

Calendar of Events

September 26 th	Star Student Breakfast (7:30 am)
September 27 th	Papers go home
October 5 th	Fall Pictures
October 7 th	4-H Shooting Sports Program
October 11 th	Papers go home
October 13 th	End of 1 st nine weeks
October 20 th	Report cards go home
October 19 th & 20 th	Early Release Days (12:55 pm)
October 19 th & 20 th	Conference Days
October 25 th	Papers go home
October 26 th	4 th - Champions of Conduct
October 27 th	5 th - Champions of Conduct
October 31 st	Star Student Breakfast (7:30 am)

Pride of the Colts

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From The Principal

We wake up, get dressed, and in some cases dress others. We eat breakfast; we load up to go to work, school, and drop off at the daycare, etc. We come home to homework, lawns, laundry, and cooking.

*What keeps us going as parents?
(Here are a few things I've found.)*

1) Responsibility:

I am responsible not for the happiness of my children, although I want my children to be happy. I am responsible for teaching them to be responsible.

2) Purpose:

I know my purpose. This is my job. It is what I do. I once heard a parent exclaim "Don't I deserve to be happy!" This statement was made in the context of a parent choosing a relationship for themselves that did not produce a nurturing environment for their child. I did the politically correct thing and said nothing. The truth is we can choose to find happiness in our situations, but bringing up our children is our job and has to take priority. As I listened to my children growing up, I thought surely there was a sign over my house that read "The Davis', the last in Zachary to ...". According to my children they were the last ones in Zachary to wear make-up, color their

hair, stick holes in their bodies, date, go to parties, and get cell phones. There have been many conversations that I've ended with my children by saying, "I'm sorry, it's my job."

3) Love:

I love my kids. This keeps me going. When my kids were younger and the subject of death would come up, I would tell them that I wasn't afraid of death. I went on to tell them that if I could choose my death, I would rather not be eaten by a wild animal. They would laugh, but in all seriousness I would add, "But, there is not a bear or any other wild animal I would not fight to save you."

Parents,

As you go through life (trials and duties included), press forward. Parenting is the most difficult job I know, but quitting carries such a big price.



Dewey Davis

News From The Classes

4th grade

As we begin the second half of the nine weeks, things seem to be falling into place for the fourth graders. Students have been completing their LEAP packets each week. They are learning how important it is to answer the questions in complete sentences, to show their work in math, and to go back and highlight their answers in reading. The teachers have been discussing the importance of practicing the way you want to perform. Everyday in class students have an opportunity to practice and perfect what they will be expected to do in March.

Please continue to support our efforts with the LEAP packets as well as with homework.

Homework is a reinforcement of what is being taught each day. It is important that all students complete their homework each night. You can check homework assignments on line by visiting each teacher's page.

In our reading classes, we have been studying different genres and discussing the author's purpose for writing. In language, we have been using "The Writing House" to help us compose our papers.

As we approach the fall season, students will be writing pumpkin biographies and presenting them to their classes. This is an enjoyable project. The students enjoy showing off their talents as they strive to make a pumpkin resemble their assigned subject. These biographies give us an opportunity to learn about a variety of important people.

We are very encouraged by our students' approach to math this school year. They have been very enthusiastic as they have reviewed and sharpened their knowledge of basic facts and increased their understanding of place value and estimation. During the next several weeks, students will begin to learn and apply the Addition Properties (Commutative, Associative, and Identity) of math, explore patterns and rules, balance equations, and venture into graphing. Students will continue their study of physical science as they learn about heat, light, and sound. Students will culminate the study of sound by making a sound machine that they will demonstrate to class. This is always a fun, "loud" project for students. In social studies, students will become familiar with the various regions of the United States and their landforms. Students will

make individual landform booklets that will spotlight some of their favorite features around the country.

5th grade

Fifth Grade is in full swing! We are excited to be almost fully settled in our gorgeous new home. There is a lot going on this month in fifth grade, so please keep an eye out for reminders and dates you may want to mark down. Also, please be aware that 4-H and Beta will be starting up in the near future.

Fifth grade reading is all about building comprehension, vocabulary, and inferring ideas from the story. Please help your child by asking him or her about the books and stories they are reading individually, or at school.

The more they have to retell the story, the better they will understand it. Help your child use their weekly vocabulary words in complete sentences instead of just studying the definitions.

In math, the teachers are starting decimals and multiplication. Please be sure you review multiplication facts with your child every night. Social studies is going to be moving into early man and native American units very soon, and science is moving into the variables kit.

Remind your child to maintain a good conduct average. We have several exciting field trips coming up soon and want everyone to be able to participate. Conduct folders are sent home *every* Friday and need to be signed and returned *every* Monday. Be aware that report cards will be coming home on the 20th of this month!

★ Star Students ★

Kelsi Tauzier

Frank Cook

Cody Hendry

Cody Castello

Terany George

Christian Slaughter

DJ Johnson

Breannia Zachary

Renasha Hives

Lille Snowden

Maya Williams

Braedyn Richards

Peyton Comeaux

Ariel Johnson

Ellen Johnston

Zachary Cason

Shayna Johnson

Lexie Corkern

Daniel Bartus

Caroline Claassen

Reginald Cummings

Aaron Gauff

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