

*As is the case at most schools, spring is a busy time at Sulphur Bluff Independent School District. From spring sports to academics and extracurricular contests, benchmarks, end of course and end of the year preparations, there's a lot going on.*

### **PTO**

Sulphur Bluff PTO will host Pizza Bingo from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 28, at SB school. The cost for the night will be \$3 for kids and \$5 for adults, which will include two slices of pizza, one drink, one dessert and one bingo card for the entire night. Extra bingo cards will be \$1 each.

The Father/Daughter Dance was such a success, that PTO would like to afford that same opportunity to moms and sons. Mother/son event ideas discussed at this month's PTO meeting included camping, a wipeout obstacle course, fishing, hot dog and s'mores roast. For photos from the Father/Daughter Dance; stop by the office to make selections for photo packets.

PTO is also planning an event May 8 for Teacher Appreciation Week, which is the first week in May.

Fifth and sixth graders will take their Accelerated Reader trip May 8 to Celebration Station. The PTO is providing \$15 for each student. The classes are having a Schlitterbahn Raffle to raise money to cover the rest of the ticket cost. Tickets are \$1 each.

PTO reported a total balance right now of \$13,165.55 as of March 20.

Seniors can pick up a Gene Landers PTO Scholarship application from Jill Mahan, dean of students; applications should be returned to Mahan by May 1.

### **FCCLA**

A benefit dinner will be held Sunday, March 30, at Sulphur Bluff Community Center to benefit Family, Career and Community Leaders of America. From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., chicken spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert will be served. Cost is by donation.

### **Beta Club**

Sulphur Bluff Beta Club is hosting a Coke tab drive for Ronald McDonald House in Dallas through April 30. The metal beverage can tabs will help support the temporary "home away from home" for families of seriously ill or injured children being treated at Dallas area hospitals. A friendly competition is being hosted among classes at the school; the class producing the most tabs will get a pizza party.

Beta Club also is hosting a supply drive for Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for children through April 30. Donations of new or gently used books, activity books and art supplies to be distributed to children at the hospital are being accepted.

The group is also holding a cookie dough fundraiser through April 1.

Beta members are taking orders for the sweets to help the club raise the funds still needed for the entire club to make the trip to the national convention in Richmond, Va., and a stop in Washington, D.C., this summer. The club advanced from state with their character skit as well

as for their scrapbook.

“Beta still has a lot more that we need to raise to pay for our National Beta Club convention. We have our cookie dough fundraiser going on now through April 1 and we are currently planning other fundraisers to help our members raise enough money so that we may all attend the trip to Richmond, Va., and visit Washington, D.C.,” noted Tressie South, chapter advisor.

Cookie dough is available in 48-one ounce portions ready to bake. Cookie flavors include chocolate chunk, oatmeal raisin, snicker doodle, chocolate chunk pecan, peanut butter, white chocolate macadamia nut, chunky M&M delight and sugar for \$14 a container from Fresh Country. Also available for \$14 are gourmet cinnamon rolls, peach cobbler, red velvet roll, pumpkin roll, apple dumplings and pretzels. For \$15 are pecan cobbler, chocolate pecan cheesecake, New York cheesecake, strawberry cheesecake and fudge swirl cheesecake.

Contact any Beta Club member or call Tressie South at 903-945-2460 to order cookie dough from SB Beta Club. Checks should be made to S.B. Beta Club; the order form can be downloaded on the school website from Bear Tracks newsletter. When ordering, be sure to include who’s ordering, a phone number and amount paid. Cookie dough will be sent home with students or the person called when it comes in.

### **Academics**

Sulphur Bluff ISD will attend school on Friday, May 23, to make up for the day missed due to snowy weather earlier this year.

State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness will be administered March 31, April 1-2, April 22-23 and May 5-7. Teachers will let students know which days they will be tested.