



DDE FALCONS NEWSLETTER

By 5th
Grade GT
Students



SCHOOL

WHY ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT

BY Joshwa Rodriguez and Israel Felix

It's important to come school because it's the law.

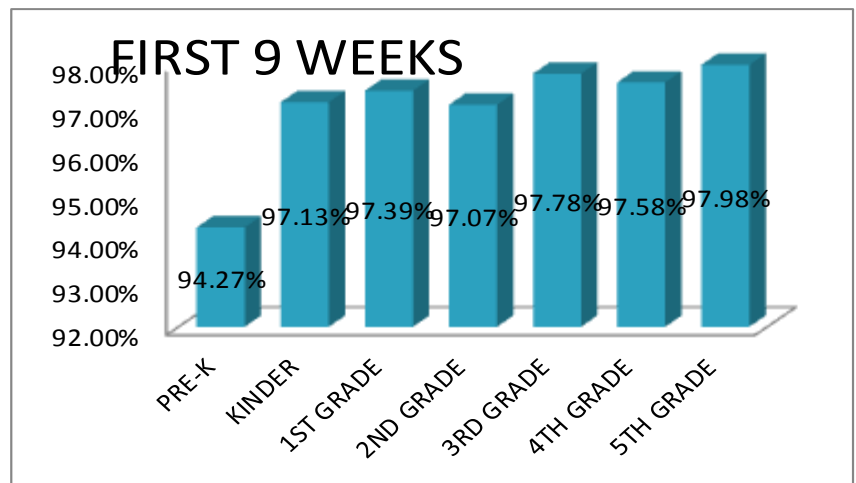
The attendance rate is important because students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently.

It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent.

Kids that are absent frequently will fail or worse.

Kids that are absent are 5 times are more likely to fall behind in math, reading, and writing.

Mr. Fino thinks that attendance is important because if students are not here they will miss work and it is hard to catch up. Josh a student from Mr. Najera's class said that you



have to be at school so you could get smarter. Dr. Harmeson said that attendance could affect your grades because you get zeros and you fall behind when you are not present, attendance will tell you how you are doing in school.

An Enlightening Interview with Our Principal By Mia Villescas

We are a five star school because the students have been working very hard, staying for tutoring, coming on Saturdays, and doing their homework to reach the academic status of five stars. Teachers also worked very hard to reach five stars. Our students wear uniforms because we had a survey that was sent home to parents asking if they wanted uniform or not. The majority of the

responses indicated that the community preferred some type of uniform. It is important to walk in lines because walking in a line keeps some type of management and show respect to the students that are having classes so they are not disturbed. Parents are welcomed to come during teachers prep period or conference. At other times parents are welcome to ask for one day visit to the classroom. The falcon is our mascot because when a campus is opened the community and the district together with the board. **Continue in Page 2**



Important Heroes, No Place for Hate by MICHAEL SMITH-

No Place for Hate Enables schools and organizations to challenge racism. It works with students to respect other students. Today, it also means fighting against cyber hate, bullying, terrorism, and crimes. "We never give up at trying to build a better world", is a saying from them.

Mrs. Frias said that No Place for Hate is a district incisive and is based from Houston, Texas and calls for

student participation. Students help promote No Place for Hate by doing posters



and activities. Martha, a 4th grade student, said "No Place for Hate means to don't be mean to others and to respect them". Mr. Hernandez said "It's good to remind everybody what is bullying, so people don't do it by accident".

WOW! It's Christmas! By: Luis A. Ramirez II and Timmy Garcia

Mexico celebrates Christmas by doing celebrations related to the Virgin of Guadalupe, the patroness of Mexico, followed by traditions like las Posadas.

In China Santa is known as 'Sheng dan lao ren' which means old Christmas man.

On Christmas Day, many people from Georgia (Country) will go on a 'Alilo', a parade in the streets. They are dressed in special clothes and costumes to celebrate Christmas.

In some parts of Germany, during the evening the family

would read the Bible and sing Christmas songs such as O Tannenbaum, Ihr Kinderlein Kommet and Stille Nacht Silent Night.

An African Christmas meal is either turkey, roast beef, mince



pies or suckling pig with yellow rice and raisins vegetables, followed by Christmas pudding, or traditional South African desert called Malva pudding.

Ms. Letty says Christmas is important because it's the time for enjoying with family and friends and the birth of Jesus Christ. Mrs. Bean celebrates all Christmas day long eating, laughing, napping, and spending time as a family. A third grade student says his aunts, uncles, cousins, and grandparents come over for the special holiday. Christopher a fifth grader says he celebrates Christmas because it's Jesus's birthday and he likes to spend time with his family. Dominick celebrates at his cousin's house, they play games for prizes with his cousins, uncles, aunts, and other family.

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choose the school colors and the mascot. We don't have a longer recess because we will have less time to eat. However, if the student council has some ideas, then we will consider doing it for next year. Students can use cell phones if the teachers monitor to make sure that the students are using

them for the purpose they were intended to be used for example looking for given information. Art and biology are in our school. Fine Arts are part of many different arts such as folklorico, choir, and orchestra. Through the STEM (PTLW) program and Genius Hour we cover biology and science.

Zuill Baily Worldwide Cellist **By: Maximus Saenz**

Zuill Baily was born in April 24, 1972, he is currently 45 years old. He started playing cello at the age of four; the cello he uses to play is actually 250 years old! He is a Grammy award winning famous cello player! I asked him to give us students some words of advice, he said "someone told me something when I was ten, Practice Makes Permanent." He constantly plays shows all around the world!

Ms. Cabrera brought him to our school to enhance our liberal arts knowledge and to give our students an opportunity to listen to a Grammy winner cellist. She felt that it is important that our students are exposed to different types of music that the world has to offer. Ms. Cabrera asked the director of El Paso Pro Musica, Mrs. Telipa Solis, that if Zuill Bailey could come. When Ms. Cabrera realized that Mr.

Moreno had organized a student orchestra, she had the idea of bringing Zuill to DDE.



Important Spelling Bee **by Emanuel Nieves and Derek Contreras**

The spelling bee was originated in the United States but then other countries started to do the spelling bee. A spelling bee is an event which students/contestants spell different words usually with different difficulty in each round. The first winner of the spelling bee is Frank Neuhauser who won the 1st national spelling bee in 1925 at age eleven. Today the National Spelling Bee is called the, Scrips National Spelling Bee.

Miss Sepulveda says she does the spelling bee because she likes to teach students how to read, write, and spell.

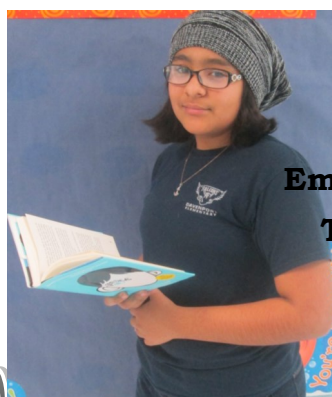
Ms. Delgado says the spelling bee is important because students should know how to pronounce a word and spell it which is an exercise for your brain. Ms. Dallo's class studied for the spelling bee by spelling the words using the words list.

1st Place Luis thought he won

the spelling bee because he read high level books since he was little.

2nd Place Mia thought she won the spelling bee because she has read lots of books from the library.

3rd Place Sammy thought he won the spelling bee because he spends lots of time reading and spelling words. Gizele a 3rd grader thought she lost because she does not know how to spell. Stephany a 4th grader, thought she lost because she only practiced the words a little bit. Regina a 5th grader, thought she lost because didn't practice the words.



**Emilia Morales—
Top Reader
83 Points**



Homecoming Parade

Generation Texas

THE IMPORTANT FITNESS GRAM By: Margui Nieves

Fitness gram is a test that tells a coach student's muscular and flexibility strength.

They can test you in push ups, curl ups, trunk lift, shoulder stretch, and also mile run PACER.

The 11 components they have are agility, balance, body composition, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility, and muscular strength.

You can do exercise for at least 5 days and 1 hour (60 min) during the whole week to prepare for the fitness gram test.

In the fitness gram test you do not fail or pass, it tells coaches and students what exercises you need to "improve".

Coach Copper said that it is important to take the fitness gram test so that the students can track wear they are and see their improvements. Coach Dominguez said that it is important to see if they are on the healthy zone and if they are not, to help them move to the healthy zone. Amy from 1st

grade said that you need to exercise to get healthy. Fatima and Edgar from 3rd grade said that they learned that you need to stay fit and to stay healthy and in shape.



El Mejor Día De Acción De Gracias por Idali Hernandez y Regina Saenz

El Día de Acción de Gracias es un día para expresar agradecimiento. Es un día para reunirse con familia y amigos. Comparten una comida especial. El día de gracias se hizo cuando los peregrinos llegaron a América del Norte. El invierno fue difícil y muchos peregrinos no sobrevivieron. Luego conocieron a los nativos Americanos ellos los enseñaron habilidades para la vida. Estaban agradecidos por su buena cosecha y invitaron a los nativos Americanos. Todos celebraron la cosecha y comieron

felices.

A los padres les gusta estar con la familia y convivir y le dan gracias a todo lo que tienen en la vida. Los estudiantes piensan que la mayor parte del día de gracias es la comida y estar con su familia y primos. La maestra Mrs. Flores dijo que en el día de gracias les gusta ver el juego de football en el canal NFL y hacer diferentes tipos de comida y después juegan juegos

con la familia. Las señoritas de la comida dijeron que vendieron al menos 82 boletos. La asistente principal, Ms. Frias dijo que hizo esta celebración para traer estudiantes con su familia juntos con otros.



The 7 Powerful Habits By Emilia & Shai

Mrs. Zenteno said the seven habits are important because "the students should know about criticism and their attitude should be in school." Ms. Frias said she thinks the 7 habits affects students by, "reflecting on how their character and behavior should be." Two students said the places where the 7 habits most occur is "outside" and "everywhere." Ms. Nunez said the most important habit in her opinion is "Win/Win, for the students to negotiate the problem so they both become winners in the situation."

Ms. Weatherly said the seven habits occur mostly, "in highly successful children and between friends and family."



1. Be Proactive/ Ser proactivo
2. Begin with the

end in Mind/ Comenzar con el fin en mente

3. Put First Things First/ Primero lo primero
4. Think Win Win/ Creo que Win Win
5. Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understand/ Busque primero para entender, luego para entender
6. Synergize/ Sinergia
7. Sharpen the Saw / Afila la sierra