

Calendar of Events

April 2 nd	4 th grade Champions Of Conduct
April 4 th	5 th grade Champions Of Conduct
	Papers Go Home
April 5 th	Egg Pocking Contest
April 6 th - April 15 th	Easter Holidays
April 18 th	Papers Go Home
April 19 th	Progress Reports Go Home
April 20 th	Muffins for Mom
April 23 rd , 24 th , & 27 th	Grandmother Marguerite's Trunk
April 24 th	Star Student Breakfast
April 26 th	Astronaut Visit

Miscellaneous News

In the Library

Congratulations to the AR Point Club members!

200 points:

Angela Dardenne

100 points:

Caroline Claassen

James Gantz

John Thompson

50 points:

Michael Mahan

Kristina Bynum

Madison Welch

Jimmy Masterson

Dana Smalley

Biannca Pierre

Ty Doiron

Delaney Brady

25 points:

Haley Mixon

Ellen Johnston

Emily Claeboe

Audrey McFeron

Emily Borg

Murphy Miller

Mariah Clayton

Jacqueline Odom

Hayley Hancock

Benjamin Serrett

Martin Fontenot

Hailey Dickerson

Music Classes of the Month

Ms. Walters & Mrs. Alleman

Congratulations!!!

Volunteers needed @ Zachary ZFest

CMES will have a Coca-Cola booth at ZFest. It will be held on May 3rd-6th.

Please email or call Mrs. Bellue if you are interested. 658-1288 or

aimee.bellue@zacharyschools.org

Pride of the Colts

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From The Principal

I recently shared an experience at our February Star Student breakfast. My three year old, Ashlyn, made a statement that swelled my heart and has caused deep reflection in my life. While doing yard work around the house, she stated, "Dad, you're my super hero." It was unsolicited, but we did watch the movie, "The Incredibles", the night before. My first thought was that this is not the body of a super hero. I've already done the math. I'll be 60 years old when she graduates from high school. Really, the only thing that feels like a cape is when I ride my motorcycle (the loose skin flaps around my neck, creating that cape feeling). It is a wonderful thought that my three year old sees me as her super hero. The more I reflected, the more I began to feel that perhaps that's what the world needs. Maybe we need more parents that double as super heroes

I then began to think about the characteristics of the needed super hero. He/She should be faster than a speeding bullet to do the right thing. Children long to see adults do the right thing. They want to see how you are going to respond when wronged by others. What are you going to do with the clerk's error when she unknowingly undercharged you? Children are watching us and taking mental notes. The parent super hero is more powerful than a locomotive in their commitment to the task of parenting. I soon learned, after the birth of my first child, that this job (parenting) was not about my happiness. The power might

be seen when a parent punishes their child when it's not convenient to do so. It may be teaching your child how to throw a ball, when you would rather be "throwing back" in the recliner. I've said it before; humans are the only beings that spend their entire adult lives teaching their off-spring how to live life. There are several other traits we could discuss, but there is simply not enough room in this newsletter.

Perhaps you're thinking that it's too late to be your child's super hero. Maybe I'm idealistic, but I believe it's never too late. Children want to know what it means to have a strong work ethic. They want to know how to be a good husband or wife, and they don't need to learn about love from the television or even their peers. They want to know about honesty and trust. Yes, it's true that most of us don't have the body of a super hero, but maybe we can have the heart of one. I hope when that little one goes across the graduation stage I'm there. If you're there you might see just an old man, but I hope she still sees my red cape.

Up, Up and Away,



Dewey Davis

News From The Classes

4th grade

It seems that just yesterday school started. We were getting to know our teachers, students, and routines, and now the LEAP has passed. We've worked hard, and now we are preparing our students for fifth grade. So parents, we are asking you to hang tough with your child. This is not the time for us to slack off. We still have a lot of information in all of our subjects to cover. Students should maintain good study habits, and homework should be taken seriously. Just a reminder to let you know, we have one more nine-week session left in the school year.

In math, we will continue with fractions, percent, and decimals. We will provide more in-depth study with multiplication, division, and word problems. In science, we are finishing up with animals and ecosystems as well as learning more about our environment. We will try to do more research on whales and the rainforest.

This time of year is when we have our "History of Zachary" unit and our tour of historic places in Zachary. Please stay on top of the deadlines for the research report as well as the presentations. Students are required to maintain a "C" or better in conduct in order to go on any field trips. More information about field trips will be sent home at a later date.

This month in reading, we will begin to cover poetry and drama. We

will reinforce skills such as: fact and opinion, cause and effect, and compare and contrast. Another skill that we will be working on is the use of graphic organizers. Students will find them very helpful when doing research papers.

Here are some things you can do to encourage your child to read more on their own.

1. Learn more about your child's interests and suggest books, magazines, and articles that relate to those topics.
2. Sometimes good movies are a starting point for pleasure reading.
3. Sometimes travel sparks reading and finding books that relate to a place you visit on a family vacation can get a child hooked.
4. Keep books and other reading materials at home.
5. Read books with your children! Children of any age can appreciate someone reading to them.
6. Try hands on activities. There are many activities that tie into literacy themes. Look in your child's textbooks – they are full of ideas that we do not have time to cover.

*Please check your child's booksack. There will be several notes going home about many activities, and we would not want any student to miss out because their parent never got that information.

*Students need to complete their

reading goals by the end of April.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful parents and community volunteers that have been supportive of our school. It has been an exciting and rewarding experience this year.

5th grade

Our iLEAPING 5th graders have been reviewing and practicing test taking skills for the I-Leap. We are anxiously awaiting the chance to prove that we are #1, AGAIN!

Many of our students have been trained to attend the Challenger Learning Center's "Rendezvous with Comet Halley" simulation at the LASM. Ms. Trawick, Mrs. Alleman, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Leiva have already taken their students on this exciting adventure. The remainder of

the 5th graders will "Rendezvous with Comet Halley" after testing in April. Ask your 5th grader about this exciting trip!

"Music Classes of the Month" will be going on a field trip to Northwestern Middle School to watch the band and choir perform. These classes are selected based on attitude, effort, and behavior. Congratulations to these classes!

Look for our upcoming itinerary about the End of the Year 5th Grade Trip to Global Wildlife and Alligator Bayou. We are all excited about the fun we are going to have. Students need to be reminded that a conduct grade of a "C" or better is required in order to attend any school trips.

Remember: School is NOT out! Learning continues everyday. Bring in those book reports for reading goal. Students also need to stay focused so they will be prepared for middle school.

★☆☆★ Star Students☆☆☆

Casey Alfultis
Christopher Wright
Peyton Comeaux
James Gantz
Hunter Garrett
Torrian Johnson
Leslie Triche
Brynn Boone
Anna Foster

Tyler Macaluso
Tori Schenk
Thomas Day
Mariah Clayton
Jo'lie Allen
Bailey Cranford
Mattie Carver
Taylor Matte
Quindan Turner
Meghan Elkins

Kolbi Murphy
Heather Scoby
Kaitlin Hayes
Terry Minor
Jerrica Woodall
Grayson Wilcher
Duncan Bailey
Alexis Taylor
Alvinia Donahue