MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Ms. Campbell, Principal

As winter is ending and spring begins, we would like to take the opportunity to let you know about all the exciting events occurring during the month of April. Please see the list of dates below. We hope you will be able to join us during these events.

**Dates to Remember:**

**April:**
1. CLOSED CAMPUS
2. 4-7 – Kindergarten Early Enrollment 8-11am and 1-3pm
3. 5 – Late Night Kindergarten Early Enrollment 5-7pm
4. 7 – Big Horn BBQ Spirit Night
5. 9 – Stallion Stampede and Pancake Breakfast
6. 13 – Progress reports
7. 14 – First grade Music Program 6:30pm
8. 15 – 1st grade field trip
9. 19 – Papa John’s Pizza Spirit Night
10. 20 – PTA in the Park 5:30-7pm
11. 22 – 2nd grade field trip

**Kindergarten Early Enrollment**

April 4th – 7th
8 – 11am and 1 – 3pm
Late night enrollment – April 5th 5 – 7pm

**Checklist for Kindergarten Enrollment**

We **must** have the following items to register your child:

- Original birth certificate
- Social security card
- Immunization records
- Deed of trust or Lease
  - Leases must show:
    - Beginning date and length of lease
    - Physical address of lease
    - Occupant list for apartments (will be verified if not shown)
    - If utilities are included, it should be stated
    - Leaser’s name with address and phone number where they can be contacted
- Parent/Guardian Texas Driver’s License w/ current address
- Utility Bill w/ current address (electricity, gas, or water)
- Completed enrollment packet
Pre-Kindergarten does not participate in early enrollment as eligibility for Pre-K must be established at the start of the school year during regular registration period.

Affidavit of Residence and Power of Attorney paperwork may be submitted during the regular registration period in August.

**Attendance reminders:**

Texas compulsory attendance law states that a child who is required to attend school under this section shall attend each school day for the entire period of the program of instruction is provided.

Please remember to send a parent or doctor's excuse note within 3 days of your child's absence. You have several options for your convenience.

- You may send it with your child to turn into his/her teacher.
- You may fax it to the attention of Stephanie Mattes at 713-436-2209.
- You may scan and email the note to mattess@pearlandisd.org.

Please make sure to get your child to school on time. The front doors open at 7:15am every morning. Students arriving after 8am will be considered TARDY. An attendance hearing and/or referral to the justice of the peace will be required for excessive absences, tardies, and early removals of students.

**Music Notes**

Mrs. Houston & Mrs. Loosemore

Wow, we can't believe it is already April! The school year is beginning to come to an end. We are doing lots of fun things in music this spring. Kinder learned all about Orff instruments and learned new musical terms such as ascends, descend, pitch and rhythm. 1st grade is preparing for their upcoming music program. 2nd grade has been learning fun games from both our country and others as well. 3rd grade is learning lots of new musical terms and music symbols and last but certainly not least, the 4th graders are having a blast learning how to play the recorder. What a great year it has been so far. Only one more month to go!

**PE PRESS**

Coach Cox

Congratulations to our awesome Silvercrest students for raising over $16,000 to help find a cure for Juvenile Diabetes this year! As soon as prizes come in for those who qualified, I will be distributing them during their regular p.e. class. We have successfully completed our 3rd/4th grade Fitnessgram testing and are now focusing on track meet qualifiers for our annual district elementary track meet to be held on Tuesday, May 17th. We will wrap up the year with field day on Friday, May 20th, and would appreciate volunteers for this event. Happy Spring to all of our Silvercrest families!

**ART NEWS**

Ms. Baker

This month we will begin our most creative unit in the studio, mixing a combination of new and old knowledge. We will begin a unit on painting primary, secondary and intermediate colors. We will also get into tinting and shading. Thanks again for all your continued support!

**NURSE NEWS**

Mrs. Rice, Health Care Assistant

**TIPS FOR STAYING HEALTHY!!**

- Frequent hand washing to reduce the spread of germs
- Good Nutrition - Eat breakfast and follow the food pyramid guidelines
- Get at least 10 hours of uninterrupted sleep at night
- Drink 6 – 8 glasses of water a day
- Avoid over-scheduling activities – allow for “downtime”
- Build exercise into family routines
- Schedule regular doctor and dental visits
Thank you for your support in helping make our spring book fair a huge success! A big thank you to all who volunteered!

Attention GT nominated Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students and parents:
Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students who were nominated to be assessed for GT services by September 30, 2015, will receive the results in the mail on or before April 15, 2016.
For more information regarding the Pearland ISD Gifted/Talented identification process, please visit the Advanced Academics webpage of the Pearland ISD website, www.pearlandisd.org, by selecting Advanced Academics under the Departments tab.

Using Bibliotherapy with Gifted Students
Often times, gifted students feel like they don't belong with other students their age or that they are different in some way. Bibliotherapy, the process of having a student read a book to learn about social/emotional issues or developmental needs by identifying with a character from a book, is often used with gifted children as a way to learn that there are others who have the same feelings, concerns, or problems and that they are not alone. There are a multitude of fictional books whose main characters are gifted. However, literary nonfiction can also be used for bibliotherapy by studying famous people who are thought to be gifted such as George Washington Carver, Albert Einstein, Marie Curie, and Ellen Ochoa.

Another famous gifted person is Leonardo da Vinci, who was born on April 15, 1452, in Italy. Some people say he was the most talented person to have lived, with knowledge and curiosity that spanned a wide range of fields. As an artist, he created the Mona Lisa and the Vitruvian Man among other paintings and sculptures. He studied flight and designed plans for flying machines which were impossible to make because of the limited technology in his time. He even wrote in “mirror direction” meaning the opposite direction to what is normal so you would have to use a mirror to read it. He was a brilliant mathematician – seeing a mathematical connection to almost everything. He also studied music and designed new instruments.

Leonardo da Vinci source:
http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/scientists/leonardodavinci.html

Social Media Parent Night
Pearland ISD invites you to its latest Social Media Parent Night: “Empathetic Social Media Responses in Crisis.”
This free workshop will be Thursday, April 21, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Education Support Center (1928 N. Main).
Everything said and done today can be filmed or recorded in real time -- even in crisis situations. Learn how social media impacts us and how we can respond empathetically to crisis on social media. (Presented by Clear Creek ISD prevention services coordinator Denise Zimmerman)