

Alexander Bulldog Bark

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Newsletter



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News from the Principal

Parents, please help us with the following!

PHONE NUMBERS - Please help your child learn the phone number where you can be reached. Please check that your cell phone's voice mail is set up and accepts calls. Also, as you change your phone numbers remember to update your child's Emergency Card. There have been numerous times when we have not been able to contact anyone on the emergency card when children have been sick, hurt, or have not been picked up after school. Children become very frightened and worried when we cannot get in touch with their parents. Please help us with this important issue. Working phone numbers will help us to help you and your child.

EARLY ARRIVALS - The bell rings for students to enter school at 8:15 a.m. There is no one available to supervise students until that time. When students are in front of school without a parent before the bell rings they will be subject to disciplinary action. Before School Child Care is available for a fee.

UNIFORMS - Cold weather clothes (jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters) that are worn inside must be red or navy blue (plain or with school logo). Socks must be white. Undershirts may only be red long-sleeved. No other color is allowed. Leggings must be navy. Uniform violations will be issued to those students who do not comply. Please ensure your child adheres to our Alexander uniform policy. Thank you very much for your cooperation with this matter.

Typing.com

This year, our 5th graders will take the state LEAP test ONLINE (all on computer). This means they have to know how to type using a keyboard. If your child has access to a computer with a regular keyboard at home, please ensure your child practices at home using the free typing.com program through our district. The entire school can log in through Clever via the JPPSS website. All students in our school know how to log on. We highly encourage our 3rd and 4th graders to practice as well, as they may test online next year. The more they practice, they better at typing they will become.

Remind System

We use the Remind system in our school to notify parents of important dates or events. It is free to join and no one will ever see your phone number. You will just receive a message from the school.

We strongly encourage ALL parents to sign up.

There were no Asbestos leaks reported during the month of January 2017.

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February

Students of the Month

Pre-K

Dustin Ryks

Kindergarten

Caleb Baldini

1st Grade

Sia Anand

2nd Grade

Aarika Smith

3rd Grade

Peyton Nichols

4th Grade

Cristian Gonzalez

5th Grade

Leyla Lewis

Teacher of the Month

Dawn Ochoa

Employee of the Month

Darlene Pittari



PRE-K-Pre-K will be learning Louisiana traditions and Mardi Gras. We will celebrate Valentine's Day with special classroom activities.

KINDERGARTEN - Kindergarten is working hard. The students are adding and subtracting in math. They are getting better everyday, writing sentences, reading, and working together. We just had our 100th day of school! Our Kindergarteners are 100 days smarter!

1ST GRADE - The first graders are in love with reading! It's been a challenging, but rewarding month for our first graders as we progress through the 3rd nine weeks. We have started tracking their reading progress with the F&P diagnostic test, and they are making wonderful strides. Thanks to our new phonics skills our first graders are reading awesome non-fiction stories in their first grade readers! They are still using our RAP strategy- Read, Answer, Prove, for comprehension questions. Their writing is improving even more since we have learned the steps of the writing process. They are also advancing their math skills by continuing to learn about place value, comparing numbers, and adding two-digit numbers! We can't wait to spring into new learning!

2nd GRADE -Second graders have been working really hard. In math, they are working on addition and subtraction with/without regrouping and word problems. They will begin shapes and fractions very soon. In reading, we are working on main idea, inferring, cause/effect, and story elements. In writing, we are working on detailed paragraphs. We are also working on expanding their vocabulary in writing. Here are a few reminders for parents: 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 tests 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 the Planetarium, Science, and Space Museum in Rivertown on February 23.

3rd GRADE- After finishing our time unit at the end of January, we will be working on perimeter and area this month. In Social Studies we will continue learning about national, state, and local government. In Science, we will finish our unit about plants and animals. In ELA, we are working on improving our comprehension and writing skills to prepare for the state test.

4th GRADE- In fourth grade we will continue to work on answering questions using text evidence during reading. In math we are learning to find equivalent fractions, ordering fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions. During science we will be learning about living things, and in social studies we will look at the middle west of the United States and document based questions.

5th GRADE - This month the 5th graders are studying the middle colonies in social studies and are participating in the DARE program with Officer Barger. They are studying the ecosystem in science, fractions in math, and reading and discussing *The Birchbark House* by Louise Erdrich.

PTO

We are collecting Box Tops, Community Coffee Proofs of Purchase, Labels for Education from Campbell products, and pull tabs from soft drink cans. Please send them and help our school earn money!

A.C. Alexander Summer Camp

Summer is fast approaching, and the kids will be out of school before you know it. Alexander Summer Camp is your answer for summer fun!

Fun activities will include: Weekly field trips (like bowling, swimming, and out to eat pizza), Water Day, Popcorn/ Movie Day, Arts and Crafts, Wii /PlayStation Games, and board games!

Registration Fee is \$50.00 per child and the weekly camp fee is \$60 per child. Before and Aftercare are also offered at an additional cost.

Alexander's Summer Camp offers an affordable way to pay for the cost of the Registration Fees. For more information on how this is possible, please contact Mrs. Selwah Nabonne at 504-469-7326.

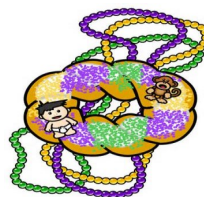
February

- 1 Yearbooks On Sale
- 9 Chuck E Cheese Night
- 10 February Student of the Month lunch at Burger King
- 15 Spring Pictures (must be prepaid)
Interims Go Home
- 20 ***NO SCHOOL for Students Only***
Parent Conferences 4:00-7:00 by appointment please
- 24 PBIS Reward for A/B conduct –Mardi Gras themed hats, shirt, or socks with regular school bottoms. (NO BEADS, NO MASKS)
- 27-March 3
Mardi Gras Holidays —NO SCHOOL



March

- 6 Students return to school



PBIS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS)

- Be prepared.
- Always be safe.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Kindness shows we care.



SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Reminder that our school yearbooks are now on sale for \$16.00. Purchase your copy today!

LIBRARY NEWS

Students in 1st grade have begun taking AR tests. We will be giving away 2 more bicycles and lots of other AR prizes in May.

Parents, please make sure that your children are reading their library books EVERY night. They should be reading for at least 15 minutes every day.

Our school is using a new online reading platform called Speakaboos! The Speakaboos reading platform offers us hundreds of fiction and non-fiction titles as well as educational songs for students to choose from, and is very simple to use since it works on desktop computers, laptop computers, tablets, and smart phones. If you have any questions, please contact our librarian, Ms. Howat.

On a computer, go to speakaboos.com/educators. Click Sign In on the top right corner. In the username/email spot, enter alex. The password is abc123. When the site comes up, click Launch and begin!