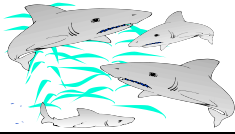


Nelson Family Newsletter



Michael Mitchener, Principal September News Wed., Sept. 7, 2016

Academic Achievement Priority #1



Upcoming Events



Today, Wed. Sept. 7---5:30 p.m. Site Council Mtg.
Thurs. Sept. 8---9:00-11:00 a.m. Office Staff to "Counting Kids Webinar"
Fri. Sept. 9---8:00 a.m. 5 Minute Stand Up Staff Mtg. on Practice Bldg. Evacuation
Fri. Sept. 9---Fall Individual Picture Day
Fri. Sept. 9---Boy & Girl Scout Leaders in to talk to students at Lunch Times
Tues. Sept. 13---7:45 a.m. Staff Mtg. in the Media Center
Tues. Sept. 13---9:45 a.m. Bldg. Practice Evacuation
Fri. Sept. 16---"Constitution Day" activities
Fri. Sept. 16---6:30 p.m. P.T.A. Movie Night
Tues. Sept. 20---3:00 p.m. Fundraiser "Kick Off" in the Gym Grades K-5
Wed. Sept. 21---Nelson P.B.I.S. Team Mtg. in the P.M.
Fri. Sept. 23---In-Service Day / No School
Mon. Sept. 26---Second Grade to Botanica



Site Council Mtg.



Our **Site Council** is an advisory group that will have the first meeting of the year **today, Wednesday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m.** in the Media Center. If you are interested in serving on this, please come on out and "Check it Out." We will plan to see you then.



Picture Day this



Sept. 9



-This is to remind you, that Fall Individual Picture Day is this **Friday, September 9**. Individual pictures will be taken starting at 8:00 a.m. in the gym. At 8:30, we will start with the lower grades and work up. By now you should have already received picture envelopes.



School Hours



-School is in session from 8:25 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. for grades K-5. Pre-K Half Day students attend from 8:25 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. for the morning and 12:50 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. for the afternoon session. We ask that any students who arrive prior to 7:55 a.m. or must stay after 3:50 p.m. be signed up with the HAC Latchkey Program unless they are in another program such as TAPS.



Please Notify The Office...

Please remember to call the office when your student will not be in school because of illness or appointments by 8:50 a.m.. Our phone number is 554-2273. Also, please have your child sign in the office if they arrive after 8:25 a.m. In the afternoon, if you have a special message for your child, please notify the office by 3:15 p.m. to assure all messages get delivered before school is let out. We will again be utilizing an attendance recognition program to help keep our attendance up. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly needed and appreciated.



Volunteer Back Ground Checks

We want to remind you that we need to have **Back Ground Checks** on all volunteers that may be working in the building or will be going on field trips etc. this year. If it has been over 2 years since submitting an application, you will need to resubmit. This is just a standard procedure and helps secure the safety of all of our Nelson Students. If you will be volunteering this year, please pick up a Back Ground Check, complete, and return this to the teacher or office promptly. Please do not wait until the day before an activity to turn them in, as processing sometimes takes several days. We would like to have as many of these as possible for the year by mid September. Your help in this important matter is appreciated.



Foster Grandparents

We are most fortunate here at Nelson to have two Foster Grandparents!! We are lucky to continue to have Grandma Capsa Reed and Grandpa Phil Blodgett with us! They work with students in small group settings on specific Reading and Math skills and they do make a difference! We say thanks Foster Grandparents!!



Wednesday Folders

We will be sending all regular weekly communications home in **Wednesday Folders**. Please be sure to check the contents of the folder each week, sign that you have viewed them, and then return the folder promptly on Thursday. The exception to this is Pre-School which sends the folders home on Thursday. If you represent an organization which may be sending notes home with students, please be sure these notes are approved for distribution by the central office and that they arrive at school before Monday to be sent home on a Wednesday.



Safety Drills



As always, safety is **first** and foremost at Nelson School. Several special programs will be conducted during the year in this behalf. Staff and students regularly review procedures for emergency drills. Schools are required to hold monthly fire drills and periodic tornado drills. We will also practice other drills such as “Shelter in Place” and “Intruder” drills. We **will practice an all school Evacuation Drill on Tues. Sept. 13, 2016 at 9:45 a.m.** We have already had our first fire and tornado drill for the year and these went very well.



Great Start

We are off to a GREAT START thanks to our great pupils, parents, and professional staff. We are now right at 527 students and look forward to a fantastic year!



Constitution Day

Friday

Sept. 16



Please encourage your child to wear red, white and blue on this day as we show our PRIDE in being an American. There are many great sites with great ideas commemorating this day and paying tribute to our heroes. Addressing the subject of the Constitution is required by national law. There will be various activities throughout the day in this regard, starting with the morning announcements.



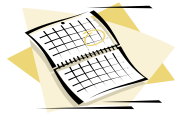
Drive Procedures



We are very fortunate to have our drive area in the front of Nelson. If everyone follows a few basic guidelines it will help keep the kids safe, keep everyone from being ticketed, and / or the removal of vehicles. We respectfully ask your help in noting the following:

1. Please do not park in the crosswalk areas or utilize the handicap parking except for what it is intended.
2. The drive is one way—2 lanes going from the North to the South. Please follow the arrows and signs.
3. The drive is only a loading and unloading area for students (Not Parking--it is a Fire Zone.)
4. All loading or unloading should be done on the right side / building side.
5. We do have parking spaces designated as visitor parking at the very front of the building which can be used to drop off and pick up students as well.

If you have any questions about these, please ask. Thanks ahead of time for helping us keep our kids safe. We will have staff out front to give friendly reminders to help in this endeavor.



Check out the District's Web. / Yearly Calendar / Social Media-

For your convenience, the Haysville School District has a great website which is easily navigated for parent and student information. Please take time to check out the district's website and blog at <http://www.usd261.com>. We are very pleased with the district website and hope you take advantage of this avenue of communication. The district event calendar can also be accessed on the Haysville website. You should now have passwords to access student information such as grades, specific assignments, and messages from teachers through a program called Power School. You will want to check out our Facebook and Twitter district sites at www.facebook.com/haysvillepublicschools, and www.twitter.com/usd261.

Please take advantage of these opportunities.



TAPS Program Begins-

Parents, we are fortunate to once again be able to offer the TAPS Program (Teaching Assessment Preparation Skills) for grades 3-5. TAPS will be (Monday-Thursday, **no Fridays, holidays, or during Conferences**) and will run starting on **Monday, Sept. 19, 2016 through March 9, 2017**. Taps will not be in session on Oct. 24-27, Nov. 21-22, Dec. 19-22, Jan. 16, Feb. 13-16, and Feb. 20. A calendar will come home noting these days. Parents, please visit with your child's teacher about this opportunity if you have any questions. You may also contact Teacher, Cindy Creekmore, who is the Nelson TAPS Coordinator.

Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

Nelson Elementary will again be using the Olweus Bullying Prevention program. This research based program reduces bullying in schools. It also helps make school a safer, more positive place where students can learn.

What is bullying? *Hitting, name-calling, exclusion, or other behavior that is meant to hurt.*

Bullying is carried out by someone who has more power over someone who has less power.

What are the effects of bullying? *Bullying affects both targets and bullies. Targets of bullying are more likely to grow up depressed and anxious. Bullies are much more likely than nonbullies to become adult criminals.*

The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program prevents or reduces bullying at the elementary level.

It is not a curriculum, but a program that deals with bullying at the schoolwide, classroom, individual, and community levels.

Our school has adopted the acronym B.E.S.T.

This stands for Bullying Ends Starting Today!!!

Talk About It! Visit with your student about B.E.S.T.

Our staff will work hard to keep all Nelson families connected.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions/concerns.

