

Calendar of Events

March 6 th	School Improvement Team Meeting-7am
March 10 th	Speed Stacking Stampede (9am-1pm)
March 14 th	Papers Go Home
March 15 th	End of 3 rd nine weeks
March 19 th - March 23 rd	LEAP & iLEAP testing
March 26 th	Report Cards Go Home Early Dismissal @ 12:55 Conferences
March 27 th	Star Student Breakfast @ 7:30am
March 28 th	Hampstead Players
March 29 th	Spring Pictures – Free Dress

Miscellaneous News

In the Library

Congratulations to the AR Point Club members!

100 points:

Caroline Claassen-138.1 Angela Dardenne-127.9

50 points:

Kristina Bynum-64.6 Jimmy Masterson-67.3
Madison Welch-60.8 John Thompson-60.2
Ty Doiron-58.5

25 points:

Haley Mixon-49.1 Bianca Pierre-44.7
Emily Claeboe-41.1 James Gantz-41.3
Ellen Johnston-36.1 Delaney Brady-35.8
Dana Smalley-27.7 Jackie Odom-25.9
Haley Hancock-28.5

Music Classes of the Month

Mrs. Parker & Ms. King

Congratulations!!!

Physical Education

Copper Mill Elementary will host the first annual Speed Stack competition on March, 10th, 2007. Be sure to pre-register by February 28th. The registration form was sent home and is available online.

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

Each day at school I get the joy of recess duty. You can learn a lot about life at recess. There is a natural attraction to what we call “the web” (a large geometric ball of pipe and ropes). It is the challenge that draws them as well as a sense of danger. Many times I have witnessed students climb cautiously to the top and when they think no one is looking raise their arms in a symbol of victory. Sometimes I feel that society’s aim is to remove challenges. Don’t get me wrong, I believe in safety. I wear my helmet when I ride my motorcycle and my seatbelt when I drive; but there is something in the human spirit that wants to meet a challenge “head on”.

As we approach LEAP and iLEAP testing, March 19th, there are some that say this is unfair. They feel that we should not expose children to such pressure. Perhaps our view should not focus on “pressure” but on “challenge”. The mountain climber doesn’t focus on falling. He sets his sights on the summit. When I started my teaching career, (a few years ago), it was with students who had disabilities. More

than once my teaching partner, Monica Tyler, and I would hear someone say they felt sorry for our students (due to their disabilities). We were always quick to correct those who made such comments. Our students faced unbelievable challenges. They struggled through some challenges, met others, and generally loved life through it all. What more could you ask for? On March 19th, when the Pledge of Allegiance is said and a moment of silent prayer or meditation is observed, I will share one more thought with the students of Copper Mill. I will tell them, “This is an opportunity to show what you know. I am proud of you. Do your best. You can meet the challenge!”



Dewey Davis

News From The Classes

4th grade

Well the LEAP TEST is finally here!! The LEAP test will be given during the week of March 19-23. It is very important to have your child at school on time and present each day during this week. Make sure your child goes to bed early each night and gets a healthy breakfast each morning. Don't forget to visit LAPASS in order to work on test questions that are in LEAP format.

In reading, we are still working on using test taking strategies while reading long passages. Some of these strategies are: highlighting important ideas in a passage, skim and scan the questions before reading, eliminating wrong answers, answering questions in complete sentences, and underlining. Please stress these strategies to your child as they complete the last few LEAP packets.

In language arts, we are reviewing informational resources, since this is a section on the LEAP test and seems to give our students some problems. We will also be reviewing the writing process, as we continue to write five paragraph essays. It is important that we stress how to edit and revise a writing piece before turning in a final draft, and not just copy the rough draft over.

We will be studying fractions, decimals, and measurement in math. Students will explore fractional parts

and demonstrate their knowledge by naming and writing different fractions. We will use this information to compare fractions and convert them into decimals. The students will be studying the English and metric systems of measurement and how to relate them to the real world. Make sure that your child is doing his/her math homework every night and using the strategies practiced in class – underlining key words or phrases, and showing all his/her work.

In social studies, we will continue our lessons in economics. Students will learn about different types of goods and services, types of resources, and types of producers and consumers. This would be a good time to teach your child about using a budget for his/her allowance!!

Science class will take us on adventures into different ecosystems. We will discuss different habitats and the organisms that live in these environments. Each class will then begin a unit on nutrition!

We will have a LEAP Pep Rally on March 15 where all fourth grade classes will have a class name and will perform a class cheer in order to motivate the students to do their best on the LEAP test. Our goal is to motivate every student because we know that all students can do it!!

5th grade

Our fifth graders at Copper Mill are preparing for a big week. Yes, iLEAP testing week is just around the corner on **March 19th – 23rd**. We are very confident that our fifth graders will do well. Fifth graders will have an iLEAP Pep Rally on **March 16th** to get them excited about testing week. Each student will have the opportunity to perform a cheer with their teachers and fellow students. It will be a lot of fun!

As a parent, you may be wondering what you can do to help prepare them for this big week. During this week, know that attendance is key. Students need to be here each day of this week to take these important tests. Also, please make sure your child is going to bed

early and that each morning they are eating a good breakfast. Most importantly, please encourage your child that he/she can do it! For a child to know that he/she is believed in makes a big difference.

In ELA, students are working on homophones, synonyms, and antonyms. Please continue to work on those reading goals!

In math, we are studying geometry and fractions. We are exploring space in science and look forward to the Challenger field trip. American history is taking place in social studies as we learn about the 13 Colonies and why the American Revolution took place.

Also, our 5th grade end of the year trip is almost here, and the rest of the balance (\$34.00) is due on **March 14th**. Please remember to turn in the t-shirt size for your child by **March 2nd**!

★☆☆☆☆ Star Students☆☆

Taylor Hutchinson
Kenny Dotson
Kaleigh Payne
Delaney Brady
Carly Miller
Kayla Davis
Darryl Cage
London LeJeune
Makenzie Ratcliff

Alyssa Sioris
Trinity Haynes
Keely Head
Courtney Jackson
Clay Franklin
Denver Miller
Waylon Collins
Hayden Burton
Daneisha Smith
Davon Silas

Kaitlin Maloy
Jordyn Tolar
Jacob Remel
Christopher Hayes
Nicole Jones
John Brown
Crystal Beauchamp
Arianna Parrish
Koty Munn