

Calendar of Events

May 1st

4H field trip

May 4th

Library closes for the school year.

Textbooks & library books are due back.

May 5th

April Star Student Breakfast @ 7:30am

May 6th

Papers go home

May 8th

5th grade \$2 free dress

4th grade Port Hudson field trip

May 12th

May birthday lunch

May 13th

Library helper field trip

May 14th

4th grade Honors Program

9am: Daniels, Byrd, Smith,
Compton, Black, Miller,
Washington, Wells, Helmick, &
Walters.

10am: Marquez, Graham, Jones,
Mitchell, Harrison, Potts, Tortorich, &
Parker.

June birthday lunch

May 15th

5th grade Honors Program @ Fellowship
Church

8:45am: Redmon, Martin, Sabahi,
Leiva, Cook, Anzalone, Taylor,
Compton, & Byrd.

10:30am: Trawick, Navarro,
Girlinghouse, Tyler, Starks, Kelley,
Adolph, & Alleman.

4th grade \$2 free dress

May 19th

5th grade field day

Early dismissal @ 12:55pm

May 20th

4th grade field day

Early dismissal @ 12:55pm

May 21st

Early dismissal @ 12:55pm

Students last day of school.

Pride of the Colts

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From the Principal

There's a warning on the passenger side mirror of our cars that many times goes unnoticed (Objects In Mirror Are Closer Than They Appear) The purpose is pretty simple. Unlike the driver's mirror, the passenger mirror is convex. That slight bend in the shape gives us more vision but distorts our perception. Things appear smaller and can give us a false security that they are farther away and unaffected by our actions. The truth is that those objects are closer than we think. Have you ever witnessed your child do or say something wrong only to realize that it was an action that originated with you? When you acted in that way, perhaps it was in a different context or with "adult understanding", but the fact remains that you were the source. It's at those times that a warning sticker on your child's forehead would be helpful (Object Is Closer than He/She Appears). Like the message of the

mirror, don't be fooled by their size. We may not realize the source, but other people see it. It's the "apple doesn't fall far from the tree" saying fleshed out. Recently, some of my staff was entertained by a presentation by my 24 year old son. They were amused at how much his mannerisms were like that of his dad's. Although there was no negative connotation associated with their observation, there've been other times that I wish the apple would have hit the ground and rolled. In the future, I don't think I will look at that warning sticker in the same way. As we approach the end of school and summer, our kids will see us more. Let's make sure that we see them!



Miscellaneous News

Yearbooks...

Yearbooks have arrived. Students will receive them on May 11th. Extras are available on a 1st come 1st serve basis. You can find the order form on our school website.

Music...

Classes of the month

Ms. Walters' afternoon
Ms. Trawick's homeroom

Students of the month

5th gr: John Lively & Kiley Noland
4th gr: Trellesia Perry & Deontaye
Lathers

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.

News from the Classes

4th grade

It's hard to believe that the 2008-2009 school year is almost over. Summer is approaching fast. However, we need to remind the students that we still need to work hard and push forward until the last day of school. Students will need to complete their reading goals for this year in order to receive a reading recognition award.

In ELA, the students are working on their end of the year projects. They are creating PowerPoints on books that they have chosen and will present them in class. The students will also have fun expressing themselves by writing different types of poetry. In addition to poetry, the students will also learn to write a "How To" paragraph. In spelling, the students will be focusing on the following skills: words with suffixes in combinations, words with silent letters, words that contain Greek and Latin word parts, and spelling homophones correctly.

In reading, the students are wrapping up on theme five. For the remainder of the school year, the students will be focusing on the following skills: finding the main idea, figurative language, and summarizing. While reading a variety of stories, the students will learn about the following genres: expository nonfiction, narrative nonfiction, Readers Theater (a play), informational narrative, and historical fiction.

The school year is quickly coming to a close, but our minds are still open and ready to learn. In math, we are on fractions. Skills such as adding fractions with both like and unlike denominators, finding equivalent fractions and converting improper fractions into mixed

numbers will be addressed. We will wrap up the year with multiplication of two-digit and three digit numbers and division with remainders.

This month, science will not only take us on a journey to the world's lush rainforests, but also to the exploration of our planet's largest existing mammals ... whales! Louisiana wetlands will also be an exciting aspect of instruction.

In social studies we will continue to learn about specific North American regions, such as the great northeast. We will also be taking a field trip to Port Hudson, where we will learn about its importance throughout the Civil War and contribution to our rich Louisiana history.

As you can see, the students will be extremely busy with completing all of these tasks before the end of the school. Please encourage your child to continue giving his/her best and to strive for excellence each and every day. Don't forget! Even though summer is right around the corner, we are still learning at Copper Mill!

5th grade

We can't believe that the 2008-2009 school year's ending is quickly approaching. The students have worked very hard this year and will be well-prepared for middle school. We know they will continue to put forth their best effort until the end of the school year. Please keep homework completion and studying a priority.

In science, many classes participated in Youth Wetlands Education Week where students learned the purpose of the

wetlands and why it is important to protect and rebuild them. In reading and language, the students will begin their poetry and novel units. The final book report involves each student creating a PowerPoint presentation to reflect their views of the book.

Learning should continue over the summer in preparation for the next school year. Some ways to accomplish this are by reviewing basic math skills such as multiplication facts, long division, and basic fractions. Please encourage your child to continue to read over the summer. The middle school has a suggested Summer Reading List that is available online at their site and at the public library. Also, you can inspire your child by going on short, inexpensive, educational day trips to places such as art museums, the zoo, the planetarium, the state capitol building, and/or science centers.



200 points:

Stephanie Schlorke (241.1)
Lama Hantash (237.2)

100 points:

Alexander Yoes (173.7)
Steven Lavinghouse (171.9)
Michael Wall (144.6)
Emily Lavender (140.0)
William Heidke (121.7)
Melissa Dardeene (118.6)
Dennis Berthelot (115.5)
Kyle Durbin (112.6)
Matthew Warrington (109.3)
Ciara Gibbs (109.1)
Catherine O'Brien (105.5)
William Terral (101.4)

Rachel Mixon (100.6)

50 points:

Emma Chaney (87.5)
Ryan Schaefer (82.6)
Elliot Whatley (81.8)
Joseph Harkrider (75.0)
Thomas Henderson (64.2)
Elise Goff (59.6)
Jordan Atkins (52.9)
Trinity Harris (52.0)
Tyler Foote (51.9)
Noah Burns (51.0)
Abigail Fuselier (50.9)
Kristen Bastin (50.7)
Kyla D'Arensbourg (50.5)
Larrielle Laymon (50.4)

25 points:

Ian Futch (48.1)
Baylie Doiron (48.0)
Ashlyn Ellender (46.8)
Angelo Tarver (45.6)
Jessica Hinote (44.9)
Macie Howell (44.9)
Gregory Thompson (44.8)
Devin Gros (42.4)
Kelsey Schwendimann (41.9)
Hercheil Devalcourt 41.9)
Emma Dry (41.3)
Lauren Kinchen (41.2)
Alesha White (40.5)
Maya Lawrence (39.8)
Steven Jagielski (39.3)
Bailey Leon (39.0)
Odom Stagg (38.5)
Morgan Lambert (38.3)
Charles Peroyea (38.0)
Amelia Parrenin (37.2)
Mary Weber (36.9)
Lydia Johnson (36.0)
Devyn Rudolph (35.2)
Shaterika Winters (34.7)
Ollie Mckneely (34.1)
Dreona Clayton (34.1)
Cara Charlet (28.9)
Aryanna Kelly (28.9)
Courtney Tate (28.7)
Patrick Wyatt (28.5)
Brody Gee (28.5)
Griffen Chaney (28.4)
Nash Joyner (27.7)
Haley Sullivan (26.4)
Parker Elkins (26.3)
Katelyn Buhler (25.3)
Bailey Brown (25.3)