



JAMES BOWIE HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday, March 12, 2020

Greetings, Bulldog Nation!

I wanted to let everyone know about an event that is currently scheduled for the end of the month. We hope you can join Austin ISD in its participation in the **19th Annual Cesar E. Chavez Si Se Puede! March** held Saturday, March 28, 2020. Students, parents, staff and community members are invited to celebrate the life of Cesar Chavez, a Hispanic civil rights leader who, with Dolores Huerta, formed the United Farm Workers Union in the 1960s.

Event Schedule:

- 9:30 a.m.: Gather and assemble at Terrazas Library, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez Street
- 10 a.m.: Leave for march to Emma Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center
- 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Speakers, Poetry, Music, and Dance

This event is organized by PODER (People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources) and the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center. Transportation is not provided. Comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Please bring water.

For more information, here is the Facebook Event Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/516803655925695/> For questions or comments, please contact Christina.Burbank@austinisd.org or 512-414-9955.

Many Austin ISD students live in food insecure households and access to healthy food may be challenging when the district is closed. **The Central Texas Food Bank provides resources** to help ensure families are fed throughout the year, including during school breaks.

Please see the links to the following resources:

- [Emergency Food Assistance Referral List - English](#)
- [Emergency Food Assistance Referral List - Spanish](#)
- [Mobile Food Pantry - March 2020](#)
- [Fresh Food for Families – March 2020](#)

Locations where families can access food assistance are included in the “Emergency Food Assistance Referral List.” And, the March calendars provide information about the Food Bank’s mobile food pantries and Fresh Food for Families distribution locations. Families may call 2-1-1 for information about additional food resources in Austin. If you have any questions, please contact Anneliese Tanner, AISD Executive Director of Food Services, at anneliese.tanner@austinisd.org or 512-414-0228.

It goes without saying that we are **all aware of the coronavirus**. Based on current information, health officials recommend local communities and schools should take the same steps to protect against

COVID-19 as we take to prevent the spread of everyday illnesses like the common cold or the flu. We have all seen this list, and this is what we are advising students on the announcements:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when you cough or sneeze, or use disposable tissues and wash your hands immediately.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

We know you will continue to have questions. Please refer to <https://www.austinisd.org/student-health/coronavirus> for the up-to-date information from the district. We have hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes for surfaces in every classroom. By working together, we will do everything possible to maintain a safe learning environment for everyone at Bowie.

In the meantime, I wish you a relaxing and healthy Spring Break. If you do travel, travel safely, and take good care.

Go Dawgs!

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