

## Double Branch Elementary

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# RANCHER TIMES

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## Principal's Message

Hello Rancher Families!

Happy Fall! The students are well into the second quarter of school and are working hard! Please remember to make sure your child is reading nightly and that you engage them in conversation about what they are reading. Review any math papers that come home to check for student understanding. Fluency practice (memorizing math facts) for just a few minutes each night is also very helpful. First quarter report cards were released recently. If you have questions about the academic progress that your child is making, please be sure to contact your child's teacher to set up a conference. We are happy to work in partnership with you to provide any support needed so that you can assist your child at home.

*Mrs. Chandler*

## Music Department Notes

Upcoming Dates for the Music Department:

Mark your calendars!

**Chorus and Orff Concert** Our 3rd-5th grade Chorus and Orff Ensemble will be presenting their Holiday concert on December 6th at 7:00 pm in the DBES Cafeteria.

**Holiday Songfest and Cookies:** This annual event takes place on December 14th here at DBES. 2nd, 3rd, & 5th grades will perform at 10 am K, 1st and 4th will perform at 2:00 pm. More information about this event will be coming home soon in your child's Thursday folder.

## Box Tops

Congratulations to Mrs. Richard's class for collecting the most Box Tops in our first collection.

Our school earns 10 cents per box top collected and we use the money towards our new interactive reading program, Book Taco as well as providing additional books for the media center.

Please continue to clip and collect Box Tops. Our next school wide collection will be February 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Cafeteria News

We will be serving a Holiday meal for lunch on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Parents may join. Call or e-mail Mary Vullo, Cafeteria Manager, so we have an estimated head count. 813-346-0478 or [mvullo@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mvullo@pasco.k12.fl.us).

## PBIS Updates

New this year, we have implemented a mall (shopping booth) for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students earn blue tickets around campus for making good choices, following rules, and demonstrating the DBES expectations. Students then use these blue tickets once a month to shop for items in our mall. We have all sorts of items, from pens to slime and fidget spinners. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students had an opportunity to shop in September and October, and so far, the mall seems like huge success!

## Upcoming Events

Nov 2  
All Pro Dad's Breakfast  
8:45 am in Cafeteria

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Yee Haw BBQ Roundup  
5:30-8:00 pm

Nov 6  
Picture Re-Takes

Nov 9  
Spirit Day-Wear Red,  
White, and Blue

Nov 12  
School Advisory Council  
Meeting  
8:15 am in Media Center

Nov 13  
Family Spirit Night @  
Menchie's Frozen Yogurt  
2:00-9:00 pm

Nov 14  
Great American Teach-In

Nov 16  
Progress Reports

Nov 19  
Thanksgiving Break Begins

Nov 26  
Return to School

Dec 6  
Chorus and Orf Concert  
7:00 pm in Cafeteria

Dec 14  
Holiday Songfest and  
Cookies

## Sunshine State Readers

Congratulations to these K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade students who have completed 4 or more quizzes from the SSYRA Jr:

**David Sykes**  
**Allison Szymanel**  
**Olivia Lorentsen**  
**Rajyn Felder**  
**Sophia Rodriguez**  
**Brooke Atchison**  
**Alley Ogden**  
**Isabella Wieman**  
**Anthony Bonomo**  
**Catelynn Zuckerman**  
**Aaliya Tys**  
**Ali Barclay**  
**Cameron Thomas**  
**Elijah Noble**  
**Kian Santos**  
**Marin Yoshihara**  
**Nia Abouelseoud**  
**Rylee Mullins**  
**Cole Stewart**

Congratulations to these 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students who have completed 4 or more quizzes from the SSYRA:

**Megan Boddiford**  
**Gabriel Steinbach**  
**Mariela Martinez**  
**Wyatt Brinson**  
**William Marsala**  
**Noah Noblit**  
**Austin Wu**  
**Caitlin Ringo**  
**Jayden Atchison**  
**Kaeden Lash**  
**Emma Smith**  
**Cameron Davis**  
**Kali Manco**  
**Ryan Williams**  
**Nick Sullivan**  
**Madilyn Szymanel**  
**Kayleigh Leon**  
**Jaxon Hernandez**  
**Anjolina Podelski**  
**Amanda Lemos**  
**Alejandro Cadme**

The next Taco Tuesday is November 13<sup>th</sup> in the media center. 10AM- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and 2PM K-2<sup>nd</sup>.

The last Taco Tuesday is April 9<sup>th</sup>. All quizzes must be complete by Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>.

## PTA Junction

### Double Branch Rancher Times PTA Junction - November 2018

We are in full fundraising mode with Project Playground! Funds raised during the 2018-19 school year will be used to complete a much needed playground renovation, and 100% of funds donated during this initiative will go toward this project. Thank you so much to everyone that has already helped our project by donating! We hope you will continue to talk with family members, friends, and neighbors and ask for their support as well. You can share our link with them easily via email, text, or social media: [https://dbespta.org/project\\_playground/](https://dbespta.org/project_playground/)

Did you know that we also partner with businesses in our community to help us with our fundraising mission? If you know of a business (yours, a neighbor or friend's, or a place you frequent with kids' classes/lessons, after-school care, family activities, etc.) that might be interested in this, let them know about our program and we can get information to them about the different sponsorship levels! All businesses must be approved by the DBES PTA Board and DBES Administration.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming PTA events:

- November 2 – BBQ Round-Up (Double Branch) – 5:30-8:00 pm
- November 13 – Family Spirit Day (Menchie's Frozen Yogurt) – Stop by anytime between 2-9 pm for a sweet treat, mention Double Branch, and our school receives a donation!
- November 19-23 – Fall Break

Information will be coming home soon about ways you can help support our families in need with non-perishable food items for Thanksgiving week and Angel Tree gifts for the holiday season.

We are also working on some new events for winter – an international night to celebrate the diversity and different cultures of our Rancher families and a Talent Show featuring our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders!

Be sure to “like” our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DBESPTA/>) and bookmark our website (<https://dbespta.org/>) so you're in the know about what's coming throughout the year!

**Courtney Wine, PTA President**

