

MONTHLY MUSTANG

OCTOBER 2024

Academic Reflections for Families

Growth is our GOAL...and we WILL see the results of OUR work.

As we finish the first quarter of the school year, take time to focus on a growth mindset with your child, looking for academic and behavioral improvements. A report card is a single set of statistics that is a part of a larger picture of school success, including classwork, homework, classroom assessments and standardized test scores.

Together we should gauge the progress of each student individually and seek to create a path for your child based on the situation, specific needs, and independent goals. When talking with your child, ask, "Does this work accurately reflect your ability? Does this accurately reflect your best effort?" Then, together create goals for the 2nd quarter. Goals should always be specific, measurable, attainable, reasonable, and timely. Such as, "I will increase my addition fluency by 5 problems by December 1st." At home, count the number of addition problems your child can answer correctly now and then continue to reassess.

October 10 marks the end of the quarter & Report Cards will be sent home on Wed Oct 16!

COMMUNICATION IS KEY Parent Conferences

Thank you for understanding that teachers are addressing student needs and accommodating the available meeting times to schedule conferences, if necessary. If you have an immediate concern regarding your child's growth, please email the teacher(s) and request a conference. Although times may be limited (one planning period per day), we will work to address your concerns together.

MUSTANG MOTIVATIONS!

We have SO enjoyed getting settled into the school year and YOUR cooperation & support is appreciated. Thank you for your continued patience, families, as we continue to work together to do what is BEST for our students.

In our work to create a culture of awareness, we hope that children are sharing the good things they hear & see & learn about each other! Please continue to have discussions about diversity and mutual respect for our differences, families.

Remember our SAFE protocols! Any students participating in an afterschool program will be dismissed by the leader on the breezeway. We ask that you wait for dismissal outside of the gate. ONLY parents picking up from Aftercare will ring the bell to be allowed access.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 2- PBIS t-shirt day

Oct 8 - School TOURS @ 8am

Oct 10- FUN FALL FEST (Wristbands Necessary!)

Oct 11 & Oct 14 - FALL BREAK Friday

Oct 16 - Report Cards

Oct 17- \$5 Sports Spirit Dress Down DAY! Paid to GALA online

Oct 17 - Birthday Lunch

Oct 18 - Character Day (Dress as a Book Character)

Oct 21-25 BOOK FAIR (Family Shopping Oct 23 3pm-430pm)

Oct 22 - School Tours @ 8AM

Oct 25 - FACULTY FRIDAY-No Aftercare

Oct 25 - Mustang Men's PARTY

Nov 1 AND Nov 4 - STUDENT HOLIDAY

BE PROACTIVE!

Celebrate our Happy Habits with us!

BE PROACTIVE means taking action before a situation arises and/or becomes a problem. It is best to **NOT WAIT** until a problem occurs but **BETTER** to be prepared for a challenge or obstacle.

FALL FEST - Outdoors In October!

Thanks to our coop leaders & families for planning a schoolwide event on Thursday October 10.

Please review ALL information which specifies that **ONLY** persons with wristbands may attend the event.



Have you Heard about the Student Leaders?

We are building capacity in our 5th graders, extending their responsibilities to include opportunities for supporting students socially (Morning Meeting Motivators, Safety Patrol, Prek Partners, Carpool Callers, etc) and manage our carpool system by calling names. When you call our offices, you may hear the administrative assistants working to support our school community!

Thank you to these students who are learning more about themselves and developing effective habits of leaders which truly enrich our school community!



CARPOOL COMPLICATIONS



During both the morning & afternoon carpool, please be careful to monitor the red light located at Lake Avenue. It has been noted that cars exiting our carpool line disregard the red light as cars on Metairie Road proceed, observing the green light. This is very dangerous, everyone.

Note: Cars who do not follow the established procedures will be asked to pull ahead and wait until the line has ended. In order to provide the safest arrival and dismissal, please adhere to the procedures for arriving at school as well as departure from our campus. It is important that students know how they will be dismissed **BEFORE** reporting to school and the dismissal procedure does not change throughout the day.

Cell Phone Usage: According to Louisiana state law, while driving through a school zone, it is unlawful to use your cell phone or mobile device EXCEPT for an emergency.