

LIBRARY SERVICES NEWSLETTER

MAY 2019

ABOUT CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo, or the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, which falls on Sunday, May 5 in 2019, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo is widely interpreted as a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with substantial Mexican-American populations.

Chicano activists raised awareness of the holiday in the 1960s, in part because they identified with the victory of indigenous Mexicans (such as Juárez) over European invaders during the Battle of Puebla.

Today, revelers mark the occasion with parades, parties, mariachi music, Mexican folk dancing and traditional foods such as tacos and mole poblano. Some of the largest festivals are held in Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston.



Article via <https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/cinco-de-mayo>

Book Order Reminder:

State book orders with Mackin are NOT due May 1 like originally stated on the calendar, but will be due September 16th. However, you should be compiling your list up until that time!

Deadlines and important dates:

May 10—recommended “all books due” date

May 23—end of 4th nine weeks

May 24—in-service day

****Remember to submit your end of the year reports****



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Beth Ferguson, Library Consultant

“A career path is rarely a path at all. A more interesting life is usually a more crooked, winding path of missteps, luck and vigorous work. It is almost always a clumsy balance between the things you try to make happen and the things that happen to you.” Tom Freston.

Do you feel like this year has been a crooked, winding path of missteps and vigorous work? Good! A career in the library should never be mundane and boring. We are the provider of resources, that is true, but we’re so much more and becoming more every single day. We should never rest on yesterday’s successes, but look for ways we can improve every day.

I encourage you as you go through these last few weeks and days with your students that you would show each one of them how much you appreciate them and their hard work. As teacher appreciation days come, be sure you appreciate the students because without them, you wouldn’t get the chance to be a teacher.

We are winding down the days of the 2018-2019 school year. I am proud of our libraries and am already planning exciting new things for next year.

JD CLIFTON—NICHOLE THIBODEAUX

This 2018-2019 school year we celebrated our annual book fair with the Wild West Saddle Up and Read theme. The students were excited to dress-up in cowboy and cowgirl attire! Our book fair was a huge success and we look forward to next year!

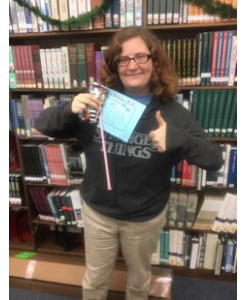
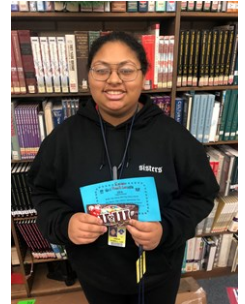


BARBE HIGH—KAYLA LITTLE & KIM CHOLLEY

Our Barbe High School Library converts to a high stakes testing site during the end of the school year. Each room in our library is utilized for testing. We are open before school and after school for students and teachers to continue to access our library resources. Mobile libraries are offered for teachers to have access to library books in their classrooms. Testing tips are shared with students. It was a joy to award our top library patrons with “sweet treats”!

Managing Test Anxiety

- Prepare well.
- Breathe deeply.
- Relax.
- Engage in positive self-talk.
- Remain calm.



HENRY HEIGHTS—JENNIFER FONTENOT

Wow!! This year has zoomed by! Students really enjoyed all of our Easter books and activities in the library! Fifth graders have been helping me compile a list of books for my upcoming book order!



COLLEGE OAKS—BRANDI PICKETT

We celebrated National Library Week during the month of April. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students designed bookmarks relating to reading or the library. They had so much fun letting their creativity flow. Our judges didn't have an easy job. They narrowed it down to the top 6 and those students received a prize.



ARNETT MIDDLE—SHELLY ELLENDER

This month testing has been keeping the library busy. Library Club partnered with several other clubs on campus for a Campus Clean Up Day. We stayed after school to pick up trash, weed flower beds, and spread mulch. We are winding down the year!



TS COOLEY—MARY LANIER

T.S. Cooley Elementary Magnet School in conjunction with McNeese State University celebrated their annual AR Reading Pep Rally on Friday, April 12. 117 students earned the right to attend the pep rally by earning their point goals during the year. Several McNeese football players and Cowgirl Kickers entertained, autographed cards, took pictures, and visited with the students encouraging them to continue their love of reading. Items donated by the New Orleans Saints, McNeese State University, Cooley parents and grandparents, and the Cooley library were given out at the pep rally. The top reader, Matthew R., a fifth grader, earned 1072.5 points and received an official McNeese football autographed by the



football team. The next two top readers, 3rd grader, Kunsh K., 676.5 points, and Mahad J., 4th grader, 555.2 points, received autographed baseballs signed by the McNeese baseball team. The other top readers from each class were: 5th grader: Carlos E., 343.5 points; 4th grader: Zoya N., 376.7 points; 3rd grader: Sarah R., 130.6 points; 2nd graders: Finn M., 547.8 points and Kamyrn W., 103.2 points; and 1st graders: Yasna J., 192.2 points, and Maci A., 113.3 points.

MOSS BLUFF ELEMENTARY—JESSICA DWIGHT & MARGARET PARIS

PARDON OUR PROGRESS!!

MBE library shelves are undergoing renovations over the Easter break to make the shelving units sturdier for our books and safer for our students. In order for this to take place, we had to remove all 20,000 (approx.) books from our shelves before leaving for the holiday. With the help of many in our building volunteering their time, we were able to get it done! We are excited to see the changes when we return and anticipate many extra hours getting the library back into working order!



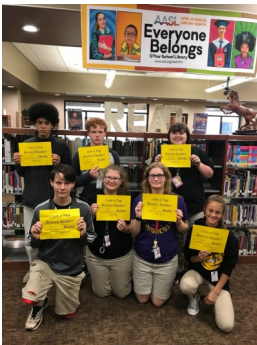
VINTON ELEMENTARY—JUDY ALEXANDER

We have had a very busy month. Fourth graders have finally finished their President Report Project. They learned all about different presidents and government. We had a successful Book Fair. Miss Amanda from the public library still comes every other Tuesday to read to our 1st graders. Students that made their AR goal enjoyed Lunch Bunch with extra treats and a decorated lunch table. We enjoyed having Miss Gabby, who was Principal for a Day, come and read to the Kindergartners in the library.



SAM HOUSTON—VICKIE BARTO & SARA JOLIE

We celebrated School Library Month April 8-12. Students were offered amnesty on overdue library book fines; Our Top 10 Bronco Readers of 2018-2019 were recognized; Library patrons received a treat for each library book check out; Students and faculty enjoyed building “Book Spine Poems”; “Bookmark Challenge” - 1st Place Addyson E.; 2nd Place Emma B. S.; 3rd Place Isabella S.; “Guess How Many Books are in the Bronco Library Collection” - Winner is Emma B.; School Library Worker Appreciation Day was celebrated with pizza & cupcakes on April 11th. We LOVE our student workers!!!



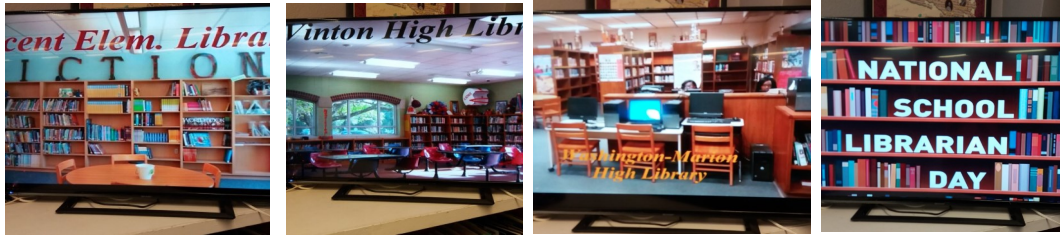
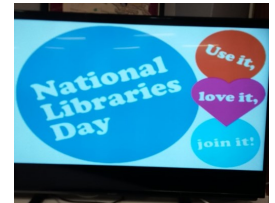
DOLBY—CAROL WOMACK

We are springing into reading with the final stretch to make our A.R. goal. Next week we will celebrate the 100 point book club with a trip to Petro Bowl. Congratulations to a well-deserved group of students. We have been studying book genres and conducting literature circles on a variety of books. The group work has been beneficial in creating a dialogue about books and stimulating new interest. I also felt extremely honored to be recognized by students during librarian week. They were so sweet to bring me cards and treats. I love my job!



LAGRANGE HIGH—DONNA FRANKLIN & REKHA SHARMA

LaGrange Library celebrated School Library Month during April. Pictures were displayed on the library's monitor of different school libraries in the district. This was to let students know that whatever school they may attend, libraries are the central focus of the school. Also, the library received a shout out from the main office during school announcements.



PRIEN LAKE—SARA WALTERS

We crammed a lot of fun into a short month. Jeanie the three legged dog came to see our second grade students. Everyone loves Jeanie! Lydia Crochet read her two Jeanie books and the kids were able to buy copies. She even sells a Jeanie plush. Of course, we had to have a plush Jeanie and her new book for our library. I love that the books are "pawtographed" by Jeanie.

Fourth grade made origami Easter egg holders and learned about the 700 section of the Dewey Decimal system. Fifth grade learned about online tutorials and internet safety. They saw some new creative ways to dye Easter eggs. The younger students enjoyed some cute Easter books about bunnies. It's almost time to wrap it up for the year. The kids are counting down the last few days of AR testing.



LEBLEU SETTLEMENT—RENEE LELEUX

The students had a special visitor this month! Jeanie, the 3 legged dog, came for a special visit. Children enjoyed the visit and learned that not everyone is born the same way. The students are very busy at this time of year, but they are making their goals.



BARBE ELEMENTARY—CHRISTINE NICHOLSON

Another month at Barbe Elementary has flown by! Our photos are of our second graders collaborating to put words in alphabetical order. One class thought outside the box and used our alphabet rug to lay out the words. Exact letter order did not matter to that group so long as the words were in order on the correct letter. It was fun watching them work together! I am happy to feature this grade level, especially because they have been consistent in reading and testing for AR! Testing week is in full swing! Students are enjoying biographies in the library. We were able to surplus older computers and other equipment no longer in use. We now have more available space for the guidebooks. We have also begun getting things in order for the end of the year. It will come sooner than we think!

