



# Alexander Bulldog Bark

## December 2016

### Newsletter



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### News from the Principal

The holiday season is upon us. Here at Alexander, we are looking forward to several special holiday events. The Book Fair will be held from December 5 through December 9th. In conjunction with the Book Fair, we will have our annual Family Holiday Read-In in the evening on Wednesday, December 7th. Everyone is invited to join us in their favorite snuggly pajamas. In addition to holiday stories, we will have hot chocolate, cookies, and SANTA !!!

During this exciting and busy time of the year, it is important for all of our students to keep up with their schoolwork. Parents, please read with your children and practice math facts with them. Let your children know that school is important. That would be the best present of all.

**The A. C. Alexander family wishes you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!!**

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**Winter holidays for students of  
Jefferson Parish Public Schools**  
Thursday, December 22nd—Tuesday, January 3rd.  
(School resumes for students on Wednesday, January 4, 2017)

### PBIS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS)

Students with an A or B average in conduct for the month of December will be allowed to wear a holiday shirt/socks on December 21. Students with an A or B average in conduct for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester will be able to attend a teacher vs. students basketball game on that day.

Parents, please review our basic school behavioral commitments:

Be prepared.

Always be safe.

Respect other people and their property.

Kindness shows we care.

**December**  
Students of the Month  
**Pre-K**  
Daiana Luna-Fernandez  
**Kindergarten**  
Anthony Gomez  
**1st Grade**  
Aiden Ruiz  
**2nd Grade**  
Amy Galvan-Mendoza  
**3rd Grade**  
Yanichel Fuentes  
**4th Grade**  
Dahabo Liban  
**5th Grade**  
Melanie Jimenez

#### SECURITY POLICY

All visitors must report to the office and obtain a visitor's pass upon entering the school campus. Visitors are also required to sign out upon leaving. Reminder: Everyone must present an ID when checking out a student.

#### EMERGENCY DISMISSAL

In the event that severe weather or any other emergency necessitates that school be dismissed early, WWL (AM) is the official radio station used by the school board to announce such closing or early dismissal.

#### MISSION STATEMENT

A.C. Alexander Elementary School will provide a varied, meaningful and challenging academic program for all students in a safe, secure environment.

**Teacher of the Month**  
Sue Rotolo  
**Employee of the Month**  
Vickie Luminais



# CLASSROOM NEWS



**PRE-K KINDERGARTEN** - It's Holiday Time! We will be celebrating the holidays and learning about *The Gingerbread Man* and family traditions. We will have a special surprise visitor at our Teddy Bear Breakfast on December 14th!

**KINDERGARTEN** -WE HAVE READERS IN KINDERGARTEN! The students have done such a great job learning their letter sounds and are able to blend those sounds together to read words. They have brought home their first two Saxon Phonics readers. Please encourage them to read to you. They are doing a great job in Math too. We are learning about numbers to 100. Practice counting to 100 by 1's and 10's at home.

**1ST GRADE** - Please continue reading nightly at home with your child. They are making progress, but in order for that progress to continue, they must continue to practice applying the strategies learned in school. When students are finished reading a story, please have them retell the story to you using as many details as possible from beginning to end. Practice the vocabulary words they are given each week. Students should be able to read these words automatically. Have a wonderful holiday!

**2nd GRADE** -In math, we are working on place value, addition with regrouping, and word problems. In reading, we are working on main idea, inferring, and story elements. In writing, we are working on paragraphs. We are also working on expanding students' vocabulary in writing. A few reminders: Coats should have the child's name in it, check with your child to see if he/she needs supplies replenished, SIGN folder every night, Sign/Return test every week, and remember i-Ready is a great way to improve your child's reading/math skills. Finally, 2nd grade will be taking a field trip to see the Nutcracker in December. Permission slips will be sent home at the beginning of December.

**3rd GRADE** - Students will continue learning about fractions in Math. In ELA, students will be reading and answering questions on light and sound, and working on writing skills. In Science, students will be learning about soils and fossils. In Social Studies, we will be learning how technology has impacted the community & family and about cultural groups in Louisiana.

**4th GRADE**-4th grade will be working on long division this month. Please make sure your child knows his/her multiplication facts. In reading, we will finish *Goodnight for Ghosts* and go on a field trip to the French Quarter to visit some of the sites in the book. Students have a book report due on Tuesday, December 20th. In science, students are excited to be learning about electricity. They will be making simple circuits. In Social Studies we will finish *We the People*. Students will conduct a congressional hearing on Friday, December 16th.

**5th GRADE** - This month the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning about the early settlements of the New World by Spain and France. In science we will learn about microorganisms, disease, and living organisms. In math we will learn about fractions. We will also be reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.

**Happy Holidays!!**

## Please Vote December 10, 2016

The Jefferson Parish Public School System will have a 4-mill property tax renewal on the December 10, 2016 ballot. This is a renewal only and will not increase the current tax rate. All funds are dedicated and must be used for Technology, Maintenance, and Capital Improvements. Please encourage family, friends, and coworkers to vote on Saturday, December 10. Early voting is November 26 to December 3. Along with our millage, the ballot will also include important Jefferson Parish government renewals for drainage infrastructure, road repairs, and recreational programs.

## December

- 5-9 Book Fair
- 7 Family Holiday Read-In 6:30 pm
- 10 Please vote! (Jefferson Parish millage renewal)
- 12 Accelerated Reader Award Bike Giveaway
- 14 Pre-K Teddy Bear Breakfast
- 16 4th grade Congressional Hearing
- 20 4th Grade Biography Book Reports
- 21 PBIS Basketball Game/Winter Parties  
PBIS A/B Conduct-wear Holiday shirt/socks  
End of 2nd 9 weeks



**Dec. 22-Jan. 3 Winter Break for students**

**Happy Holidays!**

## January

- 4 All students return to school
- 9 Report Cards go home
- 10 Award Ceremonies 2nd Grade (1:30 p.m.) & 1st (2:15 p.m.)



### LIBRARY NEWS

During the week of December 5-9, we will host a book fair. Students will visit the book fair on Monday or Tuesday to make wish lists. During the rest of the week, they will be allowed to make their purchases. The online Book Fair (<http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/findafair>) will run from November 26 – December 10. On the night of December 7, the book fair will be open from 5:30-6:30pm. After that, we will have a Family Holiday Read-In. Everyone is allowed to come to school that night in their pajamas! We will have readings of holiday stories, refreshments, and holiday pictures. The Read-In will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Bring the whole family to our special event!



### Other Information

There were no Asbestos leaks reported during the month of November 2016.

**Parents, please sign and return this part to school for your child to receive a Bonus Bone!!!**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_