



Scotlandville Elementary School



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THE BUZZ



CALENDAR

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Christmas nears, the decisions about Christmas presents for the kids are made, and a book is an excellent choice. Should you decide to give a book as a gift, please be sure to sit down and enjoy it with your child; either by discussing it with him or her or by reading it to him or her. Sometimes it's fun to read alternating pages. The bottom line is to ENJOY!



The Faculty and Staff at Scotlandville Elementary hope that you have a joyous holiday

Monday December 1, 2008

Work packets sent home to parents



Scotlandville Book Fair

December 3-10, 2008

9:00am-3:00pm

School Library

December 9, 2008

Math Night!

5:30pm-7:30pm



Monday December 15, 2008

Work packets sent home to parents

Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Early Dismissal

Thursday December 18, 2008

Classroom Christmas Parties



December 22-31, 2008

Christmas/Winter Break

OUR STUDENTS ARE BUZZING ON T.V.

Spelling Bee Winner Laurent will be on WAFB channel 9 on December 18, 2008 at 6:15 am. Please tune in to watch!

Our students are starring in an Exxon Mobil commercial promoting Science Stars. It will be airing through out the school year. Check out students on WAFB Channel 9.



**EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM
SPELLING BEE CHAMP!!!!
LAURENT RANDALL II**



Laurent a student in Mrs. Dupas 5th grade class won the District Spelling Bee this

LEAP TUTORING

All 4TH GRADERS

Monday-Thursday 3:30-5:30

Please sign up !



"Under the Big Top: All Students Will Achieve."



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PRE-KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The Pre-Kindergarten team hoped you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We would like to thank you for your continuous help and support. Your children are doing a great job. We are in gear again. Our theme for this month in reading is "Helping Hands". In this unit there are three interrelated goals: (1) Community Workers-the students will demonstrate an understanding of different community workers. (2) Developing Oral language skills- the students will expand their vocabulary by learning words that are associated with different workers and their jobs. (3) The students will learn to make connections between sounds and letters. Math- The students will develop basic number conservation skills and learn to count both by rote and rationally. Science- The students will learn about different types of animals. We also will be taking an exciting trip to the La Science and Arts Museum and the Old State Capital to learn about Louisiana facts. Social Studies- as stated above, we are working on community workers, which is integrated into the reading activities. We hope you have a joyous Christmas.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Happy Holidays ' and greetings from Kindergarten!!! It's December! Can you believe it? This month in Reading? ELA students will be focusing on the letters Nn and Cc. Our new words will be *to* and *have*. Oral language, word work, reading, grammar and writing are daily skills students work on.

How Many: Numbers and Numerals to 10 is the unit of study in Mathematics. The students will do lots of counting, make sets, estimate and do simple problem solving. Science: Unit 4 Motion, Speed and Directions. These vocabulary words will be helpful to use at home when talking about and describing objects: front, back, above, below, left, right, beneath, next to and near.

Remember classroom volunteers and visits are always welcome.

FIRST GRADE

Have a safe and joyfully Holiday Season!!!

The First Grade Team



SECOND GRADE

The second grade students and teachers are very successful with our school activities and Learning experiences, In Reading, we have completed Unit 2:"Growth and Change." In Math, we have completed activities for addition and place-value. In Social Studies, we have learned about maps, globes, and landforms. We look forward to working with activities about light and sound in Science. We look forward to reading the stories in Unit 3:"Better Together." We will continue to focus on addition and subtraction in Math. During the Thanksgiving holidays, we sent home with each student a work-packet To be completed to continue their learning experiences while at home. We plan to send A work packet home for the Christmas holidays. Please continue to encourage your child To read everyday and parents/guardians read to your child everyday. We are very Grateful to receive a copy of the newspaper everyday for every child in second grade. Please share the many wonderful things found in the newspapers with your child. We welcome Mrs. Anthony-Johnson back and say "CONGRATULATIONS" on The birth of a baby girl. We welcome Mrs. Mercier to our second grade teacher team. In closing, "Under the Big Top:All Students Will Achieve." From second grade Teachers and students "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

THIRD GRADE

This month in third grade In reading, we'll be discussing our adventures in traveling, while reading Jones Family Express. In math, we are studying multiplication and division. Help your student at home by asking them to draw arrays for their multiplication facts! We are studying the composition of rocks and the layers of the Earth. We will also study the effects weather has on Louisiana..

FOURTH GRADE

This week Dec. 8-12 the students are taking the practice LEAP Exam. We look forward to their success on the official LEAP Exam so, we are giving them as much practice as possible! Students will also be working on geometry for the month of December. They will be creating a geometry booklet, an excellent study tool for the LEAP Test. Parents, please be sure to see that your child is using the booklet to study.

Happy Holidays!!!!
The 4th Grade Team,

FIFTH GRADE

Social Studies: The 5th graders are navigating our way around the map. We are embarking upon the physical, political, and historical features of the map. Unit #3 test (Chapter 6 and 7) will be Wednesday January 17, 2009. ELA: We are learning about the importance of the verb. The 5th graders are perfecting their writing skills. We are writing poems, letters, expository writings, dialogues and diary entries. Math: We conquered geometry in the last few week and have started fractions in class. Fractions can be tough, but your children believe and I believe that we can blow fractions out of the water! Talk fractions everyday with your students. Science: We have started looking at the building blocks of life – the cell. Many students completed some very interesting posters on how we fuel our world. Make sure to stop by the school and check them out! Reading: This Unit has covered everything from the voting to environmental dangers. We have looked at how women and minorities fought for the right to vote. Most recently we learned how recycling can help save our planet from destruction. It is very important that you are encouraging your students to read every single day! *Parents, I am glad to be back at school. Thanks for your support– Ms. Dupas *Mr. Surface and Ms. Dupas wish each of our students and parents a joyful and peaceful holiday season.*



STAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

PRE-K

Don Broden Jr.
Tony Brumfield

KINDERGARTEN

Nya Benton
Jaheim Johnson
Christy Finley
Bri'yonna Anderson

FIRST GRADE

Morgan George
Giorgio Johnson
Uniquice Johnson
Jaz"Mein Rogers

SECOND GRADE

Heaven Wheelock
Maya Young

THIRD GRADE

Trevon Wyatt
Deon Kirkuh
Chrisshannon Gibson

FOURTH GRADE

Brandon Hill
Alexis Leonard
Carlton Richardson
Jaylin Williams
Carlton Richardson

FIFTH GRADE

Laurent Randall II
Brodrick Veals

Ms. East

Roderick Whitley

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The Hornet Fun Shop We are open for Business

The Hornet Fun Shop is a school-wide incentive program designed to encourage students to read independently, achieve academic success, and improved classroom behavior. The Hornet Fun Shop is operated by students that have been selected as Buzzing Leaders. The students gain hands-on math experience as they count, sort, and price items and make change for customers at the store, while increasing reading and comprehension skills by obtaining AR points. Students in Pre-K to 5th Grade can earn "Square Bucks" to shop in the store by meeting academic goals, reading books, taking AR test, and by demonstrating exemplary behavior. Students use their Hornet Dollar to purchase children's books, school supplies, spirit wear, creative pencils, and incentive coupons.

Students have begin receiving their Square Bucks

MATH NIGHT WAS A SUCCESS!

Thank You!!!

We recently held our Family Math Night entitled **Making Math Merry**, the first in a series of informational evenings designed to inform parents and family members of academic content area and activities taking place in the classrooms. The gym was filled with over 90 participates. Numerous displays were featured that evening from Grade K-5. Here are a few topics highlighted: Gr. K-1 – patterns, graphing, and sorting. Gr. 2-3 patterns, estimation Gr. 3 – fractional parts, time, money, greater than less than. Gr. 4 – 5 decimals, measurement. Families were so engaged that they participated over the allotted time. Families were excited to help students to understand approaches used to solve homework problems and how to study for tests. Families were treated to a meal that was provided by the school. Students were awarded door prizes at the conclusions of the event. Those families that attended the Bookfairs will receive Square Dollar to use at the Hornet Shop.

Library News

The Book Fair Safari was a great success and we hope that your children are all enjoying their new reading materials! The volunteer support for the book fair week was fantastic; so many of you came out to decorate, set-up/breakdown the fair, or work during the week helping children select appropriate books. We appreciate the hard work from our Staff, and Math Night helpers. Without your support, the week wouldn't have been nearly as enjoyable as it was!!

Sales were just over \$2,000, . Thanks to your generosity, our library received \$1000.00 worth of library books and the Toys for Tots will receive 50 books!

5th Grade

Reminders:

- iLEAP Practice Test is were taken Dec 9-11. Results will be sent home soon.
- D.A.R.E. Graduation has been re-scheduled until Friday May 8, 2009 due to early dismissal Friday Dec. 19th.



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