

# Calendar of Events

## May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Students return to school

## May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Library closes, books are due back in.  
5<sup>th</sup> grade trip: Tyler, Trawick, Taylor,  
Byrd, Compton

## May 4<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> grade trip: Redmon, Caston, Conly,  
Girlinghouse, Stafford

## May 5<sup>th</sup>

Student Art Show  
4<sup>th</sup> grade: 6-6:45PM  
5<sup>th</sup> grade: 6:45-7:30PM

## May 6<sup>th</sup>

4H Expo

## May 10<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> grade trip: Leiva, Ponzi, Adolph, Alleman

## May 11<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> grade trip: Starks, Kelley, Martin, Cook.

## May 13<sup>th</sup>

Papers go home

## May 16<sup>th</sup>

BETA field trip

## May 19<sup>th</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> grade awards  
9am: Tortorich, Washington, Miller,  
Black, Harrison, Porter, Helmick, Potts, &  
Robison

10:15am: Mitchell, Jones, Hill, Signorino,  
Bridges, Parker, Graham, Yancey, & Walters.

## May 20<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> grade awards @ Fellowship Church  
8:45am: Martin, Cook, Leiva, Ponzi,  
Caston, Redmon, Compton, Taylor, &  
Stafford  
10:15am: Conly, Girlinghouse, Starks,  
Kelley, Adolph, Alleman, Tyler, &  
Trawick.

Early Dismissal @ 12:55PM

## May 23<sup>rd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> gr. Field Day  
Early Dismissal @ 12:55PM

## May 24<sup>th</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> gr. Field Day  
Early Dismissal @ 12:55PM  
Students' last day of school



# Pride of the Colts

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## From the Principal

My newsletter articles are usually the product of observation. I'm a reflective person seven days a week. Last weekend was a get away time for me. Leaving school behind after a great week of testing, felt good. With camper packed up, I headed to the great outdoors for a little peace and quiet. I needed a weekend away from it all. Arriving just at dark, I got settled, went to bed early and for a change slept a little later. As fate would have it, I awoke the next morning and saw in the crisp daylight that I was camping twenty-five yards away from what looked like three hundred Boy Scouts. What are the chances of an elementary principal accomplishing such a feat unintentionally? After some sad looks and gentle pleading, Ashlyn talked me into visiting the playground that was nearby. I settled on a bench with a book and a watchful eye. I felt like a wounded insect in a Boy Scout ant bed. Boy Scouts were everywhere. It was like recess without a whistle. I found myself doing more

watching than reading. There was one bit of activity nearby that captured my attention. It was a late arriving scout with his dad and brother. I watched their truck pull up very near where I was sitting. I could clearly hear their conversation as they exited the vehicle. "O.K. boys, it is time to get to work", the dad said as soon as the doors opened. To my amazement the boys did just that. It didn't seem to matter that their friends were playing all around them (and I mean all around them.). They started preparing the area for their tent by clearing the area of debris. It was good to see a dad teaching not only the value, but also the pleasure of hard work. There wasn't a grumble or complaint. There were no threats or ultimatums. It was hard work, and everyone seemed to enjoy doing it. I'm sure that there were others at the playground while their dads assembled tents. Surveying the task, I quickly realized that the dad I observed could have completed the tent assembly

more quickly and efficiently as a solo act. It was clear that dad knew something that many parents never figure out. It may take longer and even be a bit more frustrating to encourage the help of small hands, but the value is immeasurable. Work with a good attitude is taught, not merely assigned. If you surround yourself with Boy Scouts (intentionally or not), you are bound to learn something. I guess it's "hard work" to teach "hard work", but well worth the challenge.



*Dewey Davis*

## Miscellaneous News

### Spanish

#### Class of the month-

4<sup>th</sup> grade- Mrs. Potts  
5<sup>th</sup> grade- Mrs. Alleman

#### Student of the month-

4<sup>th</sup> grade- Darius Allen  
5<sup>th</sup> grade- Edward Jyles

### Music

#### Class of the month-

4<sup>th</sup> grade- Ms. Yancey  
5<sup>th</sup> grade- Mrs. Adolph

#### Student of the month-

4<sup>th</sup> grade- Lasha Knox  
5<sup>th</sup> grade- Paul Roche

### Art

This year has seen the inclusion of international projects. Fourth graders learned about Asia and created projects pertaining to certain countries. They learned about an artist from western Russia as well as created a hanging sculpture from Indonesia. In addition, they will learn about China and how to use chopsticks and get a set of chopsticks to use at home. Also, a very special project will be added for all fourth graders. I will be hiring a teacher to teach them Chinese calligraphy and how to speak some of the Chinese language after they return from spring break.

Fifth graders learned about South America and some of the countries on that continent. We talked about the Kuna Indians from the Columbia area and studied the elaborate fabric molas. They created a paper version of these molas. In Spanish class, they watched a video on Galapagos Islands and are creating art work on the wildlife found on that island in art class. Technical drawing skills were taught by using drawing pencils and blending stumps to create a more realistic still life drawing.

# News from the Classes

## 4th grade

It is almost time for summer! Even though excitement is in the air, let's not forget that learning is still going on at Copper Mill!

In ELA, we have some fun activities planned. In reading, students are preparing and presenting power points. The power points are on their favorite books! Along with the power points, they will make posters on a book of their choice. We are reading, "Because of Winn Dixie" and then starting "My Diary from Here to There" in class. We have "The Cricket in Times Square" coming up soon after. In language class, we have been discussing pronouns. We will continue the rest of the year with adverbs and prepositions. In spelling, we will continue with Units 32-35. Some of these units include unusual spellings and silent consonants. We will also spend some time on handwriting. You will see the improvement when the students sign everyone's yearbooks on May 17<sup>th</sup>!

In math, we are on fractions. We will be adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators. We will also be working on decimals. The year will wrap up 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.

As you can see, the students will be extremely busy with completing all of these tasks before the end of the school year. 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

The end of the school year is fast-approaching, and we can't believe it is almost here! We are very proud of every student's effort and dedication during testing. The students have worked hard and learned a lot thus far! However, the year isn't over yet! We know the students will continue to put forth their best effort and continue learning. Please help your child continue to make homework completion and studying a priority.

Exciting things are going on in all the content areas! In reading, we are completing the last two selections in our textbook and learning about the stories of old through different types of folklore. We will learn about the famed Greek gods and goddesses in myths, and the lessons behind fabulous fables and tall tales. We are working on outlining, creative and persuasive writing, and preparing to close the books on our elementary years with a Copper Mill Memory Book in language. In spelling, we are heading to other countries to learn Latin and Greek word parts. Remember, it is not too late to continue working on reading goals. Please encourage your child to read 30 books (60 pages each) before the end of the year!

We are participating in Youth Wetlands Education Week, where students learn about Louisiana's wetlands and why it is important to protect and rebuild them. In Social Studies, students are busy being immersed in the American Revolution and Louisiana's geography.

Learning should still continue over the summer. Encourage your child to continue reading and help them review basic math facts such as multiplication facts, division, and basic fractions. You can also inspire your child's learning by going on educational, inexpensive day trips to places such as the zoo, the planetarium, art museums, and science education centers.

Thank you for the opportunity to educate your

child. They are well prepared for middle school, and we know they will succeed. We wish you a happy and safe summer!



### 700 points:

Jake OBrien

### 500 points:

Hannah Pomeroy

Leanne Sorrel

### 400 points:

Anne Marie Olson

### 300 points:

Tyrese Wilson

Jessica Staggs

Adrienne Alexis

Garrett Ewing

Colt Crain

Elyse Duplantier

### 200 points:

Paige Veal

Kamryn Stewart

Makenzie Cranford

John Wales

Morgan Mills

Collier Cranford

Jordyn Bernardi

Kyle Trantham

Kurtis O'Brien

Grace Pulliam

### 100 points:

Joel Cavalier

Grace Dry

Harmony Lewis

Jessica Hughs

Gage Bennett

Emily Simpson

Jonathon Harris

David Heidke

Alyssa Lawson

Madison Russell

Brea Bonin

Presley Simmons

Sydni Kofton

Kaijah Nelson

Marshall Lawton

Reed Ladnier

Krystal Harrigill

Ashley Roberts

Dameon Jackson

Joshua Burns

Jeremy Gang

Jeremy Kearney

Jamison Collins

Zuri Jenkins

Daniel Lavinghouse

Barry Shelton

Caroline Fontenot

Connor Maloy

Jared Andra

Tyler Norton

Roosevelt Thomas

Katie Mestayer

Lauren Smith

Emily Wayne

Nicole Mulkey

Bria Hitchens

Jessica Robinson

John Norris

Lee Henderson

### 75 points:

Peyton Baronne

Peyton Whitcomb

Joshua Lavender

Garrett Paxton

Carroll Gunter

Caleb Johnson

David Robins

Benjamin Arigo

Ian Granger

Miranda Alvarez

Haley Zweigle

Gracie Corkern

Cassidy Moore

Reginald Brumfield

Chad Mason

Chanlor Germany

Rebecca Day

### 50 points:

Tiarani White

Dylan Shaw

Hannah LaValley

Blair Blackledge

Kaitlynn White

Kolby Daniel

Alex Waldon

Jermaine Jackson

Andrew Bennett

De'Nyshia Williams

Shameka Ross

Jairus Jones

Myrna Brunson

Brian Robins

Kristina Brooks

Chapman Hornsby

Shermane Molden

Tyler Hartline

Klaytin Webb

Kenlee McHugh

Tavian Smith

Avery Long

Howard Johnson

Jamie Stag

Rebekah Serrett

Madilyn Richardson

James Juino

Maynard Hulbert

Hugh Dunlap

Melanie Edgar

Keondre Franklin

Johneece Greenhouse

Austin Whitaker

Thomas Ackman

Tristyn Derouen

### 25 points:

Ella Lalonde

Caynan Byrd

Rebekah Babin

Erika Dillon

XuLing Shao

Brayden Seguin

Olivia Hurst

Timmy Brown

John Perkins

Tahj Patterson

Samantha Bankston

Sterling Babin

Chandler Ducote

Ethan O'Brien

Kaytie Olinde

Alissa Burris

Ronny Holliday

Maggie Terral

Kiera Gaines

Alexis Albert

Amanda Madison

Cole Varnado

Madelyn Beam

Camryn Larkin

Kaylan Caines

Olivia Smith

Kelvin Brown

Garret Meaux

Trevor Billiot

James Noland

Jayla Hall

Shelby Nealy

Jalen Norwood

Luke Nguyen

Conner Hartline

Camryn Hayes

Audrey Sanford

Brianna Blunt

Tyler Jackson

Briera Sweet

Peyton Barrow

Wesley Brady

Emily Hunt

Vincent Gregory

Aaron Young

Presley Verdun

Connor Blackshear

Nya Ferguson

Hunter Roy

Devin Simon

Carlos Ortiz-Suazo

Koby Broussard

Spencer Williams

Kaleigh Carter

Samuel McCauley

Emily Jullens

Caleb Knighten

Reagan Respone

Brailyn King

Logan Thompson

Bruce McMaster

Jeremy Parker

Emani Ferguson

Kyle Hostetler

Donalon Grimes

Ariel Turner

Maliah Askins

Mary Grace Hardin

Lynndon Rushing

Brooke Hall

Preston Diaz

Lauren Manuel

Ryder Lockhart

Harvey Smith

Cade Giddens

Abbie LeDuff

Keaton Williams

Hannah Robertson

Chase Robinson

Aidan Hill

Carsyn Martell

Victoria Staid

Danielle Going

Mahogany Thomas

Mikell Mack

Ryan Teekel

Benjamin Grice

Raven Fowler

Jesse Nelson

Jamecia Profit

Blade Foster

Caleb Jackson

Myron Jell

Gabriel Gustafson

Jaden Thymes

Jacoby Tate

Cameron Henderson

Kamrin Sartin

Jacob Burke

Dylan Caussyn

Vernon Langley

Mary Ellen McCrary

Jacob Watkins

McKenzie Daigle

Davon Harris