number of canned goods they need to raise to feed a certain percentage of homeless individuals in the community.
3. They may reposition the angle at which the sprinkler head shoots water, so it covers only the area of plants that grow in the winter.

Let me guess: you are trying to figure out how math is related to you reading this article right now. Money. Time. Area. The word “math”. Math is in everything. But you don’t have to ask me. Mr. Escalante can give you a mouthful!

-Ms. Lonon, AAGP High School Math Teacher

# DRUG AWARENESS

We have just finished our Red Ribbon week here at Advantage Academy and our students have been learning why they should Just Say No! Here's a quiz just for you to see how much you know about drugs and alcohol and what their effects are on you.

1. The most commonly abused drug in the U.S. is:
  - A. Marijuana
  - B. Alcohol
  - C. Cocain
  - D. Heroin
2. Most drug users make their first contact with illicit drugs:
  - A. Through drug dealers
  - B. Through Friends
  - C. Accidentally
  - D. On their own
3. More people die each year in the U.S. as the result of:
  - A. Alcohol
  - B. Tobacco
  - C. Heroin
  - D. Cocaine
4. The majority of inhalant users are:
  - A. Men
  - B. Children
  - C. Women
  - D. The elderly
5. Marijuana in small amounts is legal in the U.S.
 

True  
False
6. Marijuana is much stronger today than it was 10 years ago.
 

True  
False
7. Marijuana can stay in the body up to:
  - A. 2 days
  - B. 1 week
  - C. 1 month
  - D. 1 year
8. One must be \_\_\_years old to legally purchase cigarettes.
  - A. 16
  - B. 18
  - C. 20
  - D. 21
9. A cold shower or a cup of black coffee will sober up a person that has had too much to drink.
 

True  
False
10. Physical dependence can involve painful withdrawal symptoms when the drug is no longer being used.
 

True  
False.

10. T  
9. F  
8. B  
7. C  
6. T  
5. F  
4. B  
3. B  
2. B  
1. B