

Nelson Family Newsletter



Go for The Gold with the Assessments!!!

3 Pgs.

Michael Mitchener, Principal Wed. Feb. 27, 2019 March News
Academic Achievement Priority #1



Upcoming Events



This Week of Feb. 25---Nelson “Pennies for Patients” Drive Begins

Sat. March 2---10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. U.S.D. 261 Job Fair at the T.L.C.

March 4-8---Dr. Seuss Week Activities at Nelson

Wed. March 6---3:00 p.m. Mr. Brad Johnson Assembly in the Gym

Wed. March 6---5:30 p.m. Site Council Mtg.

Thurs. March 7---7:45 a.m. Staff Mtg. in the Media Center

Thurs. March 7---Nelson “Wax Museum”

Fri. March 8---1/2 Work Day / 1/2 Collaboration Day & End of the 3rd Nine Weeks / No School

Sun. March 10---Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 11-15---Spring Break / No School

Wed. March 20---Nelson P.B.I.S. Mtg. in the P.M.

Wed. March 20---Grade Cards go Home

Thurs. & Fri. March 21-22---District Fine Arts Fair

Mon. March 25---2:45 p.m. Assessment “Kick Off” assembly in the Gym



Site Council Mtg. Wed. March 6-We will be having our regularly scheduled Site Council Mtg. on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Media Center. The agenda will include but not be limited to Upcoming Assessments, Summer School Plans, Boundary Changes, and an update on the “Pennies for Patients” drive. See you then.



Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week-The State of Kansas has designated this week of March 4-8, 2019 as Kansas Severe Weather Awareness Week. We plan to conduct a Practice Drill in conjunction with the State Practice Drill.



Time Change-Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time begins **Sunday, March 10.** Don't forget to **Spring ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 9.**

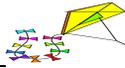


Grade Cards-The end of the third nine-week period is on **Friday, March 8.** This day is also a 1/2 Collaboration / 1/2 Work Day for teachers. Therefore, **school is not in session** for students to allow teachers to prepare grades and have meetings. Then, we have a week of Spring Break. Therefore, Grade Cards will go home in Wednesday folders on **Wednesday, March 20, 2019.**

Pg. 2



Spring Break



Spring Break is just around the corner. It is scheduled for the week of **March 11-15**. We wish you and your family a great break full of fun.



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 21 & 22 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 drive continues on from now till **Friday, March 22**. 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.



Casual Picture Purchase or Return by this



As a reminder parents, all Casual Pictures need to be Purchased or Returned to school **no later than this Friday, March 1**. We appreciate your help in this important endeavor.



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

Teresa M. Miller
Learning Facilitator

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 25th, at 2:45 p.m.** “Go for the Gold” Nelson School!

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.

