

Pat Henry Paw Prints



IN THE NEWS

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Coming Attractions

Here are some upcoming events to put on your calendar:



October 26-30th: Red Ribbon Week

November 10: Veterans' Assembly

November 11: Veterans' Day—no school

November 12: lunch-n-learn

October 29: Jag Assembly 2:45

November 13: PTA Carnival 5:30

November 16-20: American Education Week

**November 19: Family Reading Night—
"Travel far. Pay no fare. a Book Can Take You Anywhere."**

Did you know?

- If your child is to take medication at school (either prescription or over-the-counter), we need a form on file in the office. This includes inhalers for asthma.
- Students in 3rd—5th earn letter grades on their report cards, while students in K-2 earn a 4 for exceeding grade level standards; a 3 for meeting grade level standards; a 2 for improving, but not meeting grade level standards; and a 1 for not meeting grade level standards.
- Rise-n-Shine assemblies begin at 8:50.

This information (and more) is found in the front of your child's planner.



Words to Live By

Word of the Week: Courage

**Definition:
The strength to act, even when afraid or uncertain**

Dates / Events

October 13: School Bond Election

October 13: Parent—Teacher conferences (starting at 4:00 p.m.)

October 14: Conferences (from 8:00 to noon) - No classes will be held.

Oct. 15-16: Fall Break

Oct. 20-22: Benchmark tests in reading and math for 3rd—5th graders.

Oct. 22: PTA "Reflections" entries due to Mrs. Foster (photography, visual arts, and writing)

Oct. 26-30: Red Ribbon Week



Principal's Corner by Mr. Bill Ingram

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

October 13, 4:00-7:00 or October 14, 8:30-11:30

Teachers will be sending home confirmation of your Parent/Teacher Conference schedule. If the time or day of your conference is not convenient, please call the office. Please make every effort to attend your Parent/Teacher Conference. The communication between you and the teacher is vital to your child's success. Report cards will be given at the conference.



Parents as Partners



I Care . . .



This month's focus is having self-confidence. This means believing in yourself and your own abilities.

Movies of the month:
Horton Hears a Who

A Little Princess
Where the Lilies Bloom

It's phone book recycling time again. Please save (and / or collect) those old phone books. Turn them in to room 228.

Dads — You are invited to come share a pastry with your child/children on Thursday, October 22nd, beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

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Donuts for Dads



Children will go to their class at about 9:00. You will then have an opportunity to hear Mr. Billy Taylor, the Mgr. of the Lawton Goodyear Plant, speak about ways Dads can help their child in reading / math. He is an awesome speaker! Then if you like, you can swing by your child's class for a few moments to see him/her in action. Hope to see you here!

Testing Information



Our students are assessed in a variety of ways. These tests give teachers information on how to plan their instruction. This week, our 2nd through 5th grade students took the LPS District Math Facts tests. They are given this test 4 times during the year, with the goal of scoring 90% or higher by the last test in May. They also work within a specified time limit. Second graders are tested on basic addition and subtraction facts (50 problems). Third graders are tested on addition, subtraction, and multiplication facts. Fourth and fifth graders are tested on addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts. Please monitor your child's tests to also help them experience success. The results of the tests for 5th graders are used to help place them in math classes when they enter middle school.

When we return from Fall Break, all of our 3rd through 5th grade students will be taking the first Benchmark Test in reading and math (October 20-23rd). These will measure their reading comprehension and problem solving skills. These are very important assessments and we want our students to take them seriously. Please help your child to be well-rested, be prepared to give their best effort, and get to school on time that week.

Conference Time

Conferences will be held after school on Tuesday, October 13th, and on the morning of Wednesday, October 14th. You will receive your child's first report card and get the opportunity to visit with your child's teacher about their progress. We would love to have 100% participation!

Moonlight Walk Against Drugs

This annual walk will be held at Elmer Thomas Park on Wednesday, October 21st beginning at 6:00 p.m. It's great for the whole family.



Due to FALL BREAK, there will not be a newsletter again until October 23rd.
HAPPY FALL BREAK!!



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