

# ETNP News

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## K. B. POLK ELEMENTARY PTA SEEKING ETNP SUPPORT FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Along with the Ellum Thicket/Northpark students who started a new school year last month, the K. B. Polk Elementary PTA is also back in action working hard not only for our students but also the teachers and administration.

To ensure students and teachers have a great year, Tori Reddick, K. B. Polk Elementary PTA president, is inviting the community to attend the Bond 2026 Pop-Up Event and Family Fun Day on Saturday, Sept. 6 from noon to 2 p.m.

While children play at the spray park or at the school playground, members of the community will experience different immersive stations where they will have a student experience, learning environments, finance, etc.

“At each stop, you’ll immerse yourself into hands-on demos, bold ideas... that showcase where we are now and where we are headed,” Reddick said. “This is a great time for Ellum Thicket residents to come see all the good things going on at the K. B. Polk Center for Academically Talented and Gifted.”

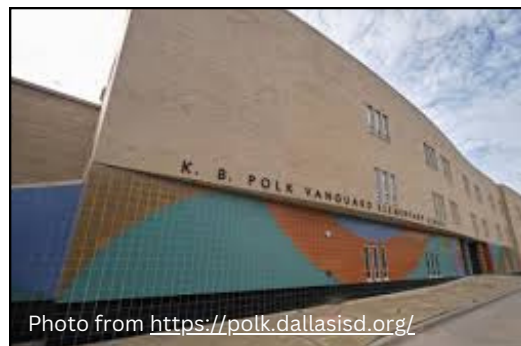


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Reddick said the PTA is in need of community volunteers to help make this a wonderful school year.

“As a legacy resident, I know how much community volunteers made a difference when I was student at Polk. I am inviting all of my Ellum Thicket neighbors to join the PTA and make an investment in the next generation of Elm Thicket neighbors,” Reddick said.

The event will showcase what a great neighborhood school we have in Elm Thicket but also encourage Elm Thicket/Northpark residents to support the K. B. Polk PTA with their goal of ensuring students, teachers and administrators have what they need so everyone has a great school year.



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# ETNP News: Message from the Publisher

Hello ETNP Neighbors:

How nice is it to be in September? The fall season is just right around the corner.

To follow up on the August *ETNP News* story regarding the Enhanced Neighborhood Patrol (ENP) Program, Muj Badar, an Elm Thicket/Northpark neighbor, said he has received more than 30 responses to his survey. ENP is a program where neighborhoods contract with the Dallas Police Department to hire off-duty officers for increased patrols.

The ENP program aims to increase police presence, reduce crime, and improve communication between residents and law enforcement. There is a cost associated with the ENP program but *participation is voluntary*. That is why Mr. Badar is conducting a survey to find neighbors who would be willing to participate. If you have not participated in the survey and would like to, please email [etnp.neighborhoodpatrol@gmail.com](mailto:etnp.neighborhoodpatrol@gmail.com). You will be emailed a survey.

Save Elm Thicket, the advocacy group that publishes the *ETNP News*, is happy to announce that it will be partnering with the K. B. Polk Elementary School PTA. Much like our senior's page, we will have a page dedicated toward our neighborhood school and the PTA which serves the students, teachers and administrators.

A black rectangular logo with white text. The word "SAVE" is at the top in a smaller font. Below it, "ELM THICKET/" is written in a large, bold, sans-serif font, followed by "NORTH PARK" in the same font. A small white house icon with a red heart inside is positioned to the right of "NORTH PARK".

Once you get to know Tori Reddick, president of the K. B. Polk PTA, we know you will want to help support our neighborhood school and students as well. Tori is a legacy resident who grew up on Oriole. She understands the positive impact a vibrant PTA can have on the education of our children. That is why Tori is inviting the Elm Thicket/Northpark community to join the PTA and to please find a couple of hours a month to make a difference in our school.

Go to <https://www.joinpta.org/> to join the K. B. Polk PTA. It only costs \$11.25 for the school year. Then plan on attending the Sept. 25 PTA meeting to find out what volunteer opportunity best suits your strengths and your schedule.

Tori is a smart and enthusiastic person who wants to help make our neighborhood school the best it can be for all the students who attend. So on behalf of Tori and the more than 400 students that attend K. B. Polk please become a part of the school family. There are many ways to Save Elm Thicket and the number one way is to invest our time in the education of our neighborhood children. Like Tori, they will give back to our neighborhood. If you would like more information on the PTA please call Tori at 214-909-2848.

Your neighbor,  
Mimi Perez



# Get to Know Your Elected Representatives

In the July issue of ETNP News we provided you the contact information for the two different city councilmembers that represent Elm Thicket/Northpark as well as our Dallas Neighborhood Police Officers.

This month we are providing the contact information for our state and national representatives.

## **Texas State Sen. Nathan Johnson District 16**

Capital Address:  
P.O. Box 12068  
Capitol Station  
Austin, TX 78711

(512) 463-0116

District Address:  
Merit Tower  
12222 Merit Drive, Suite 1010  
Dallas, Texas 75251

(972) 701-0349

<https://senate.texas.gov/member.php?d=16>



## **Texas State Rep. Rafael Anchía District 103**

Capitol Address:  
Room 1W.5  
P.O. Box 12910  
Austin, Texas 78711-2910

(512) 463-0746

District Address:  
1111 West Mockingbird Lane  
Suite 1010  
Dallas, TX 75247

(214) 943-6081

<https://house.texas.gov/members/member-page/?district=103>



## **Texas U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett**

Washington, DC Office  
1616 Longworth House Office Building  
15 Independence Ave.  
Washington, DC 20515

(202) 225-8885

Dallas, Texas Office  
1825 Market Center Blvd., Suite 440  
Dallas, TX 75207

(214) 922-8885

<https://crockett.house.gov/>



# Latest Crime Watch Stats Provided at August 26 Meeting



Sr. Corporal Jose Gamez  
214-918-7289



Office Mike Villanueva  
214-681-4421

Northwest Neighborhood Patrol Officers (NPOs) Jose Gamez and Mike Villanueva provided the community with the latest reported offenses at the August 26 Crime Watch Meeting.

Monthly Crime Match Meetings are scheduled for every 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the K. B. Polk Recreation Center at 6801 Roper Street. It is open to all Elm Thicket/Northpark residents.

## August Crime Watch Reported Offenses

| Offense Type                           | Month<br>(7/23-8/25) | Year to<br>Date* | Last Year at<br>Same Time* |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Violent Offenses</b>                |                      |                  |                            |
| Aggravated Assault-Family Violence     | 1                    | 1                | 3                          |
| Aggravated Assault-Non-Family Violence | 0                    | 2                | 3                          |
| Murder                                 | 0                    | 0                | 0                          |
| Robbery of a Residence                 | 0                    | 1                | 1                          |
| Robbery of an Individual               | 0                    | 0                | 0                          |
| <b>Non-Violent Offenses</b>            |                      |                  |                            |
| Burglary of a Business                 | 0                    | 3                | 1                          |
| Burglary of a Residence                | 0                    | 5                | 2                          |
| Burglary of a Motor Vehicle            | 2                    | 9                | 19                         |
| Theft                                  | 2                    | 15               | 14                         |
| Shoplifting                            | 0                    | 5                | 0                          |
| Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle    | 1                    | 18               | 13                         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>6</b>             | <b>59</b>        | <b>56</b>                  |

\*YTD does not include the current month totals.

## Code Compliance Monitoring Water Schedule Compliance

Code Compliance notified residents at the Aug. 26 Crime Watch meeting that they will be looking for residents and businesses that are in violation of the weekly watering schedule.

Hand watering is allowed all the time, but hose-fed and automatic sprinklers are restricted to the schedule provided here (from [www.savedallaswater.com](http://www.savedallaswater.com)).

| CITY OF DALLAS<br>MAXIMUM TWICE-WEEKLY WATERING SCHEDULE                                                                                 |                        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Last Digit of Address                                                                                                                    | Watering Days Allowed  |
| 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8                                                                                                                          | Sundays & Thursdays    |
| 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9                                                                                                                          | Saturdays & Wednesdays |
| No address number                                                                                                                        | Sundays & Thursdays    |
| Apartments, office building complexes or other properties containing multiple addresses must be identified by the lowest address number. |                        |

# Inside K. B. Polk Elementary

## Upcoming Events that Will Benefit K. B. Polk Elementary

*Here is a calendar of information where you can throw your support behind our neighborhood school.*

Sept. 5, 2025 - Chuck E. Cheese Family Fun Event - Plan on taking the family to Chuck E. Cheese, 13364 Montfort Drive, Dallas, 75240, anytime from 3 p.m. until close. When you order, mention that you are there to support K. B. Polk Elementary and they will donate 20% of your bill to the K. B. Polk PTA.

Sept. 6, 2025 - Bond 2026 Pop-Up Event and Family Fun Day at K. B. Polk on Saturday, Sept. 6 from noon to 2 p.m. Please see the story on Page 1 for all the details.

Sept. 15 - Oct. 15 - Hispanic Heritage month - There will be various programming and activities throughout the campus.

Sept. 25 - K. B. Polk PTA Meeting - A representative from Booker T. Washington High School will attend to discuss the application process. There will also be committees to discuss beautification projects around campus. The meeting begins at 6 p.m.

Oct. 24 - Fall School Carnival - Please call Tori Reddick, PTA President, on more details for this event. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. You can call Tori at 214-909-2848.

## Próximos Eventos que Beneficiarán a la Escuela Primaria K. B. Polk

*Aquí tienes un calendario con información para apoyar a nuestra escuela local.*

5 de septiembre de 2025 - Evento Familiar de Chuck E. Cheese - Lleva a tu familia a Chuck E. Cheese, 13364 Montfort Drive, Dallas, 75240, desde las 15:00 hasta el cierre. Al hacer tu pedido, menciona que estás allí para apoyar a la Escuela Primaria K. B. Polk y donarán el 20 % de tu cuenta a la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA) de K. B. Polk.

6 de septiembre de 2025 - Evento Pop-Up del Bono 2026 y Día de Diversión Familiar en K. B. Polk el sábado 6 de septiembre, de 12:00 a 14:00. Consulta la página 1 para más detalles.

15 de septiembre - 15 de octubre - Mes de la Herencia Hispana - Habrá diversos programas y actividades en todo el campus.

25 de septiembre - Reunión de la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA) K. B. Polk - Un representante de la Escuela Secundaria Booker T. Washington asistirá para hablar sobre el proceso de solicitud. También se reunirán comités para discutir proyectos de embellecimiento en el campus. La reunión comienza a las 6 p. m.

24 de octubre - Carnaval Escolar de Otoño - Para obtener más información sobre este evento, comuníquese con Tori Reddick, presidenta de la PTA. Se necesitan voluntarios y se agradece su colaboración. Puede llamar a Tori al 214-909-2848.



# K. B. Polk Seniors Page

## Ellum Thicket Neighbor Celebrates 104th Birthday



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Long-time resident Thelma Jackson (center) celebrated her 104th birthday with friends and family on August 9 at her family home on Wren Way. Neighbors also stopped by to give their well wishes to Mrs. Jackson as she celebrated the joyful occasion with her children, grand children, and great grandchildren. Happy birthday!

## Print & Play Puzzle Corner: Labor Day Word Search

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N E N D O F S U M M E R C I I  
B C A R E E R W P A S M R L N  
S L O P E E I Q S F A L A I D  
W E U M P U M E F P L L F G U  
O H P E P R N P T M A A T E S  
C E I R C E E I L S R B S N T  
C S F T O O N C O O Y O M C R  
U T S F E F L S I N Y R A E I  
P W T K I C E L A A S E N N O  
A W O J I C O S A T T R E P U  
T A C R F L I L S R I I X S S  
I G C A K D L E L I D O O G N  
O E G T G E P E N A O O N N Y  
N S L K S I R C D T R N X W E

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|--------------|--------------|
| Appreciation | Laborer      |
| BlueCollar   | Occupation   |
| Career       | Productivity |
| Compensation | Profession   |
| Craftsman    | Salary       |
| Diligence    | Skilled      |
| Efficient    | Unions       |
| Employees    | Wages        |
| EndOfSummer  | WhiteCollar  |
| Industrious  | Worker       |

Answer Key can be found at [www.save-etnp.org/etnp-news](http://www.save-etnp.org/etnp-news).

# Senior Group Celebrates August Birthdays

The K. B. Polk Active Senior Adult Program (A.S.A.P.) group celebrated the birthdays for Ms. Pattie Walker and Mrs. Roberta Mitchell at the Rec Center this August. Happy Birthday ladies! (Top Left Photo: Ms. Pattie Walker and Mrs. Roberta Mitchell)



## Neighborhood Tom Thumb Offers Free Disposal of Expired Medications

Did you know the Tom Thumb pharmacy at Inwood Rd. and University Blvd. can safely dispose of your unwanted and unneeded medications? Medications can be placed in the large blue container to the right of the window where prescription are picked up.

Medications should be in some form of packaging so that it stays contained. All medications from prescription drugs to cough syrup to eye drops to aspirin are accepted. So rather than flushing or pouring old medications down the drain that will eventually end up in our water supply, just run them down to the Tom Thumb and they will dispose of them safely for free.



# **La Asociación de Padres y Maestros de la Escuela Primaria K. B. Polk Busca el Apoyo de ETNP para el Nuevo Año Escolar**

Junto con los estudiantes de Ellum Thicket/Northpark que comenzaron un nuevo año escolar el mes pasado, la PTA de la escuela primaria K B. Polk también está trabajando duro no solo para nuestros estudiantes sino también para los maestros y la administración.

Para asegurar que estudiantes y maestros tengan un excelente año, Tori Reddick, presidenta de la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA) de la Escuela Primaria K. B. Polk, invita a los residentes del vecindario a un divertido evento familiar para conocer la Escuela K. B. Polk. El evento será el sábado 6 de septiembre, de 12:00 a 2:00 pm.

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Mientras los niños juegan en el parque acuático o en el patio de la escuela, los miembros de la comunidad experimentarán diferentes estaciones inmersivas donde tendrán una experiencia estudiantil, entornos de aprendizaje, finanzas, etc.

“En cada parada, te sumergirás en demostraciones prácticas e ideas innovadoras... que muestran dónde estamos ahora y hacia dónde nos dirigimos”, dijo Reddick. “Este es un momento ideal para que los residentes de Ellum Thicket vengan a ver todo lo bueno que está sucediendo en el Centro K. B. Polk para Talentosos y Dotados Académicos”.

Reddick dijo que la PTA necesita voluntarios de la comunidad para ayudar a hacer de este un año escolar maravilloso.

“Como residente con legado, sé cuánto marcaron la diferencia los voluntarios de la comunidad cuando era estudiante en Polk. Invito a todos mis vecinos de Ellum Thicket a unirse a la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA) e invertir en la próxima generación de vecinos de Ellum Thicket”, dijo Reddick.

El evento mostrará qué gran escuela de barrio tenemos en Elm Thicket, pero también alentará a los residentes de Elm Thicket/Northpark a apoyar a la PTA de K. B. Polk con su objetivo de garantizar que los estudiantes, maestros y administradores tengan lo que necesitan para que todos tengan un excelente año escolar.