

Calendar of Events

April 7th

Spring Choir Performance
@ 7pm

April 11th - April 15th

LEAP & iLEAP testing

April 19th

Star Student Breakfast

April 20th

Papers & progress
reports go home

April 21st

Egg pocking contest
Talented Arts Program

@ 6:30pm

April 22nd - April 29th

Spring Break

Miscellaneous News

Spanish

Class of the month-

4th grade- Mrs. Harrison

5th grade- Mrs. Tyler

Student of the month-

4th grade- Devonte Vessel

5th grade- Davon Harris

Music

Class of the month-

4th grade- Mrs. Mitchell

5th grade- Ms. Compton

Student of the month-

4th grade- John Norris

5th grade- Lindsey Naquin

Yearbooks...

Yearbooks are still on sale!

They are \$35

Just a note...

For safety reasons, students are not allowed to check out 30 minutes prior to dismissal.

Changes to transportation cannot 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. Emails are not accepted.

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

Money is not accepted through the front office. Please send all money through the homeroom teacher. Thank you for your understanding.



Pride of the Colts

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From the Principal

I know you've heard the same cynical comments that I've heard. "Kids today only think of themselves." "They are spoiled and unappreciative." When someone is down on the youth of today, I wish they could see some of the things that I see and hear every day. A teacher shared a story with me this last week about a student who offered to pay for a student who had forgotten their field trip money. No motive existed but an opportunity to give. I've seen students pick up trash without being asked time and time again. I've seen them pick up a fellow student at recess; dust them off, and away they go again. I think we are all proud when we see our children do things for others with

no benefit to themselves, but how do these acts of kindness get into those small hearts and minds? I witnessed at least one path recently. Parents, school staff, and members of the community gave of their time and resources to benefit our elementary schools during the recent Bowls and Bids for Our Kids. Hours of time were spent in preparation and organization of this event in which no one benefited personally. Items were donated without an expectation of receiving anything in return. The rewards that day were sore muscles, fatigue, and a little inward satisfaction from being a part of a wonderful cause. This was all done for others. It was

done for the children of our community. It is clear to me that these acts of kindness do not randomly enter the minds and hearts of our children through some sort of alien invasion. I think it is the result of saturation. They see others giving, and it seems to be a natural response. This may turn out to be of more benefit than any fund raiser. Thanks for giving. I'm convinced that it makes more of a difference than we realize.



Tyisha Andrews

Turner Bunch

Colesie Davidson

Anastasia Gueltig

Gabe Gustafson

Jessica Hughs

Jairus Jones

Garrett Meaux

Kortni Pierre

Victoria Staid

Paige Veal

Tius Baillio

Nykeeia Comena

Martell Fontenot

John Aaron Guillory

Dylan Gustafson

Deidrick Johnson

Jody Kilcrease

Jimmy Mouton

Chase Robinson

Deja Stepter

Jalisa Washington

Summer Barker

Gage Daigle

Anne Marie Fontenot

Carmen Gunter

Tyler Hartline

Caleb Johnson

Grace Leist

Macee Pampell

Trevonte Sheperd

Blake Swarner

Tiarani White

News from the Classes

4th grade

We are now into the fourth nine weeks, and we are still working hard. In reading, students have been focusing on different types of genres. We have been studying forms that include expository non-fiction, narrative non-fiction, tall tales, historical fiction, and informational narratives. Students are working hard to improve their skills in areas such as critical thinking, main idea and details, sequencing, summarizing, paraphrasing, and information resources.

Our students are also learning how to use figurative language such as onomatopoeia, similes, metaphors, alliteration, imagery, personification, and idioms. They have also been working hard with their narrative and descriptive writing. Students are encouraged to use figurative language and dialogue in their writing. It is wonderful when we see writing that includes similes, metaphors, and idioms. We are also continuing to work on writing applications and punctuation.

In language arts, students have continued to master the concept of adjectives. We've learned about adjectives after "be", using *a*, *an*, and *the*, and making comparisons. Students are doing a great job mastering these adjectives because we see so many examples in their writing.

Students have been improving in spelling because they work hard to study their words every week. We have been studying words that include VCV, VCCV, VCCV, and VV patterns. Keep up the fabulous work fourth graders!

We are still fervently working on LEAP strategies. Students are working on writing their answers in complete sentences after they restate the questions. They must highlight and underline their answers in the reading passages. Our students at Copper Mill are being equipped with the best tools, tips, and techniques to ace the LEAP with flying colors!

Please continue to help and support your child with the upcoming LEAP test by making sure they finish their homework, and return their papers to school in a timely manner. We will take the Leap test the week of April 11-15. Please make sure they get plenty of sleep and eat a good healthy breakfast.

We appreciate all of the parents who help at Copper Mill on a daily basis. Our students will continue to excel with the terrific support you give them!

The mathematics, science and social studies team would like to take this opportunity to give our thanks and appreciation to all the parents who assisted us during our field trip to BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo. Our field trip was exciting and educational. Our students participated in the zoo scavenger hunt, in which they learned a lot of information about the animal kingdom. We are so fortunate to have such

dedicated parents.

Our fourth graders are working hard and pressing forward with determination. We are encouraging them to be present daily, and give their best effort at all times. Each day we are learning and reviewing concepts. Students need to continue turning in homework assignments and completing all additional study guides given to them. This is essential for success on Phase II of the LEAP 21 on April 11-15, 2011.

In mathematics, we are finishing our measurement unit and will revisit multiplication and division. We will learn unit conversions for customary and metric measurements. Students will practice measuring with rulers, using inches and centimeters. They will measure to the nearest fractional parts of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, and $\frac{3}{4}$. They will also measure temperature, capacity, weight, and volume using simple instruments. Additionally, students will learn how to multiply and divide with multi-digit numbers.

In social studies, we are going into a more in-depth study of the Southeast region of the United States as we focus on the state of Louisiana. We will examine the history and culture of our state. We will focus on Louisiana's natural resources, products, festivals, and landforms. Finally, we will be moving into the Northeast and Midwest regions of our social studies textbook.

In science, we are continuing our unit on plants, animals, and adaptations. We will discuss the different ecosystems and explain how living and nonliving things interact in their environment. Next, we will move into our unit on the human body. We will explore the various systems. Students will identify different systems and explain how circulatory, respiratory, nervous, and digestive systems work. They will also focus on the muscular and skeletal systems, and how they work together to provide movement for the body.

5th grade

Wow! Can you believe testing is almost here? Testing is April 11th!! We are very busy working on skills that will help us do our best on the iLeap.

In reading this month, our focus skills are summarizing, paraphrasing, and fact & opinion. We are learning how story structure can help us with comprehension. We are also busy using graphic organizers to apply comprehension strategies when reading.

We will focus on two writing styles this month: persuasive and "how-to". We will also continue to work on both descriptive and narrative in centers and daily writing.

Please continue to use your language book at home to reinforce skills taught in class. These skills are used daily with our writing.

Make sure your child is working on his/her reading goal!!! Everyone should read 30 books by May 1st.

This month math, science, and social studies is very intriguing! Math has been filled with many investigations using fractions, decimals, and percents. We have learned how they truly encompass so many parts of our everyday life. So, what's coming up next you ask? Shapes, lines, angles...Geometry!

In Social Studies we are focusing on the way of life, culture, and religious background of our original 13 colonies. Students are stepping into the past to understand what was truly required of all members of a Colonial Society. They are beginning to feel blessed to be living in a time filled with technology!

Science is filled with the exploration of types of forces, gravitation, magnetism, and friction. We have been studying speed and Newton's Laws of Motion. There are so many great scientists and philosophers who have given us much direction in the area of science helping us to use our higher level thinking skills.

700 points: AR Club

Jake OBrien

500 points:
Hannah Pomeroy

400 points:
Leanne Sorrel

300 points:
Anne Marie Olson

Tyrese Wilson
Jessica Staggs

Adrienne Alexis
Garrett Ewing

200 points:
Paige Veal

Colt Crain
Elyse Duplantier

Morgan Mills
Kamryn Stewart

Makenzie Cranford
Jordyn Bernardi

Kurtis Obrien
John Wales

Kyle Trantham
Collier Cranford

100 points:
Grace Pulliam

Grace Dry
Jessica Hughs

Joel Cavalier
David Heidke

Emily Simpson
Alyssa Lawson

Brea Bonin
Presley Simmons

Harmony Lewis
Madison Russell

Reed Ladnier
Sydni Kofton

Ashley Roberts
Jeremy Kearney

Gage Bennett
Kaijah Nelson

Tyler Norton
Daniel Lavinghouse

Barry Shelton
Lauren Smith

Donovan Norris
75 points:

Katie Mestayer
Dameon Jackson
Lee Henderson

Roosevelt Thomas
Connor Maloy

Emily Wayne
Krystal Harrigill

Garrett Paxton
Marshall Lawton

Peyton Baronne
Nicole Mulkey

Jeremy Gang
Jamison Collins

Jessica Robinson
Peyton Whitcomb

David Robins
Zuri Jenkins

Bria Hitchens
Joshua Lavender

Joshua Burns
Ian Granger

Caleb A Johnson
Cassidy Moore

Miranda Alvarez
Rebecca Day

Haley Zweigle
50 points:

Jared Andra
Dylan Shaw

Benjamin Arigo
Chad Mason

Reginald Brumfield
Caroline Fontenot

Carroll Gunter
Kaitlynn White

Chanlor Germany
De'nyshia Williams

Jairus Jones
Alex Waldon

Myrna Brunson
Shermane Molden

Tyler Hartline
Andrew Bennett

Gracie Corkern
Kolby Daniel

Tiarani White
Jermaine Jackson

Blair Blackledge
Melanie Edgar

Kristina Brooks
James Juino
Austin Whitaker

Thomas Ackman
25 points:

Rebekah Serrett
Maynard Hulbert

Shameka Ross
Madilyn Richardson

Erika Dillon
Brayden Seguin

Chapman Hornsby
Howard Johnson

Xu Ling Shao
Rebakah Babin

Olivia Hurst
Jamie Stagg

Tristyn DeRouen
Chandler Ducote

Johnece Greenhouse
Ronny Holliday

Maggie Terral
Tahj Patterson

Kiera Gaines
Amanda Madison

John Perkins
Cole Varnado

Kaytie Olinde
Caynan Byrd

Tavian Smith
Ella Lalonde

Sterling Babin
Kenlee McHugh

Trevor Billiot
Hannah LaValley

Jackson Dunlap
Keondre Franklin

Samantha Bankston
Connor Hartline

Brianna Blunt
Camryn Hayes

Tyler Jackson
Kaylan Caines

Avery Long
Vincent Gregory

Nya Ferguson
Camryn Lamkin

Garrett Meaux
Brian Robins

Emily Hunt
Klaytin Webb
Carlos Ortiz-Suazo

Timmy Brown
Olivia Smith

Kaleigh Carter
Audrey Sanford

Shelby Nealy
Jayla Hall

Emily Jullens
Alissa Burris

Caleb Knighten
Brailyn King

Koby Broussard
Logan Thompson

Bruce McMaster
Kyle Hostetler

James Noland
Donalon Grimes

Connor Blackshear
Emani Ferguson

Luke Nguyen
Maliah Askins

Jalen Norwood
Kelvin Brown

Presley Verdun
Ariel Turner

Devin Simon
Madelyn Beard

Aaron Young
Cade Giddens

Mary Grace Hardin
Spencer Williams

Aidan Hill
Chase Robinson

Reagan Rispone
Alexis Albert

Benjamin Grice
Raven Fowler

Samuel McCauley
Ethan Obrien

Briera Sweet
Caleb Jackson

Harvey Smith
Jacoby Tate

Gabriel Gustafson
Cameron Henderson

Hunter Roy
Ryder Lockhart

Jacob Burke
Jaden Thymes
Jacob Watkins