

Nelson Family Newsletter



Go For The Gold with the Assessments!!!

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Michael Mitchener, Principal Wed. March 7, 2018 March News
Academic Achievement Priority #1



Upcoming Events



March 5-29---Nelson "Pennies for Patients" Drive
Today, Wed. March 7---5:30 p.m. Site Council Mtg.-
Fri. March 9---End of the 3rd Nine Weeks / Teacher Mtgs. & Work / No School
Sun. March 11---Daylight Savings Time Begins
Wed. March 14---Grade Cards go Home
March 15-16---District Art Fair at CHS
Fri. March 16---Aluminum Can Drive Ends
Fri. March 16---Nelson Movie Night
March 19-23---Spring Break
Fri. March 30---No School Non-Contract Day
Mon. April 2---No School Non-Contract Day
Fri. April 6---3:00 p.m. "Assessment Kick Off Assembly"



Site Council Mtg. today, Wed. March 7-We will be having our regularly scheduled Site Council Mtg. today, **Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Media Center. The agenda will include, but not be limited to Upcoming Assessments, Summer School Plans, State and Federal Information, and the "Pennies for Patients" drive.



Time Change-Just a reminder that **Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 11. Don't forget to Spring ahead one hour on this Saturday evening, March 10.**



We are again participating in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Pennies for Patients" drive. The drive continues on from **March 7-29**. 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.



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 15 & 16 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.

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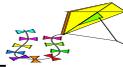


Grade Cards-The end of the third nine-week period is this **Friday, March 9.** This day is also a ½ Collaboration / ½ Work Day for teachers. Therefore, **school is not in session** for students to allow teachers to prepare grades and have “Collaboration” meetings. Grade cards will go home in Wednesday folders on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018.**



Spring Break

Spring Break is just around the corner. It is scheduled for the week of **March 19-23.** We wish you and your family a great break full of fun.



Casual Picture Purchase or Return by **Mon. March 26**-As a reminder parents, all Casual Pictures need to be Purchased or Returned to school **no later than Monday, March 26.** 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

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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 **Friday, April 6th, at 3:00 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.

