



# The Mustang Messenger

## Message from the Principal

Fall is upon us! October is a busy time as we transition between first and second quarters. At the start of 2nd Quarter we will be transitioning students from one enrichment group to another group. Please ask your child about their new class.

In addition, we will once again be diving into our 7 Mindsets. We are starting with "Everything is Possible." This means that students will be participating in lessons, activities, and assemblies that will focus on their goals and dreaming big!

Here is a look at some of our upcoming events:

Fall Picture Day is October 9th.

The Book Fair will be open October 15th. We hope that the books purchased here will begin (or continue) the love of reading

at home.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 18th and 19th. This is a great way to get connected with our school and teachers.

When the time comes, enjoy your rest and relaxation over Fall Break (October 22nd-26th)!

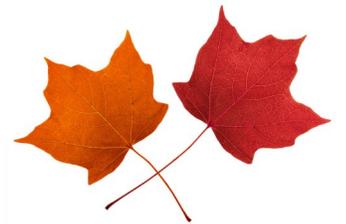
Thanks to all those that have been able to support our school. We are always appreciative of any extra support that can be offered.

In particular, we are looking for positive community leaders to join us during our monthly Leader Lunch which celebrates students that demonstrate exemplary leadership skills on a regular basis.

If this is something that interests you, please contact our school office.

Happy Fall!!!

Jessica Quinones



### Upcoming Events for October

Early Release	10/3
Picture Day	10/9
Early Release	10/10
Book Fair	10/15
Parent/Teacher Conferences	10/18
Parent/Teacher Conferences	10/19
Fall Break	10/22-10/26
Fire Prevention Week	10/6-10/13



## Kindergarten



Our kindergarten students are settling in, and our rooms are full of busy learners. Remember to check your child's folder nightly, and look for reading envelopes. Reading at home helps to solidify the skills we are working on in class, and they are so excited to be learning to read.

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up next month, so please look for scheduling information coming home in advance.

Encourage your child to enjoy their lunchtime and talking with friends, but that it is important for them to eat their lunch, and clean their area afterward.

## First Grade



Hello 1st graders and families!

As our first quarter of the school year comes to an end, we are greatly looking forward to seeing all of you at parent-teacher conferences. We cannot wait to share your student's successes with you as well as discuss what to look forward to in quarter two and three.

The book fair will also be open the week of parent-teacher conferences if you are interested in purchasing a book or any item they may be selling.

## Second Grade



Happy Fall from Second Grade!

It is hard to believe that the first quarter of school is nearly over. Second graders are becoming more independent in their daily work. We have started our small reading groups with the help of a paraprofessional. Remember to read every night for 20 minutes to practice fluency.

Spelling, reading and math tests are given on Fridays.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email your student's teacher any time.

See you at conferences, October 18th and 19th.

## Third Grade

The end of Quarter 1 will be here before we know it! The third grade team really appreciates the continued classroom supplies and snack donations!



The students have been super busy learning new tasks and strategies. In Math, we have been learning multiplication using various techniques, place value, and rounding. We learned so much this past month about describing text structures for sequencing and cause & effect in reading, as well as, asking & answering questions and summarizing the text. In Math we will begin division and continue with multiplication! We finished up our maps in social studies and moving onto the Earth and rocks for Science. Lastly, in writing we will learn how to write a personal narrative and begin learning cursive.

Homework will continue to be a reading packet, passed out on Monday and due on Friday. Students should also be reading 20 minutes daily from a book of their choice. Spelling and vocabulary words homework will be sent home every other week.

## Fourth Grade



With our big dreams in mind, fourth grade has begun to execute the process of making them come true through the rigorous Wonders and Envisions curriculum. Our students have been exploring how science can help us understand how things work, how our actions affect others, and how to use multiple strategies to multiply and divide whole numbers. As we continue in the spirit of collaboration, we plan on supporting our students by embracing the creativity that each brings to our classroom. We will consistently remind students to keep a positive mindset as they discover and pursue their passions through education.

## Fifth Grade

5<sup>th</sup> grade had a busy September. We have been hard at work on multiplication and division, moving on to decimal operations. Reading has been focused on literature and learning about theme and figurative language. All students have a book report project due in early October. We can't wait to see the amazing work students have done!

Student council elections took place in September.

**Congratulations to the following 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders:**

**Sawyer Barth-President**

**Reese Maestas-Vice President**

**Taarik Taylor-Treasurer**

**Kaylie Spencer-Secretary**



## Nurse's Nook

Parents:

Recent rains and continuing moisture in the air is producing significant increases in the mosquito population at school. Applying insect repellent prior to coming to school in the morning will reduce insect bites considerably.

The mosquito is an annoying insect that can cause a lot of irritation to children but is also a carrier of many diseases including the West Nile virus and most recently the Zika virus. For this reason it is very important that we all make every effort to keep the mosquito population to a minimum.

**You can reduce the chances of being bitten by mosquitoes by taking these simple steps:**

- Reduce the breeding habitat to lower mosquito populations by eliminating standing water near your residence in: tire swings, bird baths and planter.
- The mosquitoes are most active in grassy areas and the hour before the sun sets and early morning just after sunrise. If possible remain indoors during their active feeding times.
- Keep the doors closed during evenings and early mornings.
- When possible stay in air-conditioning.
- Repair or replace screens on windows and doors.
- It is recommended to have your children wear light color clothing with long sleeves and long pants during the mosquito's active feeding times.
- If your child plays a sport in the evening you may wish to apply a repellent prior to the outdoor activity.
- The use of ant-itch creams or lotions can give relief to those with multiple bites.

This season help to keep the mosquito population to a minimum by remembering to remove any standing water around our residence, regularly, especially through monsoon season.

Thank you  
Health Office Team

## PTO News

Happy Fall! Here is what PTO has coming up:

- October means it is time for the Fall Book Fair!! The book fair will run Oct 15th-19th before and after school and during Parent/Teacher conferences. We are always in need of volunteers during the book fair. If you are able to help out, please email us at [mccartneyPTO@gmail.com](mailto:mccartneyPTO@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

-Our Harkin's Fundraiser runs Oct. 1st-Oct. 19th. Fundraiser packets will be sent home the first week of October. Please return the packet with all money by Friday, Oct. 19th.

-Time to send in those Box Tops! We need box tops in by Friday, Oct. 19th so we can submit them for the fall deadline. Please remember to check the expiration date on each box top and make sure you can see the 4 digit code in the top left corner. If possible, please send box tops cut and in a plastic bag. We appreciate your support!

- Each year, the PTO provides dinner for the teachers during Parent/Teacher conferences. We will be hosting this on Thursday, October 18th. We ask for donations from parents to provide the dessert items for this night. If you are willing to donate a dessert to thank the teachers for all their hard work, please bring it by the school by 4 pm on Oct 18th. It can be store bought or homemade! Thank you so much for your help!

