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Pony Express

Zachary Elementary Newsletter

### From the Principal's Desk

In this season of thankfulness, I would like to tell you how thankful and appreciative we are of your support of Zachary Elementary School. Your efforts at home and partnership with your child's teachers is critical to both your child's academic performance and our school's success. I think we also have more parent involvement this year than we have ever had before! We are thankful that these combined efforts have paid off once again this year with the fifth consecutive #1 ranking. Keep up the great work parents!

While we enjoy being a part of the top ranked district, helping develop children who are healthy, happy people is just as important as test scores. This is why we have such a comprehensive program that includes the arts, field trips, P.E., and foreign language, among other things. We want our children to have the opportunity to have rich experiences and enjoy learning beyond the classroom so that they develop a lifelong love for learning.

I hope you enjoyed the Homecoming parade this year. Our school's float won "Best Float" for the second straight year! Thank you Amy Martin, Tamara Armstrong, and other ZEPO volunteers who put together our super creative float! It was a great time!  
*Jennifer Marangos*

### News From Around the School

#### GUIDANCE

#### Feelings!

Hurt feelings don't go away as quickly as we would like! An example used in Guidance was a cut-out paper heart. Different comments were made to hurt the feelings of the heart. Each comment caused a wrinkle. fold or crush. The heart was unfolded and examined. The folds and wrinkles were still visible, but the heart was back to the original shape. We can see that the heart still shows that someone caused hurt feelings. Remember to be kind and to always look the person in the eye and say you are sorry with "I am so sorry"....and mean it!!!

#### P.E.

The holidays are fast approaching and with that brings excitement and expectation. The students are looking forward to getting treats and candy and dressing up as their favorite book character in October. November brings spending time with family and pumpkin pie and of course December brings CHRISTMAS!! The P.E. classes are working on skills such as sportsmanship, dodging, and the underhand toss with games like 'Four Square,' 'Triple Threat,' and 'Birthday Cake.' The start of "Mustang Milers" is on the horizon for Nov. Mustang Milers will be a little different this year. We will not do quite as many runs this year but the students will still be able to earn feet. They must run 24 laps (approx. 3 miles) at which time they will receive a new foot. For example, when they reach 24 laps they earn their first foot; at 48 laps they earn their second foot, etc. They have 10 minutes to run as many laps as they can. The students are looking forward to running. We will record their laps by the number of popsicle sticks they have collected per lap. Again we ask that you send your little "pumpkin" to school in tennis shoes. We have P.E. everyday! Thanks and have a HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

#### LIBRARY

#### BOOK FAIR BEGINS NOVEMBER 16!!!

Our annual book fair will be held November 16—20 in the library. Book fair hours are as follows:

- Monday, Nov. 16 "Moonlight Madness" 8:00AM—8:00PM
- Tuesday, Nov. 17 8:00AM—4:30PM
- Wednesday, Nov. 18 8:00AM—4:30PM
- Thursday, Nov. 19 8:00AM—4:30PM
- Friday, Nov. 20 8:00AM—3:30PM

You may visit our book fair site online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/zes>

#### TOP AR STUDENTS

- Jordyn Bernardi—187 points
- Kamryn Stewart—88 points
- Anne Marie Olsen—67 points

#### SPANISH

During our travels through South America, we stopped in Chile where we learned of a popular folk tale about a mermaid. Mighty Mustangs are still being given to students earning points on the AR test for the story. We then traveled to Paraguay, where we saw the Guarani Indians, football (soccer), and heard beautiful music made by a harp. The last week of October, we land in Santa Cruz, Bolivia for a trip to the zoo to see endangered species of animals.

Students are still practicing the use of colors and numbers. Does your child know his/her color and number in Spanish? We are also learning Spanish words that represent things found in a classroom. Students were introduced to Pocoyo and his friends while watching an episode of the Discovery Kids Channel Spanish cartoon.



#### IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Saturday, Nov. 31	Turn clocks back 1 hour
Friday, Nov. 6	ZEPO FREE DRESS DAY
Wednesday, Nov. 11	Veterans Day Walk for Heroes
Thursday, Nov. 12	Picture Retakes **Must wear uniforms
Friday, Nov. 13	Baton Rouge Ballet Theater @ ZES
Mon—Fri, Nov 16—20	Book Fair
Wednesday, Nov. 18	2nd Grade Thanksgiving Lunch
Mon—Fri, Nov. 23—27	Thanksgiving Holidays

The Baton Rouge Ballet Theater will be at ZES on Friday, November 13. Admission is \$2 per person and is due by Tuesday, November 10. After November 10, CASH ONLY no exceptions.

## Look what 2nd Grade is doing...

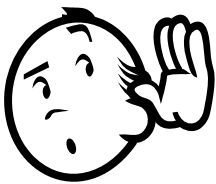


The holiday season is here and we will be very busy. The Baton Rouge Ballet will be here on November 13<sup>th</sup> and our Thanksgiving lunch with our parents will be November 18<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you. Although the children are very excited about the holiday season, we still have a lot to cover. Please help us by reminding them about their behavior during the next few months.

In math we will be working on place value to 999 and rounding numbers. We are learning the value of numbers and how to say the same number many different ways. Don't forget to practice addition and subtraction facts every night with your child. In science and social studies we will be studying nutrition and pioneers.

Students are growing in their reading. We are so proud of them. Every week, we continue to work on comprehension. Remember...this is a skill we work on throughout the year. If your child is having problems, send a note to their teacher. She can provide practice pages for you to review the skills at home. When reading at home, after they have read a few pages to you, take the book and ask them questions about what they just read. GREAT comprehension practice! Keep up the good work!

We would also like to thank you for helping us become the #1 school district for the fifth year in row. Your support for the school and dedication to helping your child reach high expectations is what makes us successful. Thanks so much!



## Have you heard what 3rd Grade is doing?

As we begin this holiday season, we are thankful for the support of you, the parents. We appreciate all you do for us and your child!

Students will learn about main idea and supporting details in reading. You can help your child by using lots of details when you talk to them. This will also help when we have our next writing assignment. Also, reading with your child each night is very important.

In math, students have mastered the "new school" methods of addition and subtraction. Lines, points, angles, oh my! Look for our fun geometry unit!

What type of community do we live in? This will be our next unit in social studies. Students will explore rural, suburban, and urban communities!

Our field trips to Ocean Commotion and "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" were excellent. We had a great time!

## STAR STUDENTS



**Abigail Blount**  
**Spirit Hoffpauir**  
**Jacie Conrad**  
**Skye Allen**  
**Alex Mounts**  
**Arquel Carter**  
**Celeste Cavell**  
**Madison Booty**  
**Camron Pierre**  
**Rakayla Honora**  
**Maria Going**

**Rachel Leese**  
**Taylor Hodges**  
**Cana Zachary**  
**Makenzie Head**  
**Sydni McNeely**  
**Nya Jackson**  
**Alyssa Adams**  
**Derek Huntley**  
**Hallie Mayfield**  
**Maliah Askins**  
**Ryan Lattavo**  
**Quinton Johnson**  
**Taylor Honore**

**Trenyti Henderson**  
**Joy Sutton**  
**Indya Jackson**  
**Nicole Wilson**  
**Bryanna Brown**  
**Nick Mazarella**  
**Lindsey Webb**  
**Chase Gray**  
**Caroline Evans**  
**Kendal Kelley**  
**Carsyn Martel**

