

ALCOTT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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The Challenge

Mr. Scott will dress as a clown during our Winter Program scheduled for December 16, 2009.

Don't miss the "Challenge Fulfilled." Let's continue to show our students the importance of high achievement and the importance of integrity. It is important to make a promise, but it is more important that the promise be kept. Our students who are making high achievements deserve our very best!



Dismissal Procedures: 2:45 p.m.

At dismissal time, teachers will escort their classes to the appropriate dismissal areas on the Crestmont side of the campus. Students will remain quiet and orderly during dismissal. Staff members will be at key locations to assist with student supervision. Students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten will remain in their classrooms. Parents are to enter the side entrance from the Crestmont side of the building to pick-up students in Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

Ms. Armstead – Campus Coordinator



The Principal's Corner - Dear Parents,
Have your child tell you about his/her day at school. You may find that he/she has a new teacher in first grade. You may find that our 1st and 2nd grades are piloting a rotation schedule. You may find that your child really likes math or is really struggling with his/her vocabulary words. We implore you to become more active in the educational process of your child. You should know the teacher's name and room number of your child's class. Progress reports went out last week and you should know how your child is doing in class. Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences during the teacher's planning period. Don't be surprised at the end of the year about how your child is doing in class. It's too late to help your child succeed in May when notices have been given in advance.

All visitors must have proper identification when on campus. We will not be able to release students without proper identification.

100 Club

We're looking for those students who earn 100's on classroom tests and projects to earn a pass to the 100 Club Counter otherwise known as the bookroom. Students will be celebrated and recognized each Friday starting **October 9, 2009.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

- Oct. 19th - 23rd - Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 23rd - Science Spectacular - 3-5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 26th - Red Ribbon, Drug Awareness Week
- Oct. 30th - PTO Dance 3-5:00 p.m.



PAULA M. HARRIS
HISD Trustee, District IV



Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Michael E. DeBakey High School for
Health Professions

3100 Shenandoah, Houston, TX 77021

THIS WEEK'S NEWS: Pre-Kinder Team

Our Scholastic Book Fair is approaching; The Book Fair is scheduled for October 19, 2009 through October 23, 2009. Please support our Fantastic Fall Fundraiser. Away we grow!

Ms. Coleman and Ms. McCarver

THIS WEEK'S NEWS: Pre-K4 Team

Dear Parents,

Uniforms should be worn daily. Please make sure your child is present at school and on time everyday.

And Away We Grow!

Ms. Hood, Ms. Lopez, & Ms. Marbley

THIS WEEKS NEWS: SPECIAL NEEDS

We worked with the letter "Ee" this week. We named picture cards, practiced tracing and writing the letter Ee and recognizing words that begin with Ee.

Math—Alike and different

Environmental sign—FIRE

Please continue to work with your child on what they have learned.

Thank you Ms. Davis for the snacks

Thank you in advance parents for all of your support.

Have a great weekend



Mrs. E. Taylor/Ms. Dailey

From Mrs. E. Taylor and Ms. Dailey

Dear First Grade Department:

Dear Parents: Tutorials are on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30pm. Next week, our learning objectives are Reading short passages, word ending, sentence structure, and probability. Please check folders daily and return folders daily. Progress Reports went home on Wednesday 9/30/09. As a reminder: the high frequency test will be given in November and April of this school year. Please review words daily. Homework packets and spelling list are given to our students on Mondays and should be completed and returned on Fridays.

Thank you for being involved in your student's education.

Ms. D. Brown, Ms. Hunter-Johnson, & Ms.

Washington

Classroom Parties

Alcott recognizes that celebrating student birthdays with a classroom party is a time-honored tradition that provides the opportunity for parental involvement in the education of your child, which is beneficial for students, parents, and teachers.

Classroom birthday parties should be scheduled from 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm. Parents, please give your child's teacher a one day notice if you plan to have a birthday party at school.

THIS WEEK'S NEWS: GRADE LEVEL 3

Dear Parents,

Please set aside time for your child to read uninterrupted for 15-20 minutes nightly. Also, practice basic two/three digit facts (adding/subtracting). Our Science Spectacular Night is October 23rd. We have seven more days until the Landform Project is due. (October 16th)

Please Join Us!

Third Grade Team,

Mrs. Hogans, Mrs. Hubbard & Mrs. Randall

TUTORIALS

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.

After school tutorials will be offered to K-3rd & 5th students on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Fourth graders will attend after school tutorials Mondays through Thursdays. If your child is attending our on-site 21st Century Program, he/she will attend tutorials first and then be dismissed to the 21st Century Program at 4:30. Please pick up student(s) promptly.

Thank you!

We would like to thank CSTEM (Communication, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) for donating science books to the fifth grade students. We appreciate the community help. Ms. Odutayo

Volunteers Needed - VIPS - Join the 1-30 Club

We are looking for parent volunteers and partners. Please see Ms. Pickens in the main office to be volunteered cleared.

Breakfast is served from 7:00 – 7:30

Title I Parental Involvement

The Texas Association for Bilingual Education (TABE) is having its Parent Institute Conference on October 14, 2009. If you are interested in attending please contact Ms. Aubrey for further details.

Cell Phones

Policy on Cell Phones & Pagers

Cell phones and pagers are permitted, **but they are not allowed to be used, seen, or heard during regular school hours.**

Hello Fourth Grade Parents! Please be reminded of the following practices to ensure our fourth graders achieve academic success:

* School starts at 7:45a.m. Several of our students are arriving late and missing a substantial amount of instructional time.

* Fourth Grade tutorial days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:15p.m.-4:30p.m.

Thank you for all of your support! Enjoy your wonderful weekend!

Thank you,

The Fourth Grade Team

Ms. Bogerty, kbogerty@houstonisd.org

Ms. Brown, tbrown1@houstonisd.org

Ms. Kaiser, ckaiser@houstonisd.org

Mrs. Murray, jmurray5@houstonisd.org

Picture Day

Friday, October 9, 2009

Special thanks to our Parent Volunteers for helping us during our picture day today. The help was appreciated beyond words.

Hello Fifth Grade Parents!

Fifth Grade is off to a great start this year. Many opportunities will be provided for your child to achieve success. We are confident that teachers and parents working together will help our Fifth graders have a very successful year. Our goal this year is 100% commended performance. Our Fifth grade department shares the same basic rules. These rules apply to every classroom and all students are expected to abide by each and every one of them.

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| 1. Be punctual | Arrive to class on time. |
| 2. Be prepared | Have all assignments and projects completed. |
| 3. Be polite | Respect teachers, classmates and school property. |
| 4. Be a participant | Always stay on task / Be an active learner. |

If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to make up assignments missed.

From: Ms. Aubrey, Ms. Odutayo, and Ms. Smith

PTO

PTO dues are \$5.00 per family.

Please send your \$5.00 to the main office for your family's PTO dues.

Don't forget, if you want to be an officer, you must first become a paid member.

PTO Meeting Dates (7:00 a.m.)

- September 30, 2009
- October 21, 2009
- November 18, 2009
- December 16, 2009
- January 20, 2010
- February 17, 2010
- March 10, 2010
- April 21, 2010
- May 19, 2010

Science Spectacular

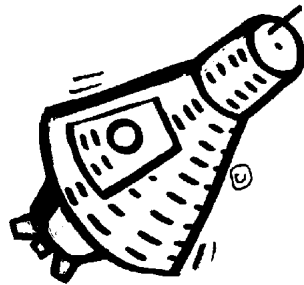
Friday, October 23, 2009

Admission for the Science Spectacular is \$1.00.

Tickets will go on sale the week of October 19.

Ticket price for concessions will be posted the day of the event. Tickets purchased October 19th – 22nd will be five (5) for \$1.00. Tickets purchased the day of the event will be sold four (4) for \$1.00. Information about the Science Spectacular will be sent home at a later date. (No refunds will be given.)

SCIENCE



SPECTACULAR !!

Hands On Science

At

Alcott Elementary

Friday, October 23, 2009

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Admission - \$1.00

Activities: Hands on Science Experiences,
Moonwalk, Petting Zoo, Nachos, Popcorn and more!

Sign up and come join the fun!!!!!!

Tickets will go on sale the week of October 19, 2009.

**Cash will NOT be handled for snack purchases. Tickets must
be purchased and used for this event.**

No Refunds Will Be Given!

