

Calendar of Events

November 1st
Fundraiser Kickoff

November 1st - 5th
Flags Go on Sale for \$1 for Veterans Day

November 2nd
Buck's Pizza Night

November 4th
LEAP Parent Meeting @ 6:00 PM
Fall Picture Retakes

November 10th
Papers Go Home

November 11th
Veteran Recognition Program @ 8:45 AM

November 15th
Fundraiser Orders Due
5th Grade Raising Cane's Family Night

November 16th
Star Student Breakfast @7:30 AM
4th Grade Raising Cane's Family Night

November 17th
Progress Reports Go Home

November 18th
Family Arts Night @ 6:00 PM @ CME

November 22nd - 26th
Thanksgiving Holiday

December 1st
Papers Go Home

December 7th
Buck's Pizza Night

December 15th
Papers Go Home

December 15th - 17th
Early Dismissal, 12:45 PM

December 20th - January 3rd
Christmas Holiday

January 4th
Students Return to School

Miscellaneous News

Spanish

Class of the month-
4th grade- Mrs. Walters's homeroom
5th grade- Mrs. Adolph's homeroom

Student of the month-
4th grade- Aushaunte Domengeaux
5th grade- Jessica Hughes

Just a note...

For safety reasons, students are not allowed to check out 30 minutes prior to dismissal.

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. Emails are not accepted.

Owe lunch money? Please call the cafeteria (658-0128) to check your child's lunch balance.

Music

Class of the month-
4th grade- Mrs. Harrison's homeroom
5th grade- Ms. Kelley's homeroom

Student of the month-
4th grade- Haillie Curtis
5th grade- Daz Varnardo

Yearbooks...

Yearbooks are on sale! They are \$28. After January 24th the price will increase to \$35. You can purchase a yearbook two ways. You may order by credit card using the link on our school website, or you may print the order form on our school website and send your order with a check.

5th grade yearbook recognition ads are due by Dec. 1st.



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From the Principal

Several staff members from another school district visited our school in October. They were looking for keys to our success that they could take back to their school. I didn't share one of the biggest keys to our success, but I truthfully was not trying to withhold information. It took a parent's email after this group had gone to help me discover this key. When I realized the value of this key, it was like finding a Picasso at a garage sale! Visitors from other schools always ask about the size of our teaching staff. I usually rattle off a number that's less than 50. Without meaning to be deceptive,

I have given them the wrong answer. Next time I will give them a number that will blow them away. Let me go back to the parent's email. A parent sent me an email filled with kind words and compliments for Copper Mill and a story. For the sake of space, I'll summarize the story. A CME bus driver had looked at her son's report card and offered some meaningful encouragement to him. That bus driver that day taught the value of a job well-done. Next time I'm asked, I'll number my teaching staff in the hundreds. I'll probably smile as I watch

their jaws drop. That number is one of the greatest keys to our success. We are like a football team on game day. We "dress out" a lot of players in the same uniform. What's different about our team? We put all of our players on the field every day. Parents, bus drivers, support staff, and classroom teachers all "dress out" for the big game, educating our children. Thank you for being a part of our team. It's "game day" every day! I hope to see you on the field.

Dewey Davis



Tahj Patterson
Cameron Henderson
Madison Wallace
Elyse Duplantier
Madeline Moreau
Lindsey Naquin
Tyler Jackson
James Lewis
Craig Juneau
Briera Sweet
Quinton Johnson
Caleb Jackson

Janie Jordan
Alyssa Wittig
Adrienne Cedotal
Jaiwun Jiles
Mallory Charlet
Jordan Soares
Jon Burrell
Rodney Dorsey
Brayden Seguin
Camille Pierre
Samuel Cottano
Zahria Spears

Tessa White
Cade Baker
Brian White
McKensie Manchester
Adren Whitfield
Aeneas Trench
Ian Granger
Pashen Barrow
Jacey Chance
Myles Snowden
Lauren Brown
Luke Zweigle

News from the Classes

4th grade

As we head into November and December, 4th grade students are continuing to work hard in the classroom! Our students were so excited to hear that they were ranked #1 in the state for the sixth year in a row. We will continue to build on this momentum and encourage students to keep up the great work. In Math, our students are beginning a unit on Data and Graphs. Students will learn 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 their 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 beginning to explore Light! During this unit, students will learn all about the visible light spectrum, what causes a shadow, and reflection and refraction. After our Light unit, we will move into Electricity! Our 4th grade students are planning to participate in an Electricity Safety show presented by DEMCO at our school. This will be a wonderful way to introduce our unit. 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 also be assigned a Moon Phase Calendar, in which they illustrate and name the different phases of the moon seen throughout a month's time. Students will also 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 the planets as well as 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 also learn more about famous explorers like Juan Ponce de Leon, Hernando de Soto, and Robert de 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!

In English, students will be learning about verbs and exploring different verb forms. We will also be working on Informational Resources, which involves learning about the different types of informational resources available (internet, encyclopedia, dictionary, newspaper, atlas) and what information can be found in each. Although the students are busy learning about verbs and sources of information, we haven't forgotten writing! Students will be working on Descriptive Writing for the next couple of weeks. We will be working on the writing process and will practice using awesome adjectives and imagery to help us be descriptive writers. We all know that with writing practice makes perfect so please encourage your child work on their writing, not only in the classroom but also at home!

There are many wonderful activities that will be occurring with Reading during these holiday months! Students will read a wide variety of fiction and nonfiction stories and will learn new and exciting vocabulary. Students are also learning reading strategies every day that give them the tools to be great readers. Some of the reading strategies we will be working on these next few months include: rereading, summarizing, predicting outcomes, cause and effect, and determining the author's purpose and perspective. It is important to practice reading every night, even if it's only a little that is being read. Each time children read, they improve fluency and comprehension and are given a chance to practice and reinforce valuable reading strategies that are being taught in the classroom.

5th grade

Wow!! The year has truly flown by. It is already the second nine weeks. This nine weeks is full of amazing opportunities within fifth grade at Copper Mill Elementary. Through field trips or classroom experiences, your child will participate in activities and learn about some amazing concepts.

In November/December, our fifth graders will be traveling to the Louisiana Art and Science Museum in downtown Baton Rouge. They will participate in the amazing Egyptian Art and Writing class as well as the Ecosystem class. This will be a field trip filled with great learning and exciting discoveries.

Throughout November, don't forget some important dates and events. Watch out, 4-H has a meeting on November 12th. Then on to November 15th, where you can go and support our school and fifth grade at Raising Cane's Fifth Grade Night. The winning class will get a Raising Cane's party, so remember to mention your child's homeroom teacher when ordering food. Right around the corner is the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 22nd - 26th. Enjoy this time of family and giving thanks.

Science in Action, Beta, and other clubs will be meeting in the month of December. As the Christmas Holidays draw near, look for upcoming information on our Christmas giving project. Also, right before the holiday break, students will have early dismissal days on December 15th - 17th. The last day before the holidays, we will be having Christmas parties. Please volunteer to help your child's teacher during this joyous time. Then enjoy your long Winter Holiday from December 18th - January 3rd.

Throughout the months of November and December, your student will be learning about many different topics in class. In ELA, students are working on adjectives, adverbs, pronouns, articles, and verb tenses. In Spelling, we are learning about different vowel consonant patterns. We will continue our stories and work on sequencing, compare and contrast, as well as determining cause and effect to become better readers. Please continue to work on those Reading Goals! Watch out for the second nine weeks Book Report Project!

In Math, we are studying probability, multiplication, and division. Remember to start drilling your multiplication facts. We are exploring life through biomes & ecosystems. Get ready!! We are setting sail in Social Studies as we take a look at European explorers. Their routes take us all throughout the Americas to discover great lands and tribes.

Continue to encourage your child to do his or her best. Every day counts in making each one successful. As teachers, we are truly proud of our students. They are excelling to new heights, and we can't wait to see them grow throughout the remainder of the year. Thank you so much for your support!



100 points:

Adrienne Alexis
Jordyn Bernardi
Elyse Duplantier
Jonathon Harris
David Heidke
Jessica Hughes
Jake Obrien

Kurtis Obrien
Hannah Pomeroy
Marcie Sorrel
Jessica Staggs
Paige Veal
Tyrese Wilson

50 points:

Colt Crain
Makenzie Cranford
Grace Dry
Caroline Fontenot
Charles Gunter
Alyssa Lawson
Harmony Lewis
Morgan Mills
Cassidy Moore
Nicole Mulkey

Tyler Norton
Anne Marie Olson
Grace Pulliam
Presley Simmons
Emily Simpson
Kamryn Stewart
Kyle Trantham
Alex Waldon
John Wales

25 points:

Jared Andra
Sterling Babin
Gage Bennett
Brianna Blunt
Kristina Brooks
Myrna Brunson
Joshua Burns
Joel Cavalier
Rebecca Day
Tristyn DeRouen
Erika Dillon
Keondre Franklin
Chanlor Germany
Johnece Greenhouse
Krystal Harrigill
Tyler Hartline
Olivia Hurst
Jermaine Jackson

Jeremy Kearney
Reed Ladnier
Marshall Lawton
Katie Mestayer
Kaijah Nelson
Garrett Paxton
Madilyn Richardson
Ashley Roberts
David Robins
Madison Russell
Xu Ling Shao
Barry Shelton
Lauren Smith
Roosevelt Thomas
Emily Wayne
Peyton Whitcomb
Kaitlynn White