

Calendar of Events

March 1st
Zoo field trip- Yancey, Walters, Potts, Helmick, & Bridges

March 2nd
Papers go home
Zoo field trip- Miller, Black, Parker, Graham, & Robison

March 3rd
Zoo field trip- Porter, Harrison, Hill Signorino

March 4th
Zoo field trip- Jones, Mitchell, Washington, Tortorich

March 7th & 8th
Mardi Gras holiday- no school

March 10th
Spring pictures-students wear free dress
5th grade parents meeting @ NMS-6PM

March 15th
End of the 3rd nine weeks

March 16th
Papers go home

March 19th
PTO Bowls & Bids

March 22nd
4th grade- Phase I LEAP test

March 23rd
Report cards go home

March 29th
Star Student Breakfast

March 30th
Papers go home

Miscellaneous News

Spanish

Class of the month-
4th grade- Mrs. Bridges
5th grade- Mrs. Trawick

Student of the month-
4th grade- Alissa Burns
5th grade- Mary Ellen McCrary

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.

Music

Class of the month-
4th grade- Ms. Washington's homeroom
5th grade- Mrs. Tyler's homeroom

Student of the month-
4th grade- D'Mia Walker
5th grade- Connor Rodenbeck

Yearbooks...

Yearbooks are still on sale!
They are \$35



Pride of the Colts

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From the Principal

Last weekend I pondered a question. I have often heard that parents are a child's first teachers. That is a statement that I have held true throughout my career as well as on my journey of parenthood. Can a child learn from adversity their parents face? This is a question I began to reflect upon. The adversity that I'm speaking of is the day to day adversity that we all face in life (lost keys, home repairs gone bad, etc.). My pondering of this question was based on an observation. Friday on the way to a family camping trip, my family had an automobile break down that left us stranded on the road short of our destination. There was a tense moment or two and some smoke involved (from the vehicle). Contrary to the belief of some, no smoke has actually escaped from the top of my head. Our brakes

were smoking, and I was struggling with a repair that was beyond my abilities. When I came to a point of frustration, I noticed my seven year old sitting on the curb watching me. As those big brown eyes looked at me, I wondered what she was learning. I hope she learned courage. Perhaps she saw that her dad was unwilling to "give up" on the truck or her camping trip (inspite of being mechanically deprived). Perhaps she learned something about teamwork. It took her mother and I, a bystander, a coworker of the bystander, and a church friend to get the truck back on the road.

I really don't know what she learned, but I was very thankful for what she didn't learn. At least in this incident, she didn't learn that adversity has to be accompanied by anger,

complaining, or blame. She didn't learn that one bad experience must ruin your day. For once, I was excited about what my child didn't learn! That is a strange twist.

I hope to communicate to you that we are always teaching, and some of our best teaching opportunities are those momentary trials and tribulations. The only thing in question is which lesson we're teaching. Sometimes as fate would have it, we have the opportunity to reteach these lessons. Did I mention that I had to change a tire on the return trip? Some lessons are just worth repeating!

Dewey Davis



Dylan Caussyn
Daniel Lavinghouse
Kiera Thomas
Brooke Martinez
Desmond Honore
Garrett Ewing
McKenzie Young
Rhett Hebert
Kennedi Bell
Lauryn Meyer
Haley Zweigle

Nathan Keller
Kristian Jackson
Davon Harris
Katie Mestayer
Jade Nesbit
Rebecca Boyd
Corey Mason
Alayna Flotte
Paul Roche
Amisa Smith
McKenzie Daigle

Hallie Mayfield
Grace Dry
Morgan Peairs
Daylan Kling
Alyssa Turner
Cameron Riles
Zoria Breaux
Tayla Deville
Arianna Booker
Brettni Price
Lindsey Webb

News from the Classes

4th grade

Well, it's getting closer, the LEAP TEST!! Phase I of the LEAP Test will be administered on March 22. This phase will include the Writing portion of ELA, and Math constructed response questions. The LEAP Test will be given during the week of April 11th -15th. It is very important to have your child present and on time each day 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, skimming and scanning 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 our reading series, we will be studying genres that are expository nonfiction, narrative nonfiction, and tall tales.

In language arts, we are reviewing using 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. In order to prepare our students, we will be reviewing narrative and descriptive writing styles until Phase I of LEAP.

In math, we will be studying motion geometry, perimeter, area, fractions, decimals, and measurement. The students will translate, reflect or rotate plane figures to make interesting patterns. They will determine the distance around plane figures and decide the number of square units needed to cover a surface. The instruction will involve exploration of fractional parts and will allow students to 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 study the customary and metric systems of measurement and how to relate them to the real world. Make sure that your child is doing math homework every night and using the strategies practiced in class – underlining key words or phrases and showing all their work.

Our science studies will include animals – their adaptations and habitats and plants – growth and adaptations. We have planned an exciting field trip to BREC's Baton Rouge Zoo in March. The trip will include a scavenger hunt and an ED-Zoocation class.

In social studies, the students will continue to learn about the Southeast region and become familiar with economics. The students will identify people and events that have shaped our region. The economic unit will give students the opportunity to

learn about different types of goods and services, types of resources, and to distinguish between producers and consumers. This would be a good time to teach your child about using a budget for their allowance!

We would like to thank all of our parents for your continued support in your child's education. By working together, we will continue to be #1!!!

5th grade

Fifth grade students are working hard to prepare for the iLEAP test that will be given on April 11, 2011. It is very important that students arrive at school ready to learn test-taking strategies and concepts that will help them do well on the iLEAP test and in their regular classes. Students should be working on their iLEAP packets at home and should return them to school each Friday (with a parent's signature).

The \$30.00 balance for the end-of-school trip is due on March 25, 2011. Please make a pledge or donation with a Jr. Beta Club member during the annual Math-a-thon. All proceeds will support the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In math, students will begin working on fractions. The laws of motion and astronomy will be highlighted in our science studies. Our students have enjoyed participating in their Star Lab lessons on astronomy. In social studies, our students will begin their exploration of the colonies.

ELA teachers will continue working on grammar rules, reading comprehension skills, and effective writing. The language emphasis will be on punctuation, usage, and writing a detailed, five-paragraph essay. We are looking forward to an exciting week of learning about famous Americans with our biography book report. This report involves dressing up as a famous American during the week of March 2-4, 2011. Students are reminded to keep working on meeting or exceeding their fifth grade reading goal (the equivalent of 30 books).



500 Points:

Jake Obrien 658

400 Points:

Marcie Sorrel 407

300 Points:

Hannah Pomeroy 376
Tyrese Wilson 345
Jessica Staggs 322
Anne Marie Olson 301

200 Points:

Adrienne Alexis 279
Garrett Ewing 244
Colt Crain 237
Paige Veal 235
Morgan Mills 231
Elyse Duplantier 226
Kurtis Obrien 224
Kamryn Stewart 224

100 Points:

John Wales 187
Makenzie Cranford 185
Kyle Trantham 185
Jordyn Bernardi 182
Grace Pulliam 178
Jessica Hughes 171
Jonathon Harris 152
David Heidke 150
Grace Dry 147
Emily Simpson 142
Collier Cranford 140
Brea Bonin 136
Joel Cavalier 134
Alyssa Lawson 118
Reed Ladnier 118
Presley Simmons 129
Kaijah Nelson 116
Madison Russell 119
Tyler Norton 109
Lauren Smith 105
Harmony Lewis 103
Sydni Kofton 101

75 Points:

Ashley Roberts 97
John Norris 95
Jeremy Kearney 94
Emily Wayne 93
Barry Shelton 92
Marshall Lawton 92
Peyton Baronne 91
Nicole Mulkey 88
Lee Henderson 87
David Robins 86

Gage Bennett 85
Katie Mestayer 85
Krystal Harrigill 81
Ian Granger 80
Roosevelt Thomas 76
Garrett Paxton 75
Rebecca Day 75

50 Points:

Peyton Whitcomb 74
Daniel Lavinghouse 73
Joshua Davis 71
Caleb Johnson 71
Bria Hitchens 70
Jared Andra 69
Cassidy Moore 68
Zuri Jenkins 68
Joshua Lavender 67
Ben Arigo 59
Alex Waldon 59
Jessica Robinson 59
Tyler Hartline 58
Jairus Jones 58
Kaitlynn White 58
De'nyshia Williams 54
Caroline Fontenot 54
Reginald Brumfield 54
Jermaine Jackson 54
Dameon Jackson 53
Myrna Brunson 51
Chanlor Germany 51
Miranda Albarez 51
Chad Mason 51
Kristina Brooks 50
Haley Zweigle 50

25 points:

Thomas Ackman 49
James Juino 48
Dylan Shaw 48
Maynard Hulbert 47
Connor Maloy 47
Jeremy Gang 47
Madilyn Richardson 46
Gracie Corkern 45
Shameka Ross 44
Rebekah Babin 44
Andrew Bennett 42
Howard Johnson 42
Jamie Stagg 41
Ella Lalonde 40

Chandler Ducote 40
Shermane Molden 39
Xu Shao 39
Sterling Babin 39
Trevor Billiot 39
Hugh Dunlap 38
Tristyn DeRouen 38
Johnece Greenhouse 38
John Perkins 38
Melanie Edgar 37
Chapman Hornsby 37
Jamison Collins 37
Brayden Seguin 37
Tahj Patterson 37
Erika Dillon 36
Kiera Gaines 36
Caynan Byrd 36
Kaytie Olinde 36
Keondre Franklin 36
Carroll Gunter 35
Tyler Jackson 35
Conner Hartline 35
Olivia Hurst 35
Garret Meaux 35
Maggie Terral 34
Brianna Blunt 34
Timmy Brown 34
Kenlee McHugh 34
Blair Blackledge 33
Vincent Gregory 33
Camryn Hayes 33
Shelby Nealy 33
Caleb Knighten 33
Brailyn King 32
Logan Thompson 32
Rebekah Serrett 32
Camryn Lankin 32
Tiarani White 32
Emily Jullens 31
Tavian Smith 31
Maliah Askins 31
Connor Blackshear 30
Audrey Sanford 30
Cole Varnado 30
Koby Broussard 30
Kyle Hostetler 29
Spencer Williams 29
Bruce McMaster 28
Nya Ferguson 28

Mary Grace Hardin 28
Reagan Risponse 27
Amanda Madison 27
James Noland 27
Benjamin Grice 27
Olivia Smith 27
Emily Hunt 27
Samuel McCauley 27
Ariel Turner 27
Brian Robins 27
Cade Giddens 27
Devin Simon 27
Austin Whitaker 26
Avery Long 26
Ethan Obrien 26
Harvey Smith 25
Luke Nguyen 25
Jacoby Tate 25