

Nelson Family Newsletter



Go For The Gold with the Assessments!!!

Michael Mitchener, Principal Mon., March 6, 2017 March News
Academic Achievement Priority #1



Upcoming Events



March 6-16---Nelson "Pennies for Patients" Drive Continues on
March 6-10---Dr. Seuss Birthday Week (See list of Activities)
Tues. March 7---10:00 a.m. State Tornado Practice Drill
Fri. March 10---Nelson Movie Night
Sun. March 12---Daylight Savings Time Begins
Tues. March 14---6:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. Moms & Muffins
Thurs. March 16---2:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal / 7:00 p.m. Nelson 2nd Grade Spring Program
Fri. March 17---End of the third Nine Weeks Teacher ½ Work 1/2 Collaboration / No School
March 20-24---Spring Break
Mon. March 27---3:00 p.m. Assessment "Kick Off Assembly"
Wed. March 29---Grades go Home
Thurs. & Fri. March 30-31---District Art Fair at CHS
Fri. April 14---No School
Mon. April 17---No School



Tornado Practice Drill this **Tues.** -We continue to practice regular Safety Drills to help be prepared in the event of a real emergency. In keeping with this, we will plan to participate in the **State Tornado Drill this Tuesday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m. weather permitting.**



Last Day of TAPS-As a reminder, this **Thursday, March 9, 2017 is the last day** for the TAPS program this year. We appreciate all the hard work that has gone into making this another great year with TAPS.

MOVIE NIGHT THIS FRIDAY!

-We would like to remind everyone that our next Movie Night is **this Friday, March 10, 2017 and doors open at 6:00 p.m.** "Moana" will be showing. Come on out and have a great time with this family fun.



Time Change-Just a reminder that **Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 12. Don't forget to Spring ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 11.**

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Moms 'n Muffins-We will be having our Moms 'n Muffins on **Tuesday, March 14, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.** Moms, this is a special time set aside to bring your child / children in for some great muffins, visit with other moms, and learn about exciting things happening at Nelson with the principal.

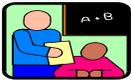


2nd Grade / Nelson Singers Music

Program **THURSDAY** **March 16**-This is to remind you that our Second Graders will be presenting a special Nelson Spring Program in connection with the Nelson Singers on **Thursday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym.** Students who are in the program should plan to arrive at 6:45 p.m.. There will also be a Dress Rehearsal at 2:00 p.m. in the afternoon for anyone who cannot make the evening program. Don't be square—See you there.



Casual Picture Purchase or Return by **THURSDAY** **March 16-** As a reminder parents, all Casual Pictures need to be Purchased or Returned to school **no later than Thursday, March 16.** We appreciate your help in this important endeavor.



Grade Cards-The end of the third nine-week period is **Friday, March 17.** This day is also a ½ Work Day / ½ Collaboration Day for teachers. Therefore, **school is not in session** for students to allow teachers to prepare grades and have “Collaboration” meetings. Grade cards will go home in Wednesday folders on **Wednesday, March 29, 2017.**



USD 261 Fine Arts Fair-Parents & students, you won't want to miss out on the District Fine Arts Fair which will be held **Thursday evening and Friday, March 30 & 31 at Campus High School.** This should again offer many Hands on Demonstrations and Activities. Watch for more information to come out on this exciting event.



We are again participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's “Pennies for Patients” drive. The dates of the drive continue on from **March 6-16.** The class bringing in the most money will win a special pasta luncheon. Thanks for helping out with this fun project that helps teach students the importance of giving to others in need. Leukemia and Lymphoma has even impacted some of our Nelson School Families, and we want to do all we can to help out in this worthy cause.



Spring Break



Spring Break is just around the corner. It is scheduled for the week of **March 20-24.** We wish you and your family a great break full of fun.

State Assessments Start Soon



State assessments are soon to be under way for grades 3-4-5. We want our students to do their very best on the test. Parents, your help in making sure students get plenty of sleep each night of testing will help them do their best. As well, a good healthy breakfast on the days of testing allows students to keep focused on the assessments. Thank you for your cooperation in these important matters.

To help keep the motivation high during these tests, we will have an “Assessment Kick Off Assembly” in the gym for grades 3-5 on **Monday, March 27th. at 3:00 p.m.** “Go for the Gold” Nelson School!

Literacy First News



Spring is just around the corner and that means students will be out for spring break soon. The last thing any of the kids want to think about is doing homework, but it is so important that kids keep reading during their time off. Kids need to be exposed to and learn between 3,000-4,000 words a year to help them understand grade level material. Teachers do a great job incorporating vocabulary in their daily lessons in all subject areas. They consistently have those vocabulary-rich conversations in the classroom to help expose your child to a variety of words.

So what can you do at home to help your child keep up? There are plenty of ways to make reading fun:

Go to the city library and check out a variety of things to read; kids magazines, nonfiction and fiction books, newspapers from years past, journals about an interesting topic. Have kids read joke books, the cereal box, poems, a grocery list, a play and song lyrics. Read while wearing silly glasses or using funny voices (robot, queen/king, mouse, giant).

If your child is not reading yet, practice saying the letters sounds of the alphabet. Put basic sight words on notecards and post them around the house. Label everything. Read to them and be their biggest supporter. Encourage them. Praise them. The key here is to find things that interest your child and have fun while reading.

The staff at Nelson encourages your child to read over the weekends and holiday breaks. Our goal for your child is to instill a life-long love of reading and learning.

If you have any questions about Literacy First please feel free to contact your child's teacher, myself or check out the official website: www.literacyfirst.com

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Nelson Mission Statement

The mission of the Nelson School Community is to provide all students with high levels of learning in a safe and caring environment.

