



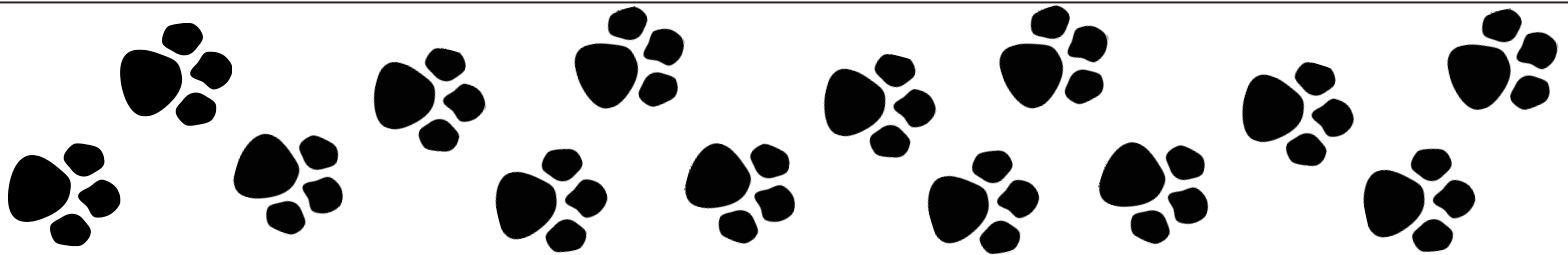
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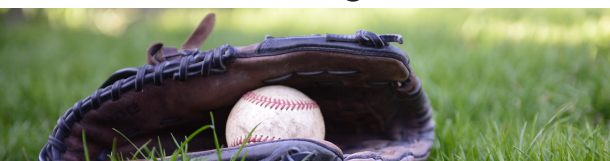
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# FAMILY

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In this edition of the *Bearkat Buzz*, we decided to **MIX** things up and **incorporate** a homemade bread recipe from the schools best cook Mrs. McClure! Along with featuring her crocheting class.



## BAKING & CROCHETING WITH MRS. MCCLURE

### Bread Recipe

1. In a reusable plastic bag place 1 cup of flour, sugar, and yeast and add in warm water. Water should be 105-110 degrees F.
2. Squeeze air out of the bag and seal.
3. Squish with your hands until well mixed together.
4. Let it rest for 10 mins at room temperature. Bubbles will form.
5. Open bag and put in 1 cup of flour, oil, and salt.
6. Seal bag again and squish until well blended.
7. Add last cup of flour and continue mixing in the same manner until well blended.
8. Remove dough from bag and put onto a lightly floured surface.
9. Knead for 5-10 mins or until smooth.
10. Divide dough in half and place each half into a greased loaf pan or make one large loaf.
11. Cover with a towel and allow to rise for about 30 mins.
12. Bake in a 375 degree oven for 25-30 mins or until bread is golden brown.



Player of the week



## COACH TAMEZ

### Slidin' Into A New Season With A New Coach

#### 1. How does it feel to be the new head baseball coach?

It is a great feeling knowing that the administration and Coach Fuller believe in me enough to hand the program over to me. I have big shoes to fill, but I am very fortunate to have Coach Fuller still around to help me transition from the assistant to the head coaching role.

#### 2. What are your expectations for the upcoming season?

I expect for the team to be brought in to do whatever it takes to be successful on and off the field. Also, for the seniors to step up to their new roles as leaders of the team and continue to build the program.

#### 3. What's your biggest achievement as a baseball coach so far?

I believe my biggest achievement as a coach would be bonds that I have created with so many athletes over the years.

#### 4. Using only 5 words, how would you describe yourself as a coach?

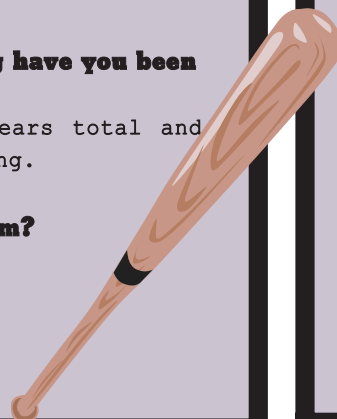
Positive, enthusiastic, supportive, focused, and entertaining.

#### 5. Did you play baseball in college? How long have you been playing total?

Yes, I played for SFA. I played for 16 years total and this is my 6th year of coaching.

#### 6. What is your favorite MLB team?

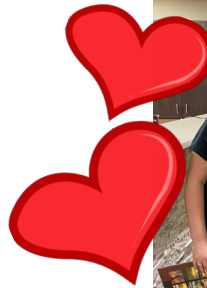
Boston Red Sox.



**Kaylei Downs is a varsity basketball player for the Cushing Galkats. She is a post player who consistently scores double figures. She helped secure the win against the New Summerfield Hornets increasing their playoff prospects.**



On the last day before school let out for Christmas break, "Santa" Smelley gave teachers the opportunity to pick money out of a stocking with a chance of grabbing the hidden \$100 bill. Mrs. Beddingfield was the lucky recipient of the \$100!



It was really sweet getting to see all the residents happy to get visitors and receive gifts. I loved having conversations with them. It was very heartwarming.  
-Chloe Jones (SO)

I was super excited to give the residents a little Christmas gift. It made me so happy when they got super excited to receive their gifts. The residents were very nice and I even gave one of them a hug. It made my day talking to them.  
-Kaylei Downs (SO)

Freshmen and sophomore English classes collected calenders and stuffed animals to benefit local nursing home residents. What started as a friendly collection quickly turned into a fierce competition over a donut party. The sophomores took a strong lead, but the freshmen called in their parent reinforcements and collected over 150 items. Mrs. Moore was so proud of the generous initiative taken by all students, that both classes enjoyed donuts and hot chocolate to celebrate.

Over the break the items were delivered by students to residents of Westward Trails Nursing Home.

## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's "Star of the Week" is Allie Bengel. She is a 4th grader at Cushing elementary. She is always on task without having to be told to do so. She is sweet, kind, polite, and always willing to help someone. Allie's favorite thing about school is recess. Her favorite thing about class is playing "Spelling Sparkle". She also enjoys reading.

Calling all boys and girls grades 1-6! Coach Garrett will be hosting free basketball skills and drills clinics on select Wednesdays and Saturdays starting in February. Scan the QR code and submit your contact information if you are interested in this opportunity.



**Students made ice cream on Friday, January 7th!**

Kats Klub is an event activity that happens once every week at Cushing Elementary. The groups include Art club, Robotics club, Fitness club, Cooking club, Media club, Spanish club, Craft club, Book club, Music club, and Animal club. This week we focused primarily on Cooking Club!



**Words from Mrs. Laurie Williamson:** The Cooking Club meets every week from 1:30-2:30. We feature a kid-friendly recipe each week. We decide on things each week that we like to eat and then choose a recipe that kids could make on their own with little help. So far we have made several Halloween treats, pizza made from fresh ingredients, pancakes and waffles, and Christmas treats. We are also currently working on completing a cookbook to be published that will include these recipes!

## Calling All Writers!

Sponsored by the University Interscholastic League, students (grades 9-12) now have the chance to enter in *The Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition*.

Theme - *African Americans in Texas: Past and Present*

All state finalists will be eligible to apply for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships, compete for state awards, and invited to attend the Academic State Meet in May. Entry forms, contest guidelines and other important information are available on the UIL website.



**BARBARA  
JORDAN**



## Giving Appreciation to the People Behind the Scenes

Cushing ISD celebrated School Board Appreciation month to recognize those who help shape our school by making important decisions. Our school wanted to show our appreciation by making a fun video in which students and staff colored a dot while stating what they were thankful for. This video was presented to the board at Wednesday's meeting followed by laughs and smiles. They were also presented with handmade notebooks made by our 5th grade classes and a picture of all students and staff gathered on the football field in a formation spelling "Barkats".

**Thank  
You!**



## STUDENT-PAINTED WALL MURAL IN ELEMENTARY LIBRARY



Cushing's very own talented and artistic individuals painted this masterpiece for the upcoming school year of 2021. They spent the whole summer preparing and painting detailed designs. Each piece of art on the wall shows different characters from childhood story favorites and classics, such as "The Cat In The Hat" and "Curious George". This mural not only provides a fun and joyful environment for the kids, but sends them the message of expressing yourself and your creativity.



Many things were discussed at this meeting such as financial stability and funding, safety concerns, and health concerns; for example the absence of water fountains in the school. A problem of which was solved by adding in new "bottle filler fountains" in the halls. This will limit the spread of illness and offer hydration! After the meeting we stopped to question two of the board members, asking how

many years they have been on the board and how they thought the meeting went.

## The School Board SCOOP

Jamie Dawson- "I have been on the school board for four years now. I thought tonight was very informative. I believe that Dr. Enos will bring a lot of good."

Joseph Owens- "I've been on the school board for a year and a half and tonight was a very productive and successful meeting. It went very well."