



# Alexander Bulldog Bark October 2016 Newsletter



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## News from the Principal

October is a very busy time here at Alexander.

Report Cards will be distributed on October 19<sup>th</sup> and Report Card Awards Ceremonies will be in the afternoons of October 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>. One of the biggest fundraisers for our school will be held this month! The Fall Festival will be on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. In order to make this a fun event for our students, we need parent help and donations. (More information coming.) We are looking forward to all the exciting things to come this school year.

**REMINDER:** Jefferson Parish Schools will be **closed** on Monday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. Faculty, staff, and students DO NOT report that day. Thank you.

### Attendance Policy Reminder / Clarification:

As per the Jefferson Parish Procedures and Policies Manual for Parents and Students:

Students can miss no more than 10 days to be eligible for promotion.

**Conferences with teachers and administrators BY APPOINTMENT ONLY between the hours of 9:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Please schedule an appointment to ensure availability of teacher and /or administration for your appointment time. Thank you.**

### PBIS (POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORTS)

Parents, please review our basic school expectations:

Be prepared.

Always be safe.

Respect other people and their property.

Kindness shows we care.



## Alexander Fall Fest

### October 31, 2016

### Packages go on sale October 17th!

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ASBESTOS REPORT: No leaks were reported in the month of September, 2016.

Leslie Harrison,  
Principal  
Corinna Cannon,  
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Isaac Joseph,  
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### October

Students of the Month  
**Pre-K**

David Lopez

**Kindergarten**

Bernardo Herrera

**1st Grade**

Destiny LaGrue

**2nd Grade**

Leniz Ruiz

**3rd Grade**

Evan Comeaux

**4th Grade**

Gabriel Valle

**5th Grade**

Desteny Gomez

### Teacher of the Month

Howard Hayes

### Employee of the Month

Rosa Cuny



**PRE-K** In October, we will be learning all about fall, families, homes, friends, and community helpers. We will continue learning more letters, numbers, colors, and shapes! Please keep practicing with your child. We are already seeing amazing progress.

**KINDERGARTEN** We're off to a great start. The students are following routines and getting in the groove. They're already starting to read sight words and learning how to blend. In math we are counting and writing to 10.

**1ST GRADE** Thanks to our progression in phonics our first graders are reading new and bigger words! They are now enjoying reading stories and using our RAP strategy- Read, Answer, and Prove for comprehension questions. Their writing is making progress as we continue our work on sentences. They are also working really hard on addition and subtraction facts, by using different strategies (counting on/using pictures) to add/subtract within 10! We can't wait to see what the rest of the year has in store for us!

**2nd GRADE** This month in second grade we are continuing to work on addition facts up to 20 and answering questions in a complete sentence. Please practice sight words and math facts every night! Next month we will be going on a field trip to see the play *Shrek*. Permission forms will be going home in the next few weeks!

**3rd GRADE** Students will be starting lessons in division in math. Please make sure students have learned their multiplications tables as this will help them with division. In ELA, students will be learning about the body systems. In Science, students will start their unit on Forces and Motion. In Social Studies, students will be learning about resources in Louisiana.

**4th GRADE** 4th grade will be working in the iReady books to get students ready for testing. In math, we will finish up addition and subtraction and go back to multiplication. We will multiply using arrays and area models. In science we will do a unit on types of energy. In social studies we will discuss the presidential election and continue studying the northeastern U.S.

**5th GRADE** This month the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about the United States regions and climate and vegetation in social studies, states of matter and chemical reactions in science, and working on multiplication and division of multi-digit whole numbers. The students are reading *Wonderstruck* and focusing on nouns.

**PTO**

The PTO is gearing up for the annual Fall Fest which will be held Monday, October 31. Packages will go on sale October 17th!

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

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

October	Snack day every Friday	
10	NO SCHOOL	
11	Saints Jr. Training Camp for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades	
13	End of 1st Marking Period Alexander picture retakes McDonald's Night	
17	<b>Fall Festival Packages Go on Sale!!!</b>	
19	Report Cards Go Home	
20	Award Ceremonies 1st Grade (1:30 p.m.) & 2nd (2:15 p.m.)	
21	Award Ceremonies 5th (1:30 p.m.), 3rd (2:00 p.m.), 4th (2:30 p.m.)	
26	Late Take-In Day for students	
28	PBIS A/B conduct reward: Wear favorite Superhero shirt/socks with uniform bottoms. No masks.	
28	<b>Last day to buy Fall Festival Packages</b>	
31	<b>FALL FESTIVAL: Individual tickets, tokens &amp; Game Bands will be sold</b>	
November 1	Parent Conferences 4:00-7:00 p.m. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS	



### LIBRARY NEWS

This month, students will be listening to stories and learning about the upcoming presidential election. They will also be learning about fall. Please help your child take care of their library books and make sure that they return them to school on their library day. Books should be kept in their school bags when they are not being read. They should be reading every day. For the younger students, please read the stories to them or have them read a page and you read the next one. Students in grades 2-5 have begun taking AR tests and trying to earn points for prizes and a chance to win a bicycle.

### OTHER INFORMATION

Alexander does not allow classroom birthday parties. We will not accept cakes, cupcakes, or treats sent in for a child's birthday. Also, invitations for parties may NOT be handed out at school unless all students in the class are invited.

Label all sweaters, sweatshirts, jackets, school bags, lunch kits, etc. with permanent identification. We would like to get these things back to the children when they are left at school. The unidentified and unclaimed items are donated to Good Will.



Reminder: Cold weather uniform policy states that only RED long sleeved shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt. Only plain navy blue or red sweatshirts are allowed.

Parents are reminded that students may NOT bring any type of medication to school. Medication is only administered in the office IF proper authorization and medication forms have been received from the JPPSS Medication Office (504) 349-7770.