



Bailey Bear Happenings

Week of February 18-22, 2019

No School on Monday, Feb. 18th

Just a friendly reminder that Bailey students do NOT have school on Monday, February 18th. Monday is a staff development day for teachers. Enjoy your day off!

Bailey Middle School Musical Instrument Selection Day this Monday, Feb. 18

On Monday February 18th, instrument selection sessions will be held in the Bailey Music Area. Band in room 805 and Orchestra in room 801. Music specialists will check finger/hand coordination, and teeth/mouth characteristics. Each student will also be given the opportunity to play on all of the instruments' mouthpieces/reeds/strings. The purpose for this is to find an instrument the student will enjoy and on which he/she shows a promise of success.

These sessions have been arranged so there will be as little waiting as possible. If you have to come at another time, that is acceptable.

- 8:30-9:30 am** Students whose last names start with letters **A through D**
- 9:30-10:30** Students whose last names start with letters **E through J**
- 10:30-12:30** Students whose last names start with letters **K through N**
- 12:00-1:00** Students whose last names start with letters **O through T**
- 1:00-2:00** Students whose last names start with letters **U through Z;**
Or if you were unable to attend an earlier session

If your child is unable to attend on February 18th, and plans to be in orchestra or band next year, please contact the appropriate person listed below to set up a private appointment:

BAND

William Leo
William.leo@austinisd.org

ORCHESTRA

Linda McArthur
linda.mcarthur@austinisd.org

Bowie Counselors at Bailey this Wednesday 4-6PM

Have questions about your incoming freshmen's schedule next year at Bowie? Bowie Counselors will be on the Bailey campus on Wednesday, February 20th from 4-6PM to help get you answers!

Visit the Counseling Website for the 2019 Transition Schedule

Looking for important dates for middle to high school, middle to middle school, or elementary to middle? Find the full calendar of dates on the [Bailey Counseling Website!](#)

8th Grade Panoramic Picture - This Thursday 2/21



The Goldbeck Company will be at Bailey on **Thursday, February 21st** to take the annual 8th grade panoramic picture at **8:45am** sharp! Please bring payment the NEXT day to purchase your photos and receive them on Friday, February 22nd during lunch. They accept cash, money orders and check made payable to "Goldbeck Company". [See the flyer for more details.](#)

February Social this Friday, February 22

A flyer for the "Bears in Hollywood February Social". The flyer has a red border and a white background. At the top, the word "BEARS" is written in large, bold, black letters with white stars. Below it, "IN HOLLYWOOD" is written in a smaller, bold, black font. Underneath, "February Social" is written in a red, cursive font. The date "Friday, February 22nd" is written in a bold, black font. Below the date, the time "6:30-8:30 PM" is written in a bold, black font. The location "Bailey Café" is written in a bold, black font. There are two yellow stars on either side of the time and location. The left star says "New Date Friday, February 22nd" and the right star says "DRESS UP! DRESS DOWN! JUST COME HAVE FUN!". In the center, there is a red carpet with gold stanchions and red ropes. Above the carpet, it says "Admission Wristbands". Below the carpet, it says "\$5 in advance \$8 at the door". At the bottom of the carpet, it says "Wristband sales during all lunches starting Wednesday, February 20th". Below the carpet, there are two yellow stars and the text "DJ Door Prizes". At the very bottom, it says "Concessions available for purchase at the Social include" followed by "Pizza Candy Drinks Strawberry Cups" with yellow stars between the items.

All Bailey students are invited to the PTA's "Bears in Hollywood" February Social on Friday, February 22nd from 6:30-8:30PM in the Bailey Café. Admission wristbands will be sold Wednesday, 2/20 - Friday, 2/22 during all lunches for \$5. Wristband price increases to \$8 at the door. Wristband includes admission, dance and door prizes. Concession sales will include Pizza, candy, drinks and strawberries with whipped cream! There will be a photo booth and novelty items sold too.

Please remember, Bailey policy states that students must be passing all classes and must be referral free for 2 weeks prior to the social in order to be eligible to attend. School dress code rules apply.

*****Volunteers and donations are needed to help make this event safe & successful.*****

Please visit the signup to help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ea5af2ea57-bailey>

Pennies for Patients 2/19-3/4



Bailey Middle School students will be taking part in The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Pennies for Patients program from February 19th - March 4th.

During this program, students will collect money to support LLS' mission: **Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.**

Students will learn about philanthropy and how they can make a difference by changing patients' lives while participating in a contest to raise at least \$2,000.00.

Bailey Middle School has its own online giving page that students, parents and faculty can share with friends and family: <https://events.lls.org/pages/sctx/BaileyMiddleSchool-2019>

After you enter the amount to be donated, click on the "donate now" button. Then on the next page along with payment information, there is a place for a message towards the bottom of the page. Because this is a contest between advisory classes, **when you donate, please put your child's first initial and last name AND their advisory (6th period) teacher's name so that your child's advisory class will get the credit.**

Thank you in advance for helping LLS to create a world without blood cancers!

For more information on the Pennies for Patients program, please visit <http://www.studentseries.org>

Good Luck Robotics Team!

The Bailey Robotics Team brought home two very big wins from the competition last weekend! Congratulations to Godd Botts on receiving the "Excellence Award". The highest award presented in the VEX Robotics program. Also, a BIG shout out to Fuzzy Logic for receiving the "Robot Skills Champion Award"! This team had the highest combined score outranking many competing high schools. Fuzzy Logic is ranked 3rd in Robot Skills in the state of Texas! This team is traveling to CA this weekend and competing at the Google Headquarters. Way to go Bailey Bears! Good luck in California!

Please No Microwave Popcorn at Lunch

Although microwave popcorn is a popular item, it can also be quite a mess for our custodial staff to cleanup. Please refrain from sending popcorn as a snack or lunch at this time.

Star Strutter Tryouts 2019-2020

Star Strutter Tryouts will be Monday, March 11th thru Thursday, March 14th. Clinic will be held from 4-6pm on the 11th, 12th, and 13th. Auditions will start at 4:15 on Thursday, March 14th, and are expected to end around 7:15PM. Results will be posted on Friday March 15th after school.

Bailey Cheer Tryout Info

- Mandatory Cheer Meeting (Parents & Students)- Tuesday 3/12 @ 6PM in the Bailey Cafe
- After School Clinic- Monday, March 25 & Tuesday, March 26 from 3:45-5:00PM
- Tryouts After School- Wednesday, March 27 start at 4:00PM

Spring Portrait Day - Friday, March 1st

Spring portraits will be taken on a proof basis during Social Studies classes on Friday, March 1st. On portrait day, students do not need to bring payment for portraits. Approximately 2-3 weeks after portraits are taken, your student will receive a proof, which will include pricing and ordering information. Please call [Photo Texas Photography](http://PhotoTexasPhotography.com) at 800-883-6463 with any questions!

Immunization Clinic for 6th graders moving to 7th grade



IN-SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

Register your child by returning a paper consent form to their school.

Give your child a boost

State law requires your child to receive a Tdap booster and meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine before 7th grade. Tdap protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) and MCV4 protects against meningitis.

How it Works



Sign Up

Return a completed consent form to your child's school, including your health insurance information.



In-School Visit

Immunization clinics take place during the day in coordination with your child's school.



Results

Parents receive an immunization confirmation after the clinic.



Our No-Cost Promise

Healthy Schools bills your health insurance company for our services and guarantees absolutely zero out-of-pocket cost to you for your child's booster.

To receive a booster at no-cost, provide your health insurance information on the consent form.

Visit: www.healthyschoolsllc.com

Questions? Call 1-800-566-0596

State law requires your child to receive a Tdap booster and a meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine before 7th grade. Bailey will be hosting an [in-school immunization clinic](#) on April 24, 2019, similar to the flu shot clinic earlier this year. Return completed consent forms, one for [Tdap \(click here\)](#) and one for [MCV4 \(click here\)](#), to Bailey ASAP to add your child to the list. Forms are also available in the front office.

PTA wants you!

Bailey PTA would love for you to be part of the Bailey Community. Parents are an integral part of a successful PTA. We are currently looking for Officers/Committee chairs to fill the following positions for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Parents of incoming 6th, 7th and 8th graders are wanted and welcome! Please contact baileymiddleschoolpta@gmail.com for information.

- Vice President of Fundraising
- Secretary
- Parliamentarian
- Reflections
- Campus Beautification / Garden
- Sponsorship
- Partners in Education
- Healthy Lifestyle Chair
- Membership
- Grant Researcher and Writer
- Silent Auction
- Bonfire Concessions
- 8th Grade EOY Trip

No Drama Club in February

Drama Club will not be meeting after school for the month of February. However, students involved in the drama club show are welcome to come and meet with each other during the usual time in Ms. Walkers Room. Drama Club will restart in March.

State of TX 2017-18 School Report Card for Bailey

In accordance with the requirement in House Bill 3297 issued by the Texas Legislature, Austin ISD is providing the community on-line access to the most current "school report card" prepared by the Texas Education Agency. The "school report card" provides the most current school performance data available from the state and is routinely sent home every year. [Click here to see Bailey's 2017-2018 School Report Card](#). Additional information about state accountability ratings can be found on the [Texas Education Agency web site](#).

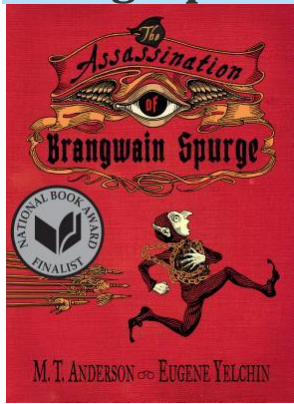
In search of Foosball & Air Hockey Tables

The Bailey Library is evolving and changing! We are looking for a foosball table and an air-hockey table for our space! If you have one that you would like to donate, please get in touch with Jennifer Ripstra at jennifer.ripstra@austinisd.org ! As always, thank you for your support!

Wanted: U-haul or other mobile storage unit

Bailey's library will be hosting a "Declutter Drive" in the spring. It would be very helpful to have a U-Haul type vehicle to store the donations in, and then transport to the drop off location. The truck would be needed for approximately one week. If you, or someone you know could help with the donation or coordination of such a vehicle, it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Bailey Librarian, jennifer.heathripstra@austinisd.org, for more details.

Autographed Books Available



The Bailey Library has autographed books available for purchase! M.T. Anderson and Eugene Yelchin's new book *The Assassination of Brangwain Spurge* is both a literary and a visual treat! Purchase options:

- order online at bookpeopleschools.squarespace.com/bailey
- check (payable to Book People) -- take to Mrs. Ripstra in the Library . [See flyer for more details.](#)

Let's get reading!

New Class at Bailey: Energy, Power & Transportation - small motor items needed

Coming next Fall, Mr. Adams will be teaching an exciting new small engine repair class called "Energy Power & Transportation". You can learn more about it by reading its description in the [Bailey Course Description Guide!](#)

Mr. Adams needs engines for his students to work on! Ideal items to work on include lawn mowers, go-carts and minibikes. Contact john.adams@austinisd.org if you have an item to donate to the cause! Thank you!!

Been absent? Need make-up work?

The best way is to communicate directly with your student's teachers through email. Parents can email teachers through the parent cloud. All Bailey students should know how to access their student self serve account from home and should be able to email teachers. All staff email addresses are also available on our school website under the "Staff" tab located under the "Our School"

Banner. <https://www.austinisd.org/schools/bailey/directory>

Please allow 24 hours for teachers to send work to the front office to be picked up. It is also helpful to call before you come to confirm there is, in fact, work for your student. Don't forget many Bailey teachers publish their homework assignments on their class websites on a daily basis.

From the Attendance Desk....

There are several ways to send an attendance note when your student is absent:

1. Send a written note with your student to drop off in the front office
2. Fill out the Google Attendance Form on the Bailey Website: <http://www.baileybears.org/parents/attendance>
3. Email the note to amanda.graves@austinisd.org.

Please be sure to include your student's first and last name, dates of absence and reason for absence. If you have a note from a doctor, you can take a picture or scan and email to the above email address.

It is time to think about your 2019-2020 class schedule!

Please visit the [Bailey Counseling Website \(click here\)](#) and review the Bailey course selection guide with your student. It is critical to look at this information before the Bailey Showcase Night and filling out the choice sheet so your child can choose the classes that they are really interested in.

Join us Tuesday, February 12, 2019 for the Bailey Course Showcase Night (6:30-7:45pm). This is an opportunity to speak to elective and core teachers. Students should make these connections now and confirm that the elective is what they are expecting. You can also speak with core teachers about Pre-AP opportunities and if that could be a good fit.

Please understand and consider the following:

- Student choice sheets determine class size and campus staffing.
- It is difficult to honor change of mind requests after the March 29th "change request" deadline.
- Prioritizing and accurately filling out your choice sheet is the best way to get the schedule you want.

Have you filled out the AISD Family Survey yet?

Our school is participating in the annual AISD Family Survey. The Family Survey is an important way for the district to receive valuable feedback from parents/guardians. The results of this survey will be distributed to our principal, district administrators, and the Board of Trustees.

The survey can be accessed by following the survey link: www.tinyurl.com/AISD-Family-Survey-2019

Online Registration for New and Returning Students for 2019/20 now open!

Current student information can be verified and updated for next year by selecting the Student Registration tile in the Parent Cloud at <https://my.austinisd.org/>

New students who live within AISD boundaries can also register early!

For more information, please visit <https://www.austinisd.org/enroll>.

Attn: 8th Graders interested in attending McCallum High School

On Tuesday, February the 26th, McCallum High School will be hosting Expo Knight, our course fair and choice sheet night for rising 9th graders. We will have our Principals, Counselors and Teachers on hand to present information on HB5, graduation requirements and all of the courses we have to offer. They will also be available to answer any questions students and parents might have. From 5:00 to 6:15 PM we will be hosting a course fair in the Gym. From 6:30 to 8:00 PM will be our Info Session in the Mac Theater. If you have any questions, please contact Gabe Reyes our Academy Director at 512-414-7530.

Akins AVID

Going to Akins next year? Planning on going to college? Join AVID! AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) is a year-long elective class that is offered to students who want to go to college. We are dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other post-secondary opportunities. AVID teaches skills and behaviors for academic success, provides intensive support with tutorials and strong student/teacher relationships, creates a positive peer group for students and helps develop a sense of hope for personal achievement gained through hard work and determination. The link to the online application for Rising 9th graders can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/AkinsAVIDco2023>. Deadline is Monday, March 25, 2019. Contact christina.garcia-mata@austinisd.org if you have any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events

February

- **15** Girls Soccer vs Bedichek @ Bailey; A@9AM; B@10:30AM
- **17** Robotics Team to Google Headquarters in California
- **18** Student Holiday / Staff Development
- **18** Musical Instrument Selection Day; 8:30am-2pm
- **19** NJHS Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Fundraiser begins (thru 3/4)
- **19** CAC Meeting 3:45PM
- **20** Bailey Choice Sheets due
- **20** Course Advising with Bowie Counselors 4-6PM
- **20** February Social Ticket Sales begin at lunch; \$5 (thru 2/22)
- **20** Boys B-Team Basketball @ Covington
- **21** 8th Grade Panoramic Picture 8:45AM
- **21** Boys A-Team Basketball @ Tournaments
- **22** 8th Grade Pano Picture available for purchase at lunch (see flyer)
- **26** Bowie bound 8th graders enter course contracts in math class
- **26** Akins counselors to meet with students who were absent on 2/13
- **26** Orchestra Pre-UIL Concert at 6:30PM
- **28** Musical: Singing in the Rain 6:30PM in Cafe

March

- **1** Fun Friday- Hawaiian Day
- **1** Spring Picture Day (Social Studies)
- **1** Musical: Singin' in the Rain 6:30PM in Cafe
- **2** Musical: Singin' in the Rain 2:00PM & 6:30PM in Cafe
- **8** Author Visit Ron Bates
- **9** Middle School State Robotics Tournament
- **9-10** Bailey Annual Spring Plant Sale
- **18-22** Spring Break

Helpful Links

Click here for the [2018-2019 Bell Schedule](#)

Click here for our [Online Absence Form](#)

Click here for the [2018-2019 AISD School Calendar](#)

Click here for additional [Student Holidays due to District of Innovation](#)

Click here for the [Bailey Athletics Website](#)

Click here for the [Clear Bag Policy](#)

Click here for [information on student-athlete physicals, including forms](#)

Click here for [School Bus Route Information](#)

Click here for [Bailey's Code of Conduct](#)

Click here for [School Cafe](#) information, including making payments, purchase history, cafe menus and applying for free & reduced meal benefits.

Click here for the [Bailey PTA Facebook Page](#)

Click here for the [Athletics Booster Facebook Page](#)

Visit our website: www.baileybears.org