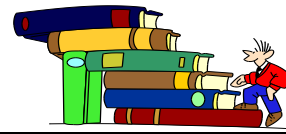
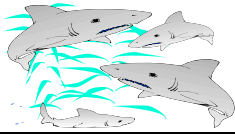


# Nelson Family Newsletter



**Michael Mitchener, Principal    September News    Wed., Sept. 6, 2017**

**Academic Achievement Priority #1**



## Upcoming Events



**Wed. Sept. 6**---3:15 p.m. All School Fund Raiser "Kick Off" in the Gym

**Wed. Sept. 6**---5:30 p.m. Site Council Mtg. in the Media Center

**Thurs. Sept. 7**---6:30 p.m. General P.T.A. Mtg. in the Media Center

**Fri. Sept. 8**---Fall Individual Picture Day

**Fri. Sept. 8**---Grandma Capsa last day @ Nelson

**Tues. Sept. 12**---Nelson Sonic Night

**Friday, Sept. 15**---Rockin' Rico Day 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**Mon. Sept. 18**---Constitution Day Activities

**Fri. Sept. 22**---Building In-Service No School

**Mon. Sept. 25**---Nelson Skate night 6:00 p.m.

**Fri. Sept. 29**---2:00 p.m. C.H.S. Homecoming Parade



## Fund Raiser "Kick Off" Today

■As a

reminder, our All School Fund Raiser "Kick Off" is **today, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2017** at 3:15 p.m. in the Gym. This will help support our end of the year "Field Day" shirts and a new "Rock Wall" in the Gym. Parents, thank you ahead of time for your support of this important school endeavor.

## Site Council Mtg.



■ Our **Site Council** is an advisory group that will have the first meeting of the year **today, Wednesday, September 6, 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.



## Nelson P.T.A. Meeting Tomorrow

**Sept. 7**-We will be

having a General P.T.A. meeting **tomorrow, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center.** We will plan to see all of those who can come out and be a part of this important group.



## Picture Day this

**Friday**

**Sept. 8**



■This is a

reminder, that Fall Individual Picture Day is this **Friday, September 8.** 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. You should have now received home picture envelopes. As a reminder, these pictures have to be paid for in advance if you so desire to have them.

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**No School Reminder**-Parents, this is just a reminder that school will not be in session on **Friday, Sept. 22 for Teacher In-Service.**



**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 News**

We have been most fortunate to have Grandma Capsa Reed with us for a number of years. She has worked with students in small group settings on specific Reading and Math skills and has made a big difference! This Friday, Sept. 8, 2017 is her last day as she will be staying closer to her Clearwater home. We wish her well and say a heartfelt "Thank You" for all she has done. We are lucky to still have Grandpa Phil Blodgett with us as a Foster Grandparent.



**Instruments Needed**-We have a great number of fifth graders who are desiring to take Band or Orchestra this year which is a wonderful opportunity. However, some students are in need of instruments. If anyone has an instrument at home that is not being used, it would make a big difference in the life of a student to donate or loan an instrument. If this is something you would be interested in doing, please contact the school 554-2273.



## **Constitution Day Monday Sept. 18**



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.

### **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.*

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**Literacy First News-**



Welcome back Nelson Sharks! Our district is currently in our 8th year implementing Literacy First at the elementary level. What that means is each student has been assessed through research-based systematic processes to determine their zone of proximal development (ZPD). That also means that each teacher has received extensive training to ensure your child succeeds in reading. Each day, your child will spend 1 hour in whole group, 1 hour in small groups or centers and 20 minutes of Monitored Independent Reading Practice (MIRP). Our goal at Nelson Elementary is to create life-long learners with a love of literacy.

Each month I will post information regarding literacy strategies or skills that might be helpful for you and your child at home. If you have any questions about Literacy First, please call me at 554-2273 or email [tmiller@usd261.com](mailto:tmiller@usd261.com).

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