

Calendar of Events

January 5th
Teacher in service-
Students do not attend

January 6th
Students return to school
Girlinghouse, Tyler, & Taylor-
field trip

January 7th
Martin & Redmon field trip
Papers go home
Report cards go home

January 8th
Adolph & Alleman field trip

January 12th
LEAP parent meeting @ 6pm

January 13th
LEAP parent meeting @ 6pm
Leiva & Sabahi field trip

January 14th
Anzalone & Cook field trip

January 15th
Class pictures

January 16th
Parker, Tortorich, & Smith
Field trip

January 17th
Speed Stack Tournament
9am-1pm

January 19th
MLK Day observed
No school for students

January 20th
Trawick & Navarro field trip

January 21st
Starks & Kelley field trip
Papers go home

January 22nd
Mitchell, Jones, & Daniels
field trip

January 26th
Miller & Black field trip
iLEAP parent meeting @ 6pm

January 27th
Star Student Breakfast @ 7:30am
Washington & Wells field trip

January 28th
January Birthday Lunch

January 29th
BETA Induction @ 9:30am
Family Science Night @ 6pm

Helmick & Walters field trip

January 30th
Last day to order a
yearbook for \$25.
Harrison & Potts field trip

Miscellaneous News

Music

Congratulations to the....

Class of the month-
Mrs. Tyler's homeroom
4th gr. Key Holder-
Gregory Thompson
5th gr. Key Holder
Jacob Tidwell

Yearbooks...

January 30th is the last day to order a yearbook for \$25. It is also the last day to add personalization to your yearbook. You can order online or get an order form at school. Please don't wait, we will run out!

Spanish

Congratulations to the....

Nov. Class of the month-
Mrs. Leiva's class
Nov. Student of the month-
Kristen Bates
Dec. Class of the month-
Mrs. Sabahi's class
Dec. Student of the month-
Elise Goff



Pride of the Colts

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From the Principal

Who would have believed 5 ½ inches of snow in Zachary? My 22 year old daughter (a future teacher) was out in the yard before daylight. She aroused Ashlyn (5 year old daughter) from a sound sleep, and the two of them (ill dressed) took to the snow. Megan (20 year old daughter) watched from the window. She was in the middle of finals at LSU, and nothing stops finals at LSU. She was content to watch from the window. After the announcement of school closure, I too joined the rare Zachary winter wonderland experience. As I watched my future teacher play (not much different from my 5year old), I thought about how important it is for our children to see us (parents, teachers, and even principals) have fun. I'm not talking about tailgating fun or watching television fun. I'm

talking about fun, good old fashioned clean fun that takes no skill or special equipment. You should have seen my 5 year old's face light up when she hit me with a snow ball and saw me laugh and not get angry. What happened to running in the yard fun? Although, I think it would be a great idea to have an oxygen station for a 46 year old being chased by a 5year old. One time a neighbor bolted out of his door to see if I needed help. He saw me chasing Ashlyn down the sidewalk and thought she was running away from me. I'm sure it looked strange, but we were just playing. A few years ago a group of girls were telling me a story while at recess. I laughed uncontrollably. The girls were so shocked that one of them said, "Mr. Davis, I didn't know you had teeth. I've never seen you smile that big." With that comment said we

had another moment of laughter. Do our kids see us have fun? Better yet, do they see us have fun with them? Perhaps there would be less depression or stress if we increased our dosage of "old fashioned" fun. This holiday season take some time to have some fun with your kids. If you see me running down the sidewalk chasing my children, don't panic (unless you see them doing chest compressions following), I'm having fun. I hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season.



★ Star Students ★

Jerrold Edwards
Joseph Harkrider
Tre' Berthelot
Chase Chandler
Jordan Atkins
Hydia Bradford
Kendall Boulton
Brad Smothers
Lama Hantash
Ali Haddox
Alyssa Johnson

Marquise Johnson
Kevone Washington
Nicholas Beard
Kionte Hickman
Precious Hill
Frederic Taylor
Shelby Waddell
Savannah Higgins
Antonio Thomas
Ally Robertson
Kadarius George

Haley Sullivan
Garrett Rushing
Roderic Newton
Melissa Dardenne
Ariane Dent
Tyler Teekel
Dylan Hall
Marcell Franklin
Grace Hargrove
Dane Baker
Caleb Bourgeois

News from the Classes

4th grade

We are about to enter into the third nine weeks, and we are still working hard. Students have been focusing on different types of poetry. Over the last few weeks, students have learned about several types of poems including: acrostic poems, haikus, limericks, couplets, and cinquains. We've studied different techniques poets use when writing; such as free verse, iambic pentameter, repetition, meter, rhythm, and rhyme.

The students are also learning how to use figurative language; such as onomatopoeia, similes, metaphors, alliterations, imagery, personification, and idioms. Students come in on a daily basis with stories from home about different idioms their families used from the previous evening or over the weekend. We encourage the students to use figurative language every day. It makes everything more colorful!

Students have also been working hard with their narrative and descriptive writing. We use the Writing House as a guide, and many fourth graders are doing an excellent job. Students are encouraged to use figurative language in their writing. It is wonderful when we see writing that includes similes, metaphors, and idioms.

In ELA, students have continued to master the concept of subject/verb agreement. We've learned about present tense verbs, past tense verbs, and future tense verbs. We will soon be shifting our focus to possessive nouns. This will help reinforce what they already know about nouns. We are also stressing cause and effect skills along with making inferences and predicting outcomes. Students are shining in

spelling because they work hard to study their words every week. We are currently studying prefixes, suffixes, and root words. Keep up the great work fourth graders!

Our fourth graders are really excited about learning about our Earth's structure. We will continue learning about fossils and how they form. We will continue our study of the past in social studies while learning how to read and understand time lines. We will begin our journey through the different regions of the United States with the Northeast Region. Please continue practicing with your child on their multiplication and division facts. We are still working on patterns and number sense in this area. Also, encourage your child to practice using LEAP strategies when working out problems. We will soon be moving into geometry.

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. They must show their work on all of their math problems and answer the constructed response questions in complete sentences. 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 he/she finishes homework and returns papers to school in a timely manner. We will take the PRACTICE Leap test the week of January 12-16. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and eat good, healthy breakfasts.

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!

5th grade

Fifth graders have been extremely busy! After celebrating being #1 again for the fourth year in a row, we are back to work-determined to maintain that #1 spot at the top! Everyone is pumped up and ready for the New Year! We are excited about the things we are learning and the activities coming up in January!

Language arts classes are in full gear! In reading, we are still concentrating on main idea (retelling the stories you read and paying attention to the main parts). Make sure to read a variety of genres-such as myths, folktales, legends, etc. In language, adjectives and adverbs remain the focus. Practice using them in ANY writing that you do! Also, practice identifying prefixes and suffixes in spelling. **STUDY THOSE WORDS!** Everyone needs to continue to work on reading goals and I-LEAP packets.

In science, students continue to work on forces, motion, and astronomy. In social studies, some classes have been working on Native American projects and reports. We have also started learning about the European explorers. Students will learn the routes of some of the most famous explorers and why they came to the "New World."

Science in Action Club will meet January 28th. This is an after school meeting that will focus on Robotics. Only 20 participants will be accepted. Our 4-H Club will meet on January 23rd.

Fifth Graders have some exciting trips coming up in January and February. We will be going to the Highland Road Observatory and the LASM Planetarium in January. PLEASE be

sure to send \$14.00 before December 19th! ALSO, in January and February, we will go see the Rodin Exhibit in Baton Rouge. This trip is \$8.00. Have a Merry Christmas!



200 points:

Stephanie Schlorke (209.6)

100 points:

Steven Lavinghouse (118.3)

50 points:

Melissa Dardenne (87.3)

Michael Wall (79.3)

Trey Berthelot (79.0)

Alex Yoes (71.5)

Lama Hantash (67.3)

William Heidke (66.2)

Emily Lavender (59.9)

Emma Chaney (50.1)

Catherine Obrien (49.1)

Ciara Gibbs (46.5)

Jordan Atkins (39.9)

Kyle Durbin (39.8)

Kelsey Schwendimann (36.5)

Kristen Bastin (29.2)

Devin Rudolph (28.8)

Hunter Henderson (28.4)

Brody Gee (27.6)

Steven Jagielski (27.4)

25 points:

Mary Weber (25.7)