

Mustang News

February 2016

Principal Mr. Leath
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A Note from Mr. Leath...

Upcoming Events

February 12:
PTA Family Dance
February 18:
PTA Science Fair
February 28:
Boosterthon Kick-off
March 11:
Boosterthon Fun Run
March 14-18:
Spring Break

Yearbook

We need your photos of class events for the 2015-2016 yearbook. Please send your images to yearbook@wwpta.org. Please include in the subject line the teacher, grade level, event, and student names.

Habitudes Update

We hope that everyone has been having a great winter and a wonderful start to 2016. We are back in the swing of things at school. Students have come back ready to learn and have been working very hard. The Habitude we have started this semester is self-awareness. We will be helping students become self-driven, set goals, make plans, and learn with purpose and passion. Questions that you can ask your students to start this dialogue at home are:

What do you think are your greatest strengths as a learner?

How do you feel when you are successful as a learner?

What are some things that frustrate you about your own learning?

When you are talking with your children about these, look for responses that are more about their character and strengths as opposed to content.

We have several opportunities coming up for volunteers.

****Family Dance February 12th:** Volunteers will be needed the NIGHT of the dance to decorate, work concessions, and help out with some of the dance activities. This is a great opportunity for parents who want to volunteer but can't do so during the school day. Volunteers will also be needed to help with ticket sales leading up to the dance. For more information on how you can help, contact Samantha Spielhagen at skspielhagen88@yahoo.com. They will also be needing baked goods for the bake sale. You may bring the baked goods to the school during the day on the 12th.

****Science Fair February 17th and 18th:** Volunteers will be needed to help with project check-in on the 17th, to bring in breakfast items and drinks for judges on the 18th, and to help with various tasks such as picking up pizza on the day of the Science Fair. For more information on volunteering for the science fair, contact jennydavis417@gmail.com.

****Boosterthon February 29th-March 11th:** Volunteers will be needed to pass out daily prizes the week leading up to the Boosterthon event and to mark students as they complete laps the day of the Boosterthon. For more information on volunteering, contact Herb Newton at vp@wwpta.org.

****Spring Book Fair April 8th-April 11th:** Volunteers will be needed for set up and breakdown as well as to work in shifts throughout the week to help students shop and check out. Volunteering times will be available throughout the week at various times. Look for a sign up genius to sign up for a time slot!

****Reading Counts Parties:** Reading Counts Ice Cream parties are parties to reward students for reaching their grade level's Reading Counts point goal. For this easy and fun event, volunteers are needed to set up, scoop ice cream, and help students with ice cream toppings. The next party will be on February 16th at 1:45pm. For more information on how you can help, contact Susan Leath. susan_leath@hotmail.com.

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As the weather continues to fluctuate between warm and cold days, please keep the following reminders in mind.

Arrival Procedures

We have seen an increase in traffic in the morning due to less students walking or riding their bikes. Please be patient with the other vehicles and students. Due to safety reasons, we want only one lane of traffic in all our areas for student drop off.

Dismissal Procedures

Just as with arrival, our lines have gotten longer in the afternoons. Please continue to use only one lane of traffic and follow the directions of our crossing guards. They have the students' safety in mind first. If after school transportation is going to change, please notify the teacher that morning. If it is a last minute change, please notify the school no later than 2:00 pm or as early as possible.

Common Sense Media

This year in the library, your K-2 students have been learning about becoming responsible digital citizens who use technology safely, effectively, ethically, and respectfully. The following web sites provide information about how you can help your child become a responsible digital citizen. The information is pertinent and appropriate for our older students as well. Please feel free to read and discuss with your child.

Online security https://www.common sense media.org/sites/default/files/uploads/pdfs/k-5-familytip-online security_032615.pdf

Privacy and digital

footprint: https://www.common sense media.org/sites/default/files/uploads/pdfs/k-5-familytip-privacy_and_digital_footprints_043015.pdf

Talking safely

online: https://www.common sense media.org/sites/default/files/uploads/pdfs/k-5-familytip-talkingsafelyonline_043015.pdf