

Calendar of Events

November 3rd

Picture retakes

November 9th

Papers go home

November 10th

Club Day (during school)

November 11th

Progress reports go home

Veteran's Day Program @ 9am

November 17th

Family Arts Night

6PM-8:40PM

November 21st - 25th

Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29th

Star Student breakfast @ 7:30am

November 30th

Papers go home

Miscellaneous News

Spanish

Student of the Month:

Sidney Doyle -4th

Daniel Lavinghous-5th

Class of the Month:

Mrs. Harrison

It has been a great first nine weeks in Spanish! We have learned all about colors in Spanish, and have decided to paint Senora Badkoobeh's house café. We have also learned about famous Hispanic people and how to answer key questions. For the upcoming weeks, fourth graders will learn about the cultures of Spain and Mexico. Fifth graders will take a closer look at the countries of Latin America. Students will give presentations to their classes in order to convince them to move to their country. We will research our country's most interesting facts in class, but feel free to research and work at home, as well. Parents, look forward to hearing all about Latin America and Spain! This will be a great second nine weeks in Spanish! ¡Adios!

PBIS tip...

Plan Ahead

Try to anticipate what your child may do or need in various situations. Make sure that you plan ahead to set your child up for a successful experience. Hope for the best, but plan for the worst. Always have a back-up plan!

Cafeteria payments...

www.SchoolPaymentSolutions.com now uses the 7-digit Student ID Number for setting up your child's meal payment account. The system no longer uses your child's social security number. If you have already set up an account, you do not need to make any changes. If you have any difficulty setting up your child's account, please call the Office of Child Nutrition at 225-658-7053 or e-mail Barbara Aucoin at Barbara.Aucoin@zacharyschools.org.



Pride of the Colts

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From the Principal

There are important things that take place in our lives that can easily go unnoticed. We many times focus on the big things that no one can miss, but there are also many small things that contribute to the quality of our lives and enhance the lives of others. I've seen students, teachers, businessmen, and even school districts get awards. These are things to be proud of, and without a doubt can make a difference in our lives. I've also seen small things that happen without fanfare make tremendous contributions to those that take time to give them notice. I'm currently running a "small things" campaign in my life. Our superintendent may refer to that as "attention to detail". I simply refer to it as "being attentive". I'll give you an example. We have 800 students at Copper Mill. It is quite a sea of faces and each face has a story. I'm determined to know the name for each face. That seems like a small thing. It seems like a small thing when compared

to instructional decisions, budgets, schedules, calendars, and the like. But, I wish you could see the faces light up after I finally get it right after messing it up so many times. I have to confess that my 49 year old face lights up, too when I get it right. There are just a few more wrinkles in my light! I'm currently reading a novel by Philip Gulley. In this novel there is a minor character that no one thought would accomplish much. They thought he would not make it in the mainstream, so he was encouraged to work with youth on an Indian reservation. An obscure work at best many would say. After the main character witnesses the work (definitely small things), he gives a fitting baseball analogy to describe this worker. "Never hitting a home run, but every day advancing the runners." I think I would rather be that man. I probably won't make it in a "Who's Who", but maybe I'll know the names

of my daughter's teachers, her friends, and a few of her dreams. Perhaps by lending a hand (or an ear), I'll advance a runner. Those could be very good small things. Think about the small things in your life. They aren't often accompanied by standing ovations. Give them some attention, and you may discover you are advancing runners! By the way, "Madison, I know your name!" – Only 500 more to go



Sam Allen
Jon-Clark Baker
Faith Bergeron
Jacie Conrad
Brooklyn Eubanks
Dinesha Hawkins
Kelsie Littles
Kylie O'Brien
Tayler Pomeroy
Miranda Schaefer
Lauren Thompson

Benecia Anderson
David Beathley
Zoria Breaux
Morgan Cooper
Phillip Faucheux
Brailyn King
Jeanne Mock
Jessica Ogbonna
Grace Robertson
Brayden Seguin
Katelyn Upton
Machaela Neal

Vivian Ard
Alex Belk
Jude Charlet
Jonathan Craig
Gavin Graham
Marshall Lawton
Alex Mounts
Jesse Paxton
Hallie Russell
Jeletha Sweet
Elijah Whittington

News from the Classes

4th grade

Fourth graders are hard at work as we move into the holiday months of November and December. In language will be addressing verbs and usage. Although the students will be busy learning about verbs, we haven't forgotten writing! We assigned our first writing project; "The Pumpkin Biography." Students' have selected a person of significance to research and will write a report and present their findings. Students are very excited to read their biographies and share their findings! Another form of writing that will also be addressed these next few months will be descriptive writing. Students will use the Descriptive Writing House to aid them in this process. We will work on descriptive writing for several weeks. We all know that with writing, practice makes perfect; so please encourage your child to really work on writing in the classroom as well as at home.

There are many wonderful activities that are happening with reading in these holiday months! The students are reading many exciting and interesting stories in the classroom! Students will read a wide variety of nonfiction stories and will learn new and exciting vocabulary. The skills that correlate with these nonfiction stories are: cause and effect, drawing conclusions, and conflict/resolution. Make sure that your child is reading at home every night, this will help improve fluency and reading comprehension. As November and December quickly approach, 4th grade students are continuing to work hard in the classroom! Our students were thrilled to hear that they were ranked #1 in the state for the seventh year in a row. What an accomplishment! We will continue to build on this momentum and encourage students to keep up the great work.© Both teachers and students are looking forward to our King Tut field trip in January. Students are engaging in literature and activities to help them prepare for what they're going to see. Keep in mind that money will be collected again in November for students and parents who need to finish payments for this trip. We are so excited and know that this will be such a wonderful experience for everyone involved!

In math, our students are continuing to work in our data and graphs unit. Students are learning about the many different ways to organize and display information,

including bar graphs, double-bar graphs, line graphs, circle graphs, line plots, and more! After this unit, we will begin working on multiplication. We will focus on this unit for several weeks. This is a skill that students will need to practice at home as well as in the classroom! Parents, you can help your child to master this skill by practicing flash cards with them for 10 minutes per night. In the classroom, students will practice creating multiplication arrays in order to understand what multiplication really is (adding groups of the same number). We'll also discuss the different multiplication properties, how to solve expressions and equations that include multiplication operations, and the meaning of factors and multiples.

In science, students are exploring sound! During this unit, students will learn all about vibrations, sound waves, pitch, and many other elements that affect the sounds that we hear every day. Students will also continue working on their sound machine projects. Students were asked to build a sound machine using common household items that could demonstrate pitch and volume. This is always a fun project that students are eager to share! After our sound unit, we will move into electricity! Students will learn about materials that are good conductors, insulators, and resistors of electricity. We'll also explore different kinds of circuits. After electricity, students will begin to learn about moon phases. Students will learn about the moon and its orbit around the Earth. This will lead us into our unit on the solar system. Students will engage in learning about our different planets and solar/lunar eclipses. We will spend several weeks studying this information.

In social studies, we've been learning about the different regions of the United States and their landforms, climate, etc. Now, we'll begin learning about the earliest settlers of the U.S. Students will learn more about famous explorers like Juan Ponce de Leon, Hernando de Soto, and Robert La Salle, and how they impacted the history of the U.S. After learning a little bit about our history, we'll begin to explore U.S. government and how this system runs our country. We'll learn about the different levels of government, both on a national and state level. Students will also learn the meaning of democracy and the history behind our Bill of Rights and our U.S. Constitution. In addition, we will spend some time discussing our rights and responsibilities as

Americans. Parents, you can help your child better understand this information by starting discussions at home that relate to real world situations like paying taxes on items we purchase or serving on a jury. Encourage your child to pay attention to current events involving our government, and have them share with you what they've learned!

5th grade

Fifth graders have been extremely busy! After celebrating being #1 again for the seventh year in a row, we are back to work---determined to maintain that #1 spot! We are excited about the things we are learning and the activities coming up in November!

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 will become the focus. Practice using them in ANY writing that you do! Congratulations to our first group of AR Achievers! Continue reading to meet or exceed your current AR goal. Practice identifying prefixes and suffixes to help you determine the meanings of words. **STUDY THOSE WORDS!** As the holidays approach, stay focused on your work at school.

In science, students are beginning to study the basic unit of life- **CELLS!** Cells will be followed by Body Systems. In social studies, we have been learning about Native Americans and their culture. We will be working on Native American projects and reports. **MAKE SURE YOU ARE STUDYING FOR TESTS!** Study skills are an important skill that we learn in 5th grade.

In math, we will be multiplying, dividing, and problem solving. Students will learn how to use factors, multiples, greatest common factors, and least common multiples. Study your basic facts!



200 Point Club:

Logan Thompson
Samuel Harkrider
Isabelle Plauche

100 Point Club:

Colt Crain
Haley Chavez
Colin Alvarez
Katy Knecht
Kyle Trantham
Joshua Burns
Kaytlyn Williams
Josette Reichman
David Gang

50 Point Club:

Wesley Babin
Mackenzie Newman
Daniel Lavinghouse
Dana Ward
John Norris
Kaitlyn Musselman
Ella Lalonde
McKinley Sherman
Caleb Sartin
Caroline Fontenot
Katie Mestayer
Elyse Duplantier
Elizabeth Cavell
Brailyn King
Bria Hitchens
Anne Marie Olson
Connor Hartline
Jessica Schwendimann
Trevor Billiot
Alexandra Barton
Nicholas Adams
Caleb Horn
Emily Simpson