

Alexander Bulldog Bark

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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.

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March

Students of the Month
Pre-K

Danny Urbina

Kindergarten

Justin Paredes

1st Grade

Aurora Flores

2nd Grade

James McElveen

3rd Grade

Aiyanna Howard

4th Grade

Lia Mendez

5th Grade

Talen Desimone

Teacher of the Month

Ann Majeste

Employee of the Month

Ana Caballero

Grade Level News

PRE-K—Pre-K will be creating and building with different materials. We will be learning about insects, plants, recycling, and Spring time. We will also continue learning our letters, numbers, and writing names.

KINDERGARTEN - Kindergarten LOVES reading! All of our kindergarteners are learning to read short stories and write detailed sentences. This month we will be learning the letters and sounds for D, V, J, and X. Please continue to go over words nightly and read to your child. In math we are composing and decomposing teen numbers.

1ST GRADE -Thank you for all your help with our Mardi Gras floats. We had some really creative floats and the students loved parading around school! This month our first graders will be working on reading a story independently and answering questions in a complete sentence. We will also introduce telling time and making graphs.

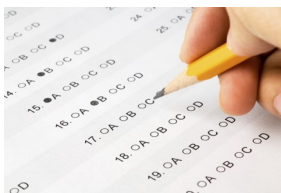
2nd GRADE - Second graders have been working really hard. In math, they are working on clocks, addition and subtraction with regrouping, and word problems. In reading, they are working on main idea, inferring, and story elements. A few reminders for parents: coats and jackets should have your child's name in it. Also check with your child to see if he/she needs school supplies replenished.

Finally, 2nd grade is planning some EXCITING field trips soon. Be on the lookout for permission slips.

3rd GRADE- We will continue to learn about fractions in math. In ELA, we will be reading stories and practicing comprehension skills with text-based evidence. In science we will be studying plants. In social studies we will continue to learn about government.

4th GRADE- In reading, we are getting ready for the Leap test and continuing to work on extended responses using text evidence. In math we are adding and subtracting fractions and simplifying the answers. During social studies we will continue to answer document based questions in preparation for state testing, and in science we will finish our unit on animals and their habitats.

5th GRADE - This month the 5th graders are studying early interactions between Indigenous groups and European explorers in social studies, Earth systems and water in science, numerical expressions and patterns in math, and reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*.



(For students in grades 4 and 5)
DATES FOR SYSTEM-WIDE STANDARDIZED
TESTING ON COMPUTER WILL BE
APRIL 9-MAY 4

The 4th and 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. They can log in through their Clever accounts.

- March 7 Pre-K Students in Primetime Program 4:30 PM
Family Game Night 6:30 PM
- 11 Daylight Savings Time: Move clock AHEAD one hour
- 14 Chuck E Cheese Night for Alexander School
- 16 End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 20 Kona Ice Sale
- 22 Report Cards Go Home
PBIS A/B Conduct Award
- 27 Award Ceremonies 1st (1:30 p.m.) & 2nd Grade (2:15 p.m.)
Testing Simulation Day
- 28 Award Ceremonies 5th (1:30 p.m.), 3rd (2:00 p.m.), 4th (2:30 p.m.)
Final Celebration for those students in Pre-K Primetime 4:30 PM
- 29 Field Day –a.m./Spring Parties –p.m. Parties are only for Alexander Students!



March 30 –April 6- **NO school** for students. Spring holiday.

Monday, April 9- Students return to school!

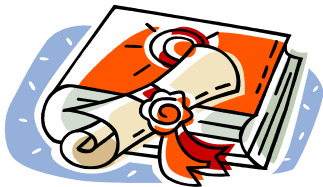


LIBRARY NEWS

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, buy snacks, or participate in spring parties if they owe money for a lost book.

Yearbook Sale



Ends March 31st

\$17.00

Asbestos Report: There were no asbestos leaks reported during the month of February 2018.

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

Student: _____ Parent signature: _____