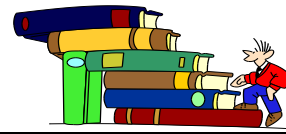
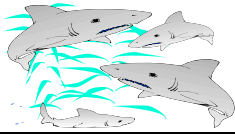


# Nelson Family Newsletter



**Michael Mitchener, Principal September News Wed., Sept. 5, 2018,  
Academic Achievement Priority #1**



## Upcoming Events



**Fri. Sept. 7**---Nelson Fall Picture Day  
**Sun. Sept. 9**---2:00 p.m. OWLS Nest Community Day Rescheduled  
**Thurs. Sept. 13**---6:30 p.m. General P.T.A. Mtg. in the Media Center  
**Mon. Sept. 17**---Constitution Day Activities  
**Mon. Sept. 17**---Nelson "Body Venture" Set Up  
**Mon. Sept. 17**---7:00 p.m. B.O.E. Mtg.  
**Tues. Sept. 18**---Nelson "Body Venture" in the Gym  
**Fri. Sept. 21**---2:00 p.m. C.H.S. Homecoming Parade  
**Fri. Sept. 28**---In-Service Day / No School



## **Fundraiser "Kick Off" Yesterday**

■As a reminder,

our All School Fundraiser is now under way. The "Kick Off" assembly was yesterday. The funds from last year helped get our "Rock Wall" in the Gym. This project also funds our yearly "Field Day" shirts. Parents, thank you ahead of time for your support of this important school endeavor.



## **Picture Day this**

## **Friday**

## **Sept. 7**



■This is a

reminder, that Fall Individual Picture Day is this **Friday, September 7**. 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.



## **Nelson P.T.A. Meeting Thursday**

## **Sept. 13**

We will be having a General P.T.A. meeting **Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018 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.



**No School Reminder**—Parents, this is just a reminder that school will not be in session on **Friday, Sept. 28 for Teacher In-Service**.

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**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.



## **Constitution Day Monday Sept. 17**



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.*

**Literacy First News**-Welcome back Nelson Sharks! Our district is currently in our 9th 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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