

Calendar of Events

September 7th

Labor Day Holiday
No School

September 9th

Papers go home
Progress reports go home

September 23rd

Papers go home

September 29th

September Star Student breakfast
@ 7:30 am

September 30th

Fall pictures
Students must wear their uniforms.

Miscellaneous News

Spanish

Class of the month-

Mrs. Mitchell's afternoon

Student of the month-

Michael Sanford

Yearbooks...

Yearbooks are on sale! You can order online, or print out an order form and send it to school with your child.

P.E.

Copper Mill Elementary will be hosting a Speed Stacking Tournament on October 17th from 9 - 11am. In order for our students to better prepare for this competition, the physical education department is offering students the opportunity to purchase speed stacking equipment. Students will have the option to purchase a speed stacking set or the competitors pack. The forms have been sent home and are due back no later than Wednesday August 26th.

Just a note...

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.



Pride of the Colts

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From the Principal

Copper Mill Elementary begins its fourth year of operation with the opening of the 2009 school year. It's hard to believe that three years ago we opened the doors for the first time. Since that day, we've added 12 additional classrooms, outdoor restrooms, storage, and an outdoor educational space on an acre pond. The building is not the only thing that's changed. Three years ago, 600 hundred students passed through the halls. This year more than 750 students will share that experience. As our district

begins its seventh year, growth and progress are evident. Our community, as well as our district, has grown at a tremendous rate.

As Copper Mill begins its fourth year, I began to think of what brought us here (literally). When the staff of Copper Mill moved into a brand new state of the art building, we did so in pickup trucks and trailers. The hands that moved equipment and furniture were not the hands of professional movers. The hands that moved us into this beautiful building were the

hands of teachers, parents, school board members, students, and retirees. I think it is important to remember our journey. "Community" is not just a word on our buses. It is who we are, and it must be a part of our future. It doesn't matter if you've lived in Zachary all of your life or you have newly established it as your home. We need you to be part of our journey. I hope that you will join us as we make this our best year yet.



Dr. Dan



Jireh Toussaint	Alexis Tarver	Wesley LaRocque
Brea Bonin	Madeline Moreau	Amelia Parrenin
Bennett Hernandez	Stephanie Schlorke	Ja'Leah Murphy
Pashen Barrow	Miranda Albarez	Daylin Alaniz
Emma Chaney	Paul Roche	William Granville
Laci Felker	Robert Burke	Courtney Baker
Tre'Lesia Perry	Jada Fowler	Blair Blackledge
Camryn Cannon	Kortni Pierre	Brandi Montelaro
Madison Lewis	LaRon Pierre	Aliyah Johnson
Mikell Mack	Triston Wilson	Reginald Breckenridge
Jacoby Tate	Donyelle Ford	Brooklyn Squires
Hailey Key	Tessa White	Jon Burrell

News from the Classes

4th grade

Fourth grade is really off to the race
And Copper Mill is our new place.
We've moved right in and taken a leap,
For number one status we want to keep!

In August & September we'll begin
With number order sense through the
millions.

We'll throw in a bit of Algebra, too.
And problem solving- what a coo!

We'll move right on to graph a bit
Look out now Zachary we're moving it.

In Science we'll investigate
And study matter- we can hardly wait.
From there we'll learn of things that move
Light, heat, sound, and electricity, that's a
groove.

Social Studies will keep us on the go
As we discover how maps do flow.
From land to sea and back once more,
Directions we'll learn by the score.

We will compare both globes and maps.
We'll journey far- well how about that!

Let's not forget our Language Arts,
It's most important and has three parts.
Reading, Language, and Spelling we'll
learn,

Let's talk of each one in its turn.

Narrative Elements we'll discuss,
Along with trade books – reading is a must!
Don't forget to study vocabulary
As it's important wait and see.

In Language at sentences we will look.
Using different activities, and not just our
book.

Writing will be descriptive you know,
using four sentence types to make it flow.

Last, but not least, we'll learn to spell.
Reading vocabulary should ring your bell.
All fourth grade teachers will work at the
task
Of teaching you everything so in limelight
you'll bask!

This school beginning was really neat.
Fourth grade has really wet their feet.
In the pool of knowledge we will now
quest
To show the world that we're the best!

5th grade

Welcome back to school! We are so
excited about all the great things planned
for the upcoming school year. Things are
already off to a fantastic start as we dive
deeper into reading, language, and spelling.

The teachers have all completed
beginning of the year assessments to make
sure your child is learning at a challenging
but not frustrating pace. This month in
reading, we will be focusing on realistic
fiction, autobiographies, biographies, and

historical fiction. We will be working on
skills like conflict and resolution, character's
motives, and sequence of events. We are
looking forward to the interesting characters
and adventures that are awaiting us!

Types of sentences, prepositions, nouns,
and verbs are the fun skills we are working on
in language this month. Enhancing and
elaborating our writing are also going to be
important this month. We are steadily on our
way to becoming fifth grade grammar
whizzes!

Spelling is taking off as well, as we focus
more on phonics and sound combinations,
and how they affect the spelling of words.
Please be sure your child is studying his or
her words each week. Make it a car game,
and challenge them to an oral spelling bee!
Be sure you have something to reward them
with once they win!

It is also never too early to begin working
on Reading Goal! Fifth grade students have a
Reading Goal of thirty books, and we know
all students are capable of reaching this goal!
This will be a fantastic year, full of
tremendous growth and success, and we are
looking forward to working with you to reach
all our goals!

In math, we have gotten off to a busy start.
Our first few weeks have had us exploring
place value, number forms, estimation, and
comparing and ordering whole numbers. We
have all completed assessment tests and the
“Star” math assessment. This will help our
teachers determine our strengths and
weaknesses in math. Of course, we don't
expect to find too many weaknesses!

In social studies, we have been

cartographers. We are studying the many
different types of maps and the specific
uses of each map. The lines of latitude and
longitude have been a little tricky, but we
are determined to learn the difference. We
have also learned to recognize the many
landforms found in the United States and
around the world.

We have discovered that “scientists” are
everywhere here at Copper Mill
Elementary. Each fifth grade class has
been busy with process skills and the
scientific method. We used our qualitative
observation skills to determine what the
“Mystery Bags” held. Interpolate and
extrapolate have become part of our daily
vocabulary. The wonders of science never
cease here at Copper Mill Elementary.

We would like to thank our parents for
helping us get off to a great 2009-2010
school year. Please be sure that all supply
fees are paid and that all paperwork has
been returned. Remember that conduct
folders come home every Friday. They
should be signed and returned on Monday.
We know this will be a great year!



50 points:

Stephanie Schlorke (64.2)

25 points

Joseph Harkrider (48.6)

Tamira Johnson (40.9)

Darrel Deville (37.9)

David Heidke (32.3)