

Calendar of Events

April 1st-April 7th

Leap & iLeap Test

April 8th

Papers go home

Progress reports go home

Picture order forms are due

April 9th

Egg Pocking Contest

April 10th - April 19th

Spring Break

April 20th - 24th

Relay For Life coin drive

April 21st

Jump Rope For Heart

April 22nd

Papers go home

April 23rd

CMES Art Show

4th grade @ 6:00/5th grade @ 6:45

April 24th

\$2 free dress (\$1=top, \$1=bottom) to

benefit Zachary Community

Helpers.

April 28th

End of the year trip -Redmon,

Martin, Leiva, & Sabahi

April 29th

End of the year trip-

Tyler, Girlinghouse, Starks,

Kelley, Compton, Taylor, &

Byrd

April 30th

End of the year trip

Trawick, Navarro, Adolph,

Alleman, Cook, & Anzalone

Miscellaneous News

Spanish

Class of the month-

Mrs. Jones

Student of the month-

Ashley Soileau

Yearbooks...

Yearbooks can still be ordered online, or you can get an order form at school. The price is now \$30. Personalization is no longer available. Please don't wait, we will run out!

Just a note...

Your child must have a written excuse for any absence within five days of his/her return to school.

Changes to transportation can not be made over the phone. Please be sure to send a note to school with your child, or fax a note to the office. The fax # is 658-1298.

Owe lunch money? Please call the cafeteria (658-0128) to check your child's lunch balance.

Pride of the Colts

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From the Principal

A couple of weeks ago, I took on the challenge of teaching my five year old how to ride her bicycle without the training wheels. As I prepared to push her off, I wondered if I would be able to run along side a small bicyclist one more time (I've performed this feat three other times over the past 20 years.) As I ran and gasped for breath, I cheered my cyclist down the sidewalk. "You can do it! I'm proud of you," I told her as I struggled to keep up. She found comfort from me being nearby. There was also a time or two my hand reached out to give her stability. It was easy to see that my daughter was proud of herself, but the biggest grin of all appeared

across her face when she made a turn by herself. She was full of concentration, but she couldn't hold back the grin of independence and achievement as the bike made a turn. Although I was no longer by her side, I still cheered her on. Her momentum, confidence, and skills learned brought success and a smile. Other than what's written here, she and I will probably forget that moment. Compared to other life experiences it will fade over time.

A similar experience can be found in the LEAP and iLEAP tests. Teachers and parents have run along side the students offering instruction and at times stability, but on April 1st there's a turn that

they must make on their own. We'll still cheer, but it's time for momentum and instruction to build confidence in our students. Yes, this date too will be forgotten over time, but right now it's an important test of independence. Make sure you take the time to say, "You can do it, and I'm proud of you." Keep in mind that these statements are best applied before the turns in life. I know as we work together it will be a successful testing season.



Greg Davis

★ Star Students ★

Noah Burns	Lauren Kinchen	Danyon Brasseaux
Claire Thompson	Breann Burson	Sarah Johnson
Robert Paxton	Michelle Comstock	Cassidy Dupuy
Carlie Schenk	Jayla Gilmore	Mallarie Dillon
Chelsea Bernard	Nash Joyner	Austin Weber
Zana Langley	Caleb Walls	Mercedes Harris
Gabrielle Antoline	Hayden LeBlanc	John Square
Devon Hawkins	Rachel Borg	Antonio ONeal
Jacob Jester	Austin Wittig	Brittany Brown
Ryleigh Carr	Donyelle Ford	Madeline Brown
Ashley Soileau	Harlie Williams	

News from the Classes

4th grade

WOW! Spring has sprung! As the clock ticks away, we quickly approach the end of another school year. Although we have learned so many new things this year, we still have some new things to learn. We are stressing each day that school is not quite over yet. We realize how tired each child is right about now, but let's still do our best each and every day. The more we know, the more we grow, and it's evident how much each child has grown this year.

As we all know, LEAP testing is here! Parents and students, please don't forget to discuss using good test-taking strategies, getting lots of rest each night, and being here on time each day. Students should be sure to eat a good "healthy" breakfast each morning. Snacks will be provided during testing, but they do not replace a nutritious meal each morning. Those little brains will be hard at work, so let's start the day by making a smart choice – eating right!

The LEAP test will be given on April 1, 2, 3, 6, and 7. Please make sure that your child gets to bed early, eats a nutritious breakfast, and gets to school on time during these days.

Once LEAP testing has come to an end, we will resume our normal routines and procedures. In math, we'll target adding and subtracting fractions. We'll continue on with multiplying double digit numbers. We'll even return to division with remainders. Most of the skills that we target this final nine weeks in math will be a continuation of skills that we earlier addressed.

In science, 4th graders will take a closer look at the Rain Forest. Students will discover the many different foods that can be found there, and how it serves as a special home to several animals and living things. Later, students will really have a "ton of fun" as we learn more about whales.

Teachers will take the students a step farther when they learn more about the remaining regions of the United States. Students will discuss those regions' different resources and landforms. Students will even learn more about the individual states and how they have helped to make this country a great melting pot. Also, please keep in mind that our field trip to Port Hudson is in May. Remember to send in permission

slips as well as \$4.00 for the trip.

After the LEAP test, there will still be plenty to learn. In Language Arts, we will be working on writing a "How To" essay. The students will have to write how to do or make something. The students will also practice performing and speaking in front of an audience as they perform a class play. Reading a book of your own choice is always fun. We will write a book report and present a visual aid to encourage other classmates to enjoy reading.

In reading, we will be reading and discussing selections from several different genres. Some of them are: a magazine article, narrative nonfiction, historical fiction, and an informational narrative. We will learn about main idea and details, summarizing, and figurative language.

Parents, thanks for all that you've done and continue to do for Copper Mill. Don't forget to stress to your child to always strive for the best. Hard work really does pay off!

5th grade

Can you believe it is the fourth nine weeks already? I guess time flies by when you are having fun at school! Testing is upon us, and the fifth graders at Copper Mill Elementary are ready to meet the challenge. The iLeap test will take place on April 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 7th. Be sure that your fifth grader goes to bed early each night and eats a good breakfast each morning.

Feats of daring men and women are being discovered in reading class. We are learning about Americans who did extraordinary things throughout history. Many skills and strategies are being taught through these non-fiction selections such as: summarizing, paraphrasing, fact and opinion, and more. Ask your child to summarize one of these awesome stories for you.

Students are continuing great writing in language arts. They are practicing the writing process using several different styles of writing. Some of these styles are narrative, expository, and descriptive. See if they can write a narrative story telling you about their day at school. We are also reviewing the different types of letters and using informational resources each day.

In math, the students have been working hard to prepare for the iLEAP test. They have been practicing estimation and constructed response questions so they will be familiar with the format on test day. The math

portion of the iLEAP will be Wednesday, April 1st and will include 4 parts: estimation (timed), multiple choice (timed), multiple choice (not timed), and constructed response (not timed). In addition to preparing for the iLEAP, students have been learning about geometry, fractions, and percents.

Science has led the students on a journey from the center of the earth all the way to the top of the atmosphere as students have explored the structure of the earth, rocks and minerals, and processes that produce weather. We had an exciting visit from climatologist and meteorologist Jay Grymes from WAFB. He taught the students about the methods that scientists use to predict the weather as well as some fascinating facts about weather. Did you know that heat is the most dangerous weather condition, even more so than hurricanes and tornados? Upcoming in science, the students will continue to learn about cells and human body systems, as well as ecosystems and biomes. The science portion of the iLEAP will be on Monday, April 6th.

In social studies, students have been finding out about the 3 regions of the 13 colonies and what life was like for the people living there. Students have also been learning about the conflicts that the colonists had with England that led to the Revolutionary War. We will be continuing to discuss the exciting battles of the war and the affects on the colonies. The SS portion of the iLEAP will be on Tuesday, April 7th.

Remind your child that even though the spring has arrived, we do not want "spring fever" to affect their grades during this last nine weeks. Working hard each day will help them to achieve greatness. The fifth grade field trip is also approaching. Look for notes regarding the itinerary for the day as well as information about pick-up and drop-off times and locations. They will be coming home soon. Thank you to all the parents who continue to support the students and teachers here at Copper Mill. Your dedication is needed and greatly appreciated!

Club notes:

Science in Action – April 9th, Forensics with special guest Officer Ray Day

4-H- Science and Discovery Expo is May 1st. Bring your permission slip!



200 points:

Stephanie Schlorke (231.1)

100 points:

Alexander Yoes (173.7)

Steven Lavinghouse (171.9)

Michael Wall (143.7)

Lama Hantash (140)
William Heidke (121.7)
Emily Lavender (118.6)
Melissa Dardeene (115.0)
Kyle Durbin (112.6)
Ciara Gibbs (109.1)
Catherine Obrien (105.5)

50 points:

Matthew Warrington (88.3)
William Terral (82.8)
Dennis Berthelot (79.5)
Joseph Harkrider (75.0)
Emma Chaney (71.80)
Elise Goff (59.6)
Thomas Henderson (53.8)
Jordan Atkins (52.9)
Kristen Bastin (50.7)

25 points:

Ashlyn Ellender (46.8)
Ryan Schaefer (44.6)
Trinity Harris (44.0)
Angelo Tarver (43.4)
Noah Burns (42.3)
Tyler Foote (42.2)
Rachel Mixon (42.2)
Kelsey Schwendimann (41.9)
Kyla D'Arensbourg (41.3)
Emma Dry (41.3)
Baylie Doiron (39.9)
Gregory Thompson (39.9)
Steven Jagielski (39.3)
Ian Futch (39.1)
Macie Howell (38.9)
Bailey Leon (38.3)
Morgan Lambert (38.3)
Mary Weber (36.9)
Lauren Kinchen (35.7)
Abigail Fuselier (35.5)
Devyn Rudolph (35.2)
Hercheil Devalcourt (34.2)
Dreona Clayton (34.1)
Maya Lawrence (33.8)
Larrielle Laymon (32.2)
Odom Stagg (31.3)
Shaterika Winters (31.2)
Alesha White (30.6)
Ollie Mckneely (29.1)
Aryanna Kelly (28.9)
Lydia Johnson (28.8)
Brody Gee (28.5)
Griffen Chaney (28.4)
Amelia Parrenin (28.2)
Nash Joyner (27.7)
Haley Sullivan (26.4)
Devin Gros (26.2)
Ciara Gibbs (25.9)
Cara Charlet (25.9)
Bailey Brown (25.3)