

Alexander Bulldog Bark

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Newsletter



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News from the Principal

April is State-Wide Testing month for our students in grades 4 and 5. The students and teachers have been working hard to prepare for the tests. Our 4th & 5th grade students will be taking the Math, ELA, and Social Studies tests all on computer. Science will be field-tested only online. Please mark your calendars. I am confident that all of our students will do a great job on their tests!!! Here are a few proven test taking tips:



- *Get a good night's sleep.***
- *Eat a healthy breakfast.***
- *Be at school on time.***
- *Relax and stay positive.***

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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 information to join.

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



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.

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.

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

April
Students of the Month
Pre-K
Jamari Mack
Kindergarten
Brittney Mendoza
1st Grade
Stefany Hernandez
2nd Grade
Valery Amador
3rd Grade
Ahily Gabrie
4th Grade
Isaac Arnold
5th Grade
Jennifer Ramos

Teacher of the Month
Michelle Ural
Employee of the Month
Beth Nunez



CLASSROOM NEWS



Pre-K - We are learning all about insects and how they help the earth and continuing our study on plants for the month of April. Our Zoo field trip is April 13th. Our final unit for April will be Louisiana.

KINDERGARTEN - Kindergartens are learning sight words, rhyming, and hearing syllables in words. In Math the children are learning how to measure objects with non standard units. Continue to complete homework nightly. Our spring party will be March 29th from 2:00-3:00. Please check folders for information about the party.

1ST- We are learning about adventures. We will work on subject and predicate in English and about plane figures in Geometry . Please continue reviewing time with your children and keep reading with them daily. It's important for 1st graders to practice reading at home. We are becoming great readers.

2nd GRADE- Second graders have been working extremely hard all year. In math we will be working on measurement. Please continue reviewing addition facts with your children. We are working on map skills. Please be sure your child knows his/her address by memory. Your child should be reading to you every night. We have one more field trip to see our very own Annabelle Porter in Once Upon A Mattress. Be on the lookout for those forms as spaces will be limited.

3rd GRADE -3rd grade students will be reviewing and doing test prep material to prepare for state testing. Please make sure students come to school every day because we will be reviewing a lot of material from the school year. Students should also work on i-Ready at home and read for 20 minutes every night.

4th GRADE - In reading we are reviewing for the LEAP test and writing extended responses to different literary genres. In math we are reviewing for LEAP and finishing up fractions and decimals. We are also preparing for the test in science and social studies and looking at the human body and the western United States.

5th GRADE - The 5th graders are studying Clash of Cultures – Two Worlds Collide in social studies, learning about the solar system in science, reading *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and studying volume and measurement in math.



**A. C. ALEXANDER SUMMER CAMP
REGISTRATION FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE .**



SUMMER CAMP INFORMATION IS ATTACHED.



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



Student: _____ Parent signature: _____

April

- 2-6 JPPSS Spring Holiday (NO SCHOOL)
- 9 Students resume school: Student of the Month lunch
- 10 **4th & 5th grade LEAP computer-based testing begins**
- 12 Kindergarten Cap and Gown Pictures
- 25 Kona Ice Sale
- 26 PBIS A/B conduct for April Reward: Dress Down Day (only if the student qualifies and is notified by teacher)
- 27 Interims go home
- 30 **3rd grade paper-based LEAP testing begins**



May

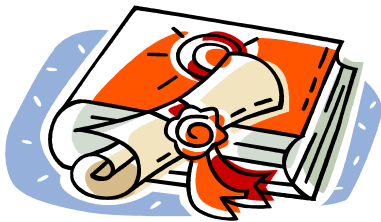
- 1-4 **3rd grade LEAP paper-based testing continues for students**
- 16 A.C. Alexander's Spring Fling



LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the students who have earned prizes for passing AR quizzes. I'm so proud of all the students for their efforts! Notices have been going home with students who have not returned books.

Students who owe books will NOT be able to attend in Spring Fling.



Yearbook Sale

\$17.00

(We have just a few copies available.)

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

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

Fire drills are conducted. Tornado drills and random searches are conducted as well. Jefferson Parish School Board has authorized search procedures using metal detectors and canines.

Searches may be made with handheld or stationary metal detectors of school board property, of students and non-students, and of any bags, parcels, purses, containers, etc. that they may bring onto school board property or to school sponsored events.

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.

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. **Identification MUST be presented when checking out any student.**