

*“Excellence Today, Success Tomorrow”*

# Bulldog News

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1st Six Weeks



## Annual PTO Fall Festival October 22

Fall Fest will be held at the Swenson Park Show Barn from 5-9 P.M.



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## Spot Light on Ex-Students



Michelle Wyatt is a 1988 graduate of Spur High School and played college basketball for two years at Abilene Christian University before transferring to Wayland Baptist for her last two years of eligibility. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education and a minor in Biology. She earned her Master's degree in Sport Pedagogy from Texas Christian University.

Wyatt started her coaching career as a graduate assistant at Texas Christian University from 1993-95. She left TCU to become an assistant at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas. She then became an assistant at Wayland Baptist for three years. She joined the South Plains College staff as an assistant in 1999. After serving as an assistant to SPC legend Lyndon Hardin for six years, she took over as head coach in 2005. Wyatt begins her seventh

year as head coach of the Lady Texans. In her first six campaigns, Wyatt has led the Lady Texans to a record of 145 wins compared to only 38 losses (.792), including a 63-15 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) games.

Wyatt's teams also excel in the classroom and were acknowledged for their hard work after the 2008-2009 season when they finished seventh in the Women's Basketball Coaches Association Academic top 20 poll for community colleges, posting a 3.25 team grade point average.

Wyatt has worked camps at Wayland Baptist University, TCU, Texas Tech University and South Plains College. She was Co-Director of the annual Wyatt-White Basketball Camp in Spur, Texas in 1995-96, a camp she conducted with her cousin Lance White, assistant coach at Florida State University. She oversaw a varsity camp, a day camp and a minicamp designed especially for kindergarten through third graders. Michelle is the daughter of Nig and Patsy Wyatt of Spur

## Parent/Teacher

One of the goals of Spur ISD is to improve communication between the school, students and parents. In order to achieve this goal, parental contacts have been made a top priority.

Teachers from both secondary and elementary will be contacting parents to set up a conference meeting time.

We need your help for this to work. Please be on time to your appointment, ask questions and help us do all that we can to educate your child.

**\*\*\*EARLY RELEASE\*\*\***

**OCTOBER 18TH**

**Please join us for a Parent Meeting at 6:00 PM on October 18th to discuss the STAAR/EOC state assessments**



# Freshmen Technology By Lenny Morrow

Technology is changing at an incredible pace. Research has shown that computer technology doubles every 24 months. If you want proof, look around as you read this newsletter. You will see examples of items made possible by technology advancements....most taking place within the last few years.

Our school district is no different. Students are being asked to utilize the internet, whether it's for research or online classes, daily. Age is no barrier. Controlled internet access is made available from the youngest elementary students to our Senior Class. Technology is allowing for unbelievable access to information and knowledge without leaving our school district.

Spur ISD has started a "one-to-one" initiative beginning with our current Freshmen class. Each student has been assigned and provided a laptop for use daily in the different classes they attend. Under careful and stringent guidelines,

students as well as their parents, were required to attend an introductory meeting to discuss how the program would work. Moving forward, it is the intent for every class that follows this Freshmen class to become a part of this initiative.

Our teachers and administrators are utilizing valuable tools such as email, text messaging, blogs and most recently Facebook as a means to communicate with students and parents alike. Reminders and updates are constant throughout each week. With the first six weeks almost under our belts, our school district has worked diligently to use these tools to further improve our ability to communicate.

It's important we embrace technology, create a vision for the future for its' use and utilize these tools to further the education of our students. If you have questions or wish to know more, send us an email, text or simply visit our website or Facebook page for updates.

## Elementary PAWS Pride Program



Spur Elementary has started the PAWS Pride Program. It consists of two parts. The first part is our daily PAWS recognition. Students can earn PAWS throughout the day for their behavior, showing good citizenship and manners. Each morning during announcements those students who received a PAW for their actions are rewarded with our prized PAW to hang on our PAW Wall in the elementary hallway. The second part of the program is designed to promote academic excellence, improve citizenship between the staff and the students, and to promote a successful school. The purpose of the program is to increase student attendance, reduce tardiness, improve students overall academic performance, create a positive school environment, encourage, and provide rewards for excellence. The goals of the program are to reduce absences, to improve student grades, to assure success on the STARR test and to promote Spur ISD. The students have criteria for recognition per six weeks. The first criteria is students in grades 1st-5th must have all report card grades 75 or above, second, they can have no unexcused absences, third, no office referrals, and the last criteria is that they can have no more than one excused tardy. Students that have met these recognition criteria per six weeks will receive an award at the Spur Elementary Paws Pride Rally. Our first PAWS Pride Rally is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18th starting at 8:00 A.M. in the cafeteria. You are invited to come and celebrate your student's success.



### Remember the Date

<b>October 3</b>	No School
<b>October 18</b>	Early Release 1:00 PM & Parent Meeting 6:00 PM
<b>October 12</b>	PSAT Juniors
<b>October 22</b>	Fall Fest 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Swenson Park
<b>October 25</b>	Career Expo Juniors and Seniors
<b>November 9</b>	Picture Retakes

## Secondary Attendance

Each six weeks at the Secondary level, a drawing will be held for each student in High School and Middle School who has not been absent or tardy. The first two names drawn in each section will receive \$20. The third student drawn in each section will receive \$10. The fourth student drawn in each section will receive \$5.00. All other eligible students will receive \$1.00.



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At the end of the school year, those who have not been absent or tardy all year long will be eligible for a special drawing.

Each six weeks will stand by itself until the end of school drawing.