

# Mustang News

October 2015

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

### Upcoming Events

**November 11:**  
Veteran's Day Program.  
**November 16:**  
Character Assembly  
**November 23-27:**  
Thanksgiving Break, No school.  
**December 17:**  
All-School Sing 4-5 grade.  
**December 18:**  
All-School Sing K-3.  
**December 21-  
January 4:**  
Winter Break, No school  
**January 5:**  
Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

### Curiosity

This month our students have been learning about the habitude of curiosity. The definition that we have used is: curiosity is a mindset that enables individuals to explore their internal and external worlds by asking questions, seeking answers, and engaging in a wide range of personal and interpersonal activities. The students have done several activities to explore their curiosity and are being encourage to ask "how" and "why" questions. For example, lots of people saw apples fall, but only Sir Isaac Newton dared to ask why or how. Questions are a powerful tool to help us make decisions, solve problems, invent, change, and improve our lives and the lives of others around us. As parents, it can become challenging when our children continue to ask us "why" and sound like a broken record. Please know that these questions are important. Questions, not answers, define our students as learners. Celebrate when your children ask Why is the sky blue? What happens if...? Let them know that their questions matter. Some of the smartest people and change makers become who they are by asking questions.

### New Recycling Program in the Cafeteria

On October 15, 2015, Woodrow Wilson became the first elementary school to begin the Milk Carton Recycling Program in Denton. In this program, students are encouraged to help make our environment more sustainable by recycling the milk cartons that we would normally throw away. Not only does this benefit our environment and increase our awareness of sustainability, but this program will most likely double our recycling weight for the year. Doubling our weight means we will receive more money from the City of Denton to make available to other green initiatives throughout the school! Students we call Remarkable Recyclers have been chosen and trained in each class to be helpers in the cafeteria during lunch each day. Please feel free to come during lunches to help our Remarkable Recyclers as they support the Milk Carton Recycling Program at our school!

### Bicycle Safety

Please remind your children about bicycle safety. We have seen several children in the neighborhood that have been crossing streets and pulling out of sidewalks onto the streets without looking. Three common crashes to bicycle riders are: cyclist hit by cars pulling out of driveways, cyclist running stop signs, and cyclist turning left without looking. If you would like more information on bicycle safety, please see our bicycle safety pamphlet in the front foyer.