

# Alexander Bulldog Bark

## March 2017

### Newsletter



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### News from the Principal

The last three months of school are crucial to students' success. It is very important that students are in school every day! When students are not in school they miss out academically. If a student must be absent, please send a parent note explaining the absence and/or a doctor's note if the student was taken to the doctor. Please try to schedule doctor or dentist appointments after school. Early check-outs are considered absences. **Remember, there are no check-outs after 3:00 PM. Every person must provide an ID in order to check out a student.** In order for an absence to be excused, we must have an original doctor's note / parent note explaining the absence.

### TARDY AND ATTENDANCE POLICIES

Students who arrive at school after 8:45 and before 11:30 will be considered tardy. Students who arrive at 11:30 and after will be considered absent 1/2 day. Our school computing system will calculate the minutes late and the minutes checked out early. When the minutes add up to a half day or whole day it will be noted on your child's report card. Students who have 10 unexcused absences will be eligible for retention for the year. Please send a note with every absence.

**Hand written or doctor's notes will be considered excused absences ONLY if the note is sent within ONE week of the absence.**

### Remind System

**We currently 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. Please see attached flier for more information!**

### PBIS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTIONS AND SUPPORTS)

Parents, please review our basic school expectations:

Be prepared.

Always be safe.

Respect other people and their property.

Kindness shows we care.

### Mission Statement

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

Leslie Harrison,

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### March

Students of the Month

#### Pre-K

Valeria Figueroa

#### Kindergarten

Valentina Rangel Hernandez

#### 1st Grade

Melvin Sanchez

#### 2nd Grade

Sara Melara

#### 3rd Grade

Kimberli Figueroa

#### 4th Grade

Lian Mejia

#### 5th Grade

Angel Navas

### Teacher of the Month

Michelle Ural

### Employee of the Month

Vickie Luminais

# Grade Level News

**PRE-K**—This month we will be doing spring, plants, and classic tales! We will be planting a Spring garden, retelling classic tales, and STEM challenges.

**KINDERGARTEN** - Kindergarten is busy, busy, busy! In Reading, we are reviewing all letter sounds and blending words. In Math, we are composing and decomposing numbers 10-20. Please continue to read with your child, complete homework each night, and complete a few iReady lessons each week.

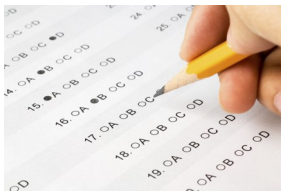
**1ST GRADE** -The first graders have been reading a non-fiction chapter book about a zoo field trip. We culminated our zoo study with our own field trip to Audubon Zoo! Please continue practicing addition/subtraction with your child. Check your child's homework folder every day please.

**2nd GRADE** - The second graders were impressed with a field trip to Kenner Rivertown where they saw the Planetarium, the Space station and the Science Exploration Museum. In Math, they are exploring counting money (quarters, nickels, dimes, pennies) and place value to hundreds. Please help your child practice counting coins at home. It is a life-long skill they will use. In Reading, they are using the skills of inferring, summarizing, main idea and details to help them understand stories. Please read with your child 15-20 minutes every day.

**3rd GRADE**- In March, students will be starting the math unit on two-dimensional shapes and their attributes. Students will be learning about ecosystems in Science. In Reading, students will read about ecology. Students continue to learn about Louisiana History in Social Studies. Please continue to study and memorize times tables.

**4th GRADE**– We will be continuing with theme and using text evidence to answer questions in Reading. In Math we are finishing fractions and decimals and will move on to measurement. We will continue to look at the mid-west states and document based questions in Social Studies. The Science projects were great! We will now move on to plants and the human body in Science.

**5th GRADE** – This month the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are studying the American Revolution in Social Studies, Earth's hydrosphere in Science, geometry in Math, and reading *The Birchbark House*.



**(For students in grade 5)**  
**DATES FOR SYSTEM-WIDE STANDARDIZED**  
**TESTING ON COMPUTER WILL BE**  
**APRIL 3-MAY 5**

**The 5th grade students have been practicing their typing skills and have been receiving online tools training. Please have them practice at home also at [typing.com](https://www.typing.com). They can log in through their Clever accounts.**

March

- 6 Students return to school from Mardi Gras Break
- 8 Pre-K Students Primetime Program 4:30 PM  
Family Game Night 6:30 PM
- 12 Daylight Savings Time: Move clock AHEAD one hour
- 15 Pre-K Students Primetime Program 4:30 PM  
End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 16 Raising Cane’s Night
- 22 Pre-K Students Primetime Program 4:30 PM
- 24 Report Cards Go Home
- 27 Award Ceremonies 1st (1:30 p.m.) & 2nd Grade (2:15 p.m.)
- 28 Award Ceremonies 5th (1:30 p.m.), 3rd (2:00 p.m.), 4th (2:30 p.m.)
- 29 Final Pre-K Students Primetime Celebration 4:30 PM
- 31 PBIS A/B Conduct Award – **CRAZY HAIR DAY!**



**LIBRARY NEWS**

During the month of March, all students will be celebrating “Read Across America” week. We will be celebrating the life of Dr. Seuss by reading his books and learning about his life.

Parents, please make sure that your students are reading EVERY night. Students in grades 1 and 2 may need you to read with them. Older students should be able to read on their own but you can still ask them questions about what they are reading. Some students have books that are very overdue. Notices have been sent home about these books. Students will NOT be able to go on field trips if they owe money for a lost book.

# Yearbook Sale



Ends March 31st

**\$16.00**

**Asbestos Report: There were no asbestos leaks reported during the month of February 2017.**

Parents please sign and send to school for your child to receive a Bonus Bone!!!

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