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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to school! We are very excited to have your children at ZES for the 2011-2012 school year! We look forward to a year full of growth, learning and fun.

We have had a very smooth start to the year, and I hope your child has had an easy transition. Instruction is in full swing. I see your children involved daily in exciting, engaging learning activities. If I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Here are a few reminders:

1. Please follow the car rider procedures to make things easier and safer for everyone. Remember that anyone picking up your child is required to have an orange card. Contact the office if you need additional cards.
2. If you have not paid your child's fees, please do so. If there is anything we can do to work out a payment plan, please don't hesitate to call.
3. We are teaching from bell to bell, so please avoid checking your child in or out of school.

As I explained at Open House, we will have two school-wide fundraisers this year. Our fall fundraiser information was sent home last week. We appreciate your support with these fundraisers. The money raised will be used to support student and school activities.

We are looking forward to a terrific school year. We appreciate the support that the Zachary community has always shown our school, and we are grateful that we can look forward to the same support year after year.  
**GO MUSTANGS!!!**  
Jennifer Marangos

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE SCHOOL

### PE

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer. The first week of school seems to be for getting rules established, seating formations in place, and measuring heights and weights. Well, the P.E. Dept. has done all of these things and has started introducing manipulative activities and movement games. With the weather being so HOT, we (the P.E. teachers) have teamed up and kept the students indoors. We will start taking them outside before too long, hopefully to some cooler weather! Our Mustang Miler program will probably start sometime in October. We will gradually be getting "our kids" used to the track before we actually start running. You have done a fantastic job sending your child to school wearing tennis shoes! We thank you and ask that you continue as this is for their safety. Until next time, Coaches Shipp, Downing, Lee, and Kennedy

### ART

It's a new school year full of exciting projects. Students will continue their international travels as 2<sup>nd</sup> graders learn about the cultures and art of Africa and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders learn about the many cultures and art throughout Europe.

Beginning in September, students will have the opportunity to visit the LSU Museum of Art at the Shaw Center in Baton Rouge to see the art work of Louisiana artist, George Rodrigue. The exhibit titled, "Blue Dogs and Cajuns on the River" is a wonderful collection of Rodrigue's work. It will teach the students the importance of maintaining our Louisiana history through art. This exhibit will inspire them to create their interpretation of Rodrigue's work through their own painting.

### SPANISH

Spanish is off to a great start! The students are now learning greetings. During the year, we will cover numbers, colors, holidays, family members, famous persons, and math. We will even have a math competition! Kids, practice those math facts! Students should be on their best behavior to be chosen as Student of the Week or Class of the Month. Our behavior competition is on. Parents, thank you for your support.

### ZES RADIO AM-1530

Starting in September, parents and students will be able to listen to **Zachary Elementary's own AM radio station!** Tune your radio to AM 1530 when are you close to ZES to hear our students' podcasts about their work with the LSU Coastal Roots Program and their efforts to help save Louisiana's wetlands. Throughout the year, students will create broadcasts about their endeavors in class and on the coast, as they learn more about Louisiana's unique environment.

### MUSIC

Welcome to a wonderful, musical school year! Our music classes, which meet once a week, are designed to foster a lifelong appreciation of music through active music making. In addition to developing specific musical skills, your child's studies in other areas will be enhanced by instruction that links concepts across the curriculum. You can also reinforce your child's music learning at home. Listening to music together, sharing songs learned in class, and attending concerts are a few ways to make music meaningful at school, at home, and in the community.

Third graders will begin their recorder unit in the month of September - more information about recorder fees will be sent home shortly. Be sure to check our website for more music news and events!

### GUIDANCE

Greetings! I am so excited to see everyone in Guidance! This will be a great year with themes like being the best you can be, getting along with others, drug and alcohol awareness during Red Ribbon Week, bullying, careers, and many other exciting topics!

# SECOND GRADE NEWS

Welcome to second grade. We are looking forward to a great year with your child. We have many exciting things planned for them this year. Our first event is our field trip to the LSU Museum of Art at the Shaw Center in Baton Rouge where we will be viewing the exhibit by Louisiana artist George Rodrigue: Blue Dogs and Cajuns. The cost of the trip is \$5 and all money is due September 2, 2011. The date of the trip will depend on your child's class. Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions.

We will also be visited by leaders in our community this month. The students will have the opportunity to learn about their community and the leaders' jobs. Help them think of questions they would like to ask the mayor, fire chief, police chief, superintendent and many more. September is place value month in math. The students will learn what the value of each digit in a number is (ex.: the 5 in 53 is 50 not just 5).

We are off to a great start in Reading, Spelling, and Language! We are studying characters of stories and learning how to use graphic organizers in Reading. It is important for your child to read at least 15 minutes a day for practice. Remember the motto, "Practice Makes Perfect!" Our robust vocabulary is different than what your child saw last year--instead of matching a definition to a word, your child should be able to apply and use these words. In Spelling, we are starting with a review of short vowel words, but will quickly move on to more complex spelling patterns. Please help your child prepare for the tests by studying with him or her at home.

# THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third graders have done an excellent job of settling into their new school environment! Please continue to monitor your child's homework assignments for accuracy and completion.

We have completed our graphing unit in Math, and will now begin to explore number sense focusing on place value. In Language Arts we are strengthening our reading skills through comprehension and vocabulary activities and by reading to one another in reading groups. In Science we are continuing our study of Geology and having a great time learning through hands-on activities and experiments! In computer lab, students will be using their Geology data to create spreadsheets and graphs using Excel. They will also begin a unit on robotics in which they will learn measurement, engineering, and programming skills through hands-on use of Lego Mindstorm NXT robots.

The third grade teachers of Zachary Elementary would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents who continually support us in our responsibilities of educating your children. It is going to be a fantastic year!

## Star Students

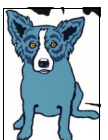
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| Cayden Daniels  | Abigail Graham    | Abby Yoes          |
| Melvina Hawkins | Miu Sims          | Hudson Trotti      |
| Paul Sandau     | D.J. Smith        | Naila Matthews     |
| Daylon Lee      | Chandler Hastings | Raelyn White       |
| Alexis Hall     | Trent Flotte      | Mary Jane Whipple  |
| Brady Neyland   | Darrius Price     | Makenzie Hawthorne |
| Macie Turner    | Teryn Garcia      | Mallory Kendrick   |
| Kayla Butler    | Anna Dupre        | Stella Chaney      |
| Albriana Jones  | Jarion Volter     | Claire Milazzo     |
| Anna Staid      | Sophie Spangler   | Kandace Turner     |
| Laryn Bunch     | Darius Taylor     | Claire Bertrand    |
| Wyatt Beam      | Natalie Musselman | Carley Fudge       |
| Matthew Weiner  | Brogan Gibbon     | Jeremiah Martin    |

## REMINDERS

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| 9/1     | Papers Sent Home   |
| 9/2     | Free Dress, Houston Money is due<br>Last day to order Yearbook at \$30 |
| 9/5     | Labor Day Holiday  |
| 9/13    | End of Fundraiser  |
| 9/15    | Progress Reports & Papers Go Home                                      |
| 9/20    | ZES Night at Raising Cane's  |
| 9/26,28 | AR Night (2nd Grade)   |
| 9/27    | AR Night (3rd Grade)   |
| 9/29    | Papers Go Home   |

### WHERE I SAW THE BLUE DOG CONTEST

A cardboard cut-out of the Blue Dog can be sighted throughout the city of Zachary. Write down his location on a piece of paper. Once you've found him, don't stop looking as he will change locations. The students with the most correct locations will win a FREE DRESS DAY at ZES and a prize from Raising Cane's.



**Yearbooks \$30---Deadline to order Sept. 2**

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