

Mitchell News

"Home of the Bulldogs"

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Mark Your Calendars!

- ◆ **May 1-** College Spirit Shirt Day
- ◆ **May 4-8-** Teacher Appreciation Week
- ◆ **May 4-15-** Iowa/Logramos Testing. No visitors during this time.
- ◆ **May 4-8** - Kinder Round-up; Registration for the 2015-2016 school year
- ◆ **May 12-** 5th STAAR Reading Re-test; No visitors on campus!
- ◆ **May 14-** Kinder trip to zoo.
- ◆ **May 15-** Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Breakfast; 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- ◆ **May 15-** Lemonade Day (3-5) 3-4 p.m.
- ◆ **May 20-** Kinder & 2nd grade field trip to Hobby Center
- ◆ **May 21 (PreK-2nd).** Field Day
- ◆ **May 22 (3rd-5th).** Field Day
- ◆ **May 25-** Memorial Day Holiday
- ◆ **May 28-** Last Day of School; Class parties; Report cards go home. The campus will follow the early dismissal schedule for ancillary & lunch on this day!
- ◆ **June 8 & 9-** Pre- K Registration

Principal's Message

Another school year is coming to an end. It has been one filled with many new initiatives, one of the biggest one being Literacy By 3 which will continue in the upcoming year. In order to ensure your child doesn't lose his/her reading skills, it is very important for you to ensure they spend time this summer reading. We cannot stress the importance this subject plays in every area of your children's learning experience and future. Make time this summer with your younger ones to read aloud to them, hear them read, or take them to the library. Even the older students will benefit from reading daily or at least several times a week.

I will not be closing out the school year. I have worked closely with Mrs. Johnson and our School Support Officer, SSO Dawson, to ensure everything goes smoothly. Mrs. Walker will be on campus to assist Mrs. Johnson. I am confident all will be taken care of and the year will end successfully. Please reach out to them with any concerns.

Those students who did not meet our district's Promotion Standards will need to attend our June session of summer school here at Mitchell. Some 3rd-5th students will be selected to attend a July session of summer school which will focus on Math & Science which will be held at Lewis Elementary. Applications will be sent home and transportation will be provided and a representative from Mitchell will oversee the program during the designated dates.

Have a great summer and stay safe! Wishing you a great school year in 2015-2016.

The Leader In Me

We have been selected to participate in this awesome opportunity for the 2015-2016 school year. Staff members will begin a book study based on the principles of the program. Everyone, including teachers, custodians, office staff, kitchen personnel, and school leaders will receive a three-day training for the upcoming school year as we prepare to launch the program. Implementation will occur over a three-year period and school personnel will work closely with students to build upon the 7 Principles outlined in the Program. We are excited for the opportunity! This is a very expensive program and external funding has been secured so it won't cost us anything.

What's new?

Capped Transfer Students from Lewis Elementary- All students who transferred to our campus due to limited space will be returning to their home campus for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mitchell Attendance Zone- Currently enrolled students in Pre-K through 4th will not need to register for the upcoming year. They will be automatically transferred to the next grade if they met promotion standards.

Your Voice Surveys- Parent & Teacher Surveys will be sent home on Friday, May 1. You have from May 1-May 30 to complete your surveys. We ask that you take the time to do so. We want your feedback! Students in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to provide feedback by completing their surveys from May 11-28.

Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT)- Our focus group meeting was held on Thursday, April 29th. Thanks to all the parents who took the time to join us and provide feedback so that we can plan for next year! It is our hope that this will continue next year. We hope to have more parents become involved. We cannot do it alone and support is needed in every aspect from the academic components to the non-academic ones. Our children's success depends on all of us!

Student vaccination records- If you have received a written notice from Nurse Prince regarding your child's vaccinations, please contact her by Monday. The district is expecting her to submit all documentation on Wednesday.

End of Year Awards Programs- Kinder: Wednesday, May 13 @ 9:00 a.m.

Pre-K: Thursday, May 14 @ 9:00 a.m.

First: Monday, May 18 @ 9:00 a.m.

Second: Tuesday, May 19 @ 9:00 a.m.

Third: Wednesday, May 20 @ 9:00 a.m.

Fourth: Tuesday, May 26 @ 9:00 a.m.

Fifth Wednesday, May 27 from 8:30-10:00. Early dismissal schedule will be followed. That means lunch and ancillary schedules will change. See the school for those times.

Promotion Standards Summer School- This year, Mitchell will host summer school for those students who have not met the district and/or state expectations to be promoted to the next grade level. If you need more information, stop by the main office to get a copy. More information will be sent home with your child regarding the dates and times for this summer session which will be held at Mitchell. Some of you will be receiving letters inviting you to attend the Grade Placement Committee (GPC) Meeting with your child's teacher and Mrs. Johnson, the Assistant Principal. We ask that you make every effort to attend so that you will be able to discuss your child's academic standing and what our plans are for him/her. If you receive a letter and cannot attend on the selected date, contact the school to make alternate arrangements. We are flexible and will work with you, but need you to communicate with us.

Community Corner

Cambodian Church of Houston- We'd like to extend a huge thanks to this wonderful organization who has shown great support to our campus in so many ways. They recently provided treats for all of the students in grades 3-5 to encourage them to do their best on the STAAR tests. The students enjoyed the treats!

A Day with Junior Achievement (J.A.)- Volunteers visited our school for the day on April 10 to speak to our students about working in their communities as business owners, leaders, and more. The students worked closely with them and their teachers to learn more about contributing positively to the community. We even had a volunteer call us about her brother wanting to donate 200 backpacks to our campus. We are fortunate and thankful for these supporters.

Author, Noah Rattler visits Mitchell- Thanks to Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Peipelman for arranging this visit. Mr. Rattler shared his story about raising awareness for Homelessness with our students by reading his book, Noah's Walk. He also encouraged our students with positive messages to do their best in order to be productive citizens in their communities.

3rd Annual Career Day- This week we held our annual event in which professionals in our communities came to speak to the students about their careers. We had many great speakers from different fields such as firefighters, police officers, band directors, doctors, authors, poets, boxers, referees, community activists, engineers, architects, and much, much more. It was great!