

LIBRARY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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Welcome back for the 2017-2018 School Year!

We hope everyone had a fun, restful, reading-filled summer vacation. While this school year has definitely gotten off to a very unpredictable start, with solar eclipses and hurricanes, we are all looking forward to an exciting new year. New library books are already coming in and several schools have received some by now. We are working hard at Library Services to help get this school year off to a great start.

September Events:

September is Public Library Card Sign-Up Month!

9/1: Plans for International Literacy Day, Hispanic Heritage Month, Constitution Day and/or Banned Books Week due to Library Services

9/4: Labor Day Holiday; schools & offices closed

<https://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history>

9/8: Library Schedules, Orientations & Research Schedules due; International Literacy Day due to Library Services

<http://en.unesco.org/themes/literacy-all/literacy-day>

9/15-10/15: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations

<https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.org/>

9/17: Constitution Day

<https://constitutioncenter.org/constitution-day/>

9/24-9/30: Freedom to Read/Banned Books Week

<http://www.bannedbooksweek.org/>



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DREAM FOR SUCCESS WITH STUDENTS THIS YEAR!



Every new school year is the beginning of a new set of experiences – both challenging & rewarding. This one is particularly a pioneering one for me. It's the beginning of my "final" tasks related to students, librarians, and school libraries before my retirement on June 30, 2018. It's the last beginning-of-the-year before my initiation into the slower lifestyle of senior citizens. Although my retired friends tell me it's not as slow as they thought (or even would like), I *plan* to live it on my own terms – which are slower starts each day and less rushing throughout it. There will be more volunteering, more reading, more educational activities, even exercise! It sounds delightful. Until then, I shall give 2017 to 2018 another year of my best!

Meanwhile, I challenge each librarian to do the same. Even if only one student's life is changed by our dreams & actions each year, think how many that will be before your retirement. As librarians, we may stop kids from dropping out of school or doing even worse – just by promoting books & welcoming them into the library at every opportunity. Think about how it would make us feel when we hear (maybe 10 or 20 years from now) that we suggested a book that helped them survive a chaotic childhood, one that introduced them to a career field that they never before felt was possible, or made them feel that someone actually cared about them to never give up! We, as educators, have the power to do that as well as lots more.



The world is so much more complex than even 10 years ago, but librarians are a unique group that has the entire world of academia within their walls & their computers. Let's stay au courant of web sites as well as books to promote to our students. While they think they can Google their way to the future, our showing them resources that can meet their every need as well as empower them to positively take control of their future can change their lives! Whatever their competencies, they have some and may simply need help in making that determination.

Perhaps they only need escapism from lives of study, family illnesses, or domestic chaos. If so, there's no better place than the library to experience that diversion. There are books & sites about travel, ones about the future, historical remembrances, fiction to engage us with characters that may resemble someone we know or would like to be.



"Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world." -Harriet Tubman
@motivislearning

Let's put ourselves to the test this year. Even when we cope with deadlines for reports, schedules that sometimes try our sanity, evaluations that worry us to the point of exhaustion – let's never forget that we *serve the children*. They are the top priority! When we REMEMBER that truth – we will be able to overcome any adversity during that process!

THANK YOU, and there will be rewards!

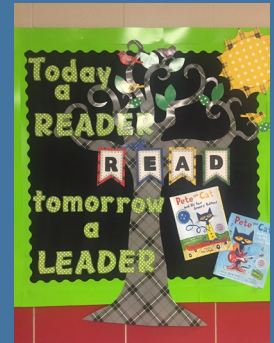
BARBE HIGH—KAYLA LITTLE & KIM CHOLLEY

Barbe High School Library teams up with Athletic Department—Barbe High athletes participated in an Impact Baseline Cognitive Test on library computers. The system helps to compare recognition times and memory response. We treated our morning library patrons to healthy breakfast bars and fruit, as well as highlighted some of our resources on brain fitness.



MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY—MELISSA TARASIEWICZ

Pete the Cat welcomed students into the library.....ROCKING in his school shoes.



LEBLEU SETTLEMENT ELEMENTARY—RENEE LELEUX

LeBleu Settlement Elementary has had a busy start to a great new school year. Our theme is "Trekking into a learning adventure" and the children are enjoying the camping scene.



MOSS BLUFF ELEMENTARY—JESSICA DWIGHT & MARGARET PARIS

Your Journey Starts Here!

This year the MBE Library has a new look! We have redecorated our library with a travel theme and we hope that students learn that anyone can go anywhere just by reading a book!

Flags from different countries are hanging on banners in the library, and all of our shelves have been accented with travel themed books and decor. Our hallway bulletin boards convey our travel message to all who walk by. We hope this new look inspires both our readers and our teachers to see where a book may take them!



KAUFMAN ELEMENTARY—STACY LAVOI

Kaufman's annual Accelerated Reader Kick-Off Party was held August 25th. Our guest speaker was Kimberly Delafosse, assistant city administrator. She spoke of the importance of reading. Students were informed of AR procedures, contests, awards and incentives for the year. Students began taking AR quizzes on the first day of school. Applications for Library Club (4th & 5th grade) and Library Leaders (5th graders who shelve books every day) have been given out. Kaufman students are ready to be "Reader Leaders".

BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

Students are reading and testing for AR. Upper grades are eagerly locating books by browsing and using Destiny Quest while lower grades are selecting books and completing an interactive notebook about the library. We have decorated with a space theme and students are eager to "fly away" and "travel anywhere" with books! The eclipse tied right into the theme and was an exciting day! Having looked at eclipses through pinholes as a child, having a pair of "eclipse glasses" made this an even more awe-inspiring event for Mrs. Nicholson! Students were also amazed with both the event and NASA's coverage!



MAPLEWOOD MIDDLE—HOPE MYERS

Maplewood students rocked out library procedures with this interactive orientation activity. Students were put in teams and collaborated in order to answer questions about library procedures.



Maplewood Student Worker, Heaven, created an author display using author biographies and some of their popular books.

PRIEN LAKE ELEMENTARY—SARA WALTERS

PLE library started out on the right foot this year. We began checking out books and taking AR tests on the first day of school. We are anxiously waiting for our shipment of new books to arrive. Our numbers are growing quickly here. We added two new classrooms to our school. The kids have learned about the open check out rules, and we have been discussing library procedures. I've recently cleared an area for a new cozy reading nook. We will purchase chairs and a rug for the area. We will also receive a comfy couch that is no longer needed in the teacher's lounge. The kids are excited to see the new furniture arrive! Our Check Out table has been given a face lift, and we made new reset cards for the computer. It's going to be a great year at PLE!

Don't forget to check us out on Instagram @ple_library



DOLBY ELEMENTARY—BETH FERGUSON

The new year has started off with so much excitement at Dolby. We welcomed a new principal, Mrs. Laura Phenice. She has lots of new ideas and plans for Accelerated Reader. Teachers and students are already busy utilizing STAR Reading tests and making sure they are ready to grow in their reading skills more than ever.

On Thursday, September 7, there will be a Pep Rally to begin the new Accelerated Reader year. It will have a super hero theme and Bucky, the Barbe High School mascot is even scheduled to make an appearance to encourage the students to read, read, read. The students will play games, meet some of the Dolby Reading superstar students, and get excited about AR.

Dolby is looking forward to their first visit from Officer Broussard on September 19 to read to the children as part of Operation Read to Me. This is always a great time for the students as they listen to a police officer read a book and then have a chance to get to know the officer by asking questions and hearing how her day might go on a regular basis.

An added feature in the Dolby library this year is a special section of books called Isaac's Quest. This section includes all of the books that a student read last year in his quest for the 1,049 points that he earned during that year in Accelerated Reader. Students have already expressed their desire to try to replicate his accomplishment or at least have fun trying.

VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER

Showing off the new library books that just arrived.



Don't forget to check out and promote CPSB's Digital Media Resources!

Destiny Quest
Discovery Streaming
FreedomFlix
ScienceFlix
TEACHING BOOKS
TrueFlix
World Book Online