

# Mustang News

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## A Few Upcoming Events

- February 6<sup>th</sup>,  
PTA Family Dance.
- February 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Science Fair Awards.
- February 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
4<sup>th</sup> six weeks Character  
Awards assembly.
- February 26<sup>th</sup>,  
Family Fitness Night.
- March 9-13,  
Spring PTA Book Fair.
- March 16-20,  
Spring Break.

## Dropping off students early

Please do not drop off  
students prior to 7:20  
am as they will be  
unsupervised and are  
not able to enter the  
building.

## Thank you!

Thank you for being  
patient with us as we  
work through the  
construction on  
Hanover St.

## A Note from Mr. Leath...

### Perseverance

We have come to the point in the school year where it starts becoming a little harder to get up each morning, a little harder to get all your homework completed, and a little harder to give that extra effort that is needed. However, this is also the time of year where all of these are most important. We need our students to face these challenges and persevere through them. My favorite definition of perseverance is *the ability to sustain interest, effort, and commitment in any circumstance that life presents*. Perseverance is not an easy task for many of us, and for our students and children, it may be even more challenging. Please consider taking a few minutes to talk with your children about opportunities they have at school, in their homes, or in their communities to witness perseverance in action. Here are some good conversation starters you can use:

*When I get stuck on a problem, I try to solve it by...*

*One new strategy I used to solve a problem today was...*

*I have found the best way to stick with a challenge is...*

*When I persevere, I feel...*

We want our students to know they are stronger than they think they are. One way to help them know this is to help them learn to persevere through any challenge.

### Attendance Policy Reminders

When a student has 3 unexcused absences in a 4-week period or 10 in a 6-month period, s/he will be in violation of the compulsory attendance law.

There are several absences that may be excused if proper documentation is provided to the front office. A major one that is often overlooked is when a medical illness requires the student to miss 5 or more consecutive days. In these situations, the school MUST have a medical note from the doctor.

For a complete list of absences that may be excused and other helpful information, please visit this website.

<http://www.dentonisd.org/Page/42420>

If you have any questions about attendance please, let us know.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 940-369-4500, [cleath@dentonisd.org](mailto:cleath@dentonisd.org), or stop by and say hello.