

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEC 2	FALL PICTURE RETAKES AND CLASS PICTURES- UNIFORMS	DEC 18	EARLY DISMISSAL 12:10 END OF 9 WEEKS
DEC 10	PAPERS GO HOME	DEC 21-JAN 4	CHRISTMAS/WINTER BREAK
DEC 14-16	3RD GRADE MUSICAL (The Incredible Reindeer) ZHS-PERFORMING ARTS CTR	JAN 5	STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
DEC 15	STAR STUDENT BREAKFAST 7:00 am	JAN 7	
DEC 16	EARLY DISMISSAL 12:10		
DEC 17	EARLY DISMISSAL 12:10 Spanish Club Skype Conference		

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	<u>50 Point Club</u>	<u>25 Point Club</u>	<u>25 Point Club</u>	<u>25 Point Club</u>	<u>25 Point Club</u>
<u>500 Point Club</u>	Paris B.	Sebastian N.	Reginald A.	Caleb C.	Caden J.
<u>300 Point Club</u>	Jack H.	Eni N.	Skyler A.	Kayla C.	Taylah J.
<u>200 Point Club</u>	Jack H.	Carson P.	Ackland B.	Reece D.	Brycen K.
<u>100 Point Club</u>	Sara L.	Jack P.	Brennan B.	Chloe D.	Gracie L.
	Evelyn D.	Elli R.	Kadra B.	Dillon E.	Nayda L.
	Cameron D.	Niah S.	Madyson B.	Dylan E.	Amanda L.
	Edward G.	Elliot S.	Alisha B.	Jamyrea F.	Sydnee L.
	Daniel H.	Paige C.	Amya B.	Lillian F.	Melany L.
	Richard I.	Aniya C.	Blaire B.	Nicholas F.	Keylea L.
	Joanna L.	Lillie D.	Colt B.	Sedra G.	Starr L.
	Fuller M.	Chandler D.	SaMaria B.	Eva G.	Mykalah L.
	Katie M.	Kade E.	Ryan B.	Will G.	Emily M.
	Claudia V.	Joy E.	Alexandra B.	Alex G.	Austin M.
	Tristan W.	Maat F.	Jules B.	Lilah G.	Kaylea M.
<u>50 Point Club</u>	Reece A.	Delana F.	Rylee B.	Keiquan H.	Jackson M.
	Leila A.	Jolie G.	Kaylee B.	Emani H.	Ava M.
	Andrew B.	Cameron G.	Makenzie B.	Winston H.	Quentin M.
	Isabella B.	Ashley H.	Damijay B.	Lindsay H.	David M.
	Brady B.	Kameron	Carter B.	Sophia H.	Audrey M.
	Shane C.	W.	Ryan B.	Bryanna H.	Samara M.
	Cal C.	Selina H.	Emma C.	Gabrielle H.	Kenjaylen N.
		Brandon H.	Noah C.	Grayson H.	Jazmine P.
		Terin L.	Magnolia C.	William J.	Anna R.
		Tatyanna L.	Kristen C.	Charli J.	Jalen R.
		Madison L.	Shana C.	Porter J.	Wyatt R.
		Aniyah L.	David C.	Ainsley J.	Sydney R.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In November, I participated in the Zachary Gleaux Run. The night was damp and the mosquitos had signed up for the run in great numbers. It's bad when you are losing your breath as you run, but it's even worse when you're losing blood as well! Although at my age I don't consider myself a runner, I've never been one to back down from a challenge. This could be my downfall someday!. I think I finished second when compared to the ZES staff in the 5K run! I guess I should tell you there were only 2 in the 5k run (second sounds better than last). I have made it my goal to always look for life lessons as I travel this earth. Here's what I learned from my experience in the Gleaux Run this year: Whatever journey you are on (career, family, education, sickness, or sorrow) I have found it more fulfilling to share it with others. I had a great time talking before the race with friends, parents, students, and members of the community. I cheered on those that ran the race before mine. During the 5K race, I had the privilege of talking to one of my students (between gasps for breath). He was turning 10 the next day and told me that he felt pretty good running this race (which was his first). I gasped between words and secretly wondered where the nearest defibrillator might be located. I told him I would be 54 on my birthday, and I was feeling pretty rough. We encouraged one another and kept running. I think this would be a great lesson to teach our children. On our journeys of life, take time to share with others and celebrate with them (even if you find yourself gasping for breath). Encourage one another. We all need it at times. I wouldn't trade those couple of miles of fragmented conversation (not even for the oxygen mask I was so desperately craving). In almost every journey, we can make a connection with others. Now that I think about it, I was ten once. I don't remember all my connections, I do remember that my body worked a little better at ten. Enjoy the races of your life, and when possible, take others along!



Dewey Davis



STAR STUDENTS



Briley Howard	William Nelson
Chloe Bailey	Eric Michot Gautreaux
Morgan Beal	Bryce Mitchell
Madden Coker	Mykalah Lulich
Julia Rettig	Chelsey Sonnier
Evan Decuir	Kellen Conachen
Hope Thomas	Kaylea Marionneaux
Ashley Barrett	Sydney English
Andrew Fowler	Charlie Daigle
Winston Hill	Kaiden Martin
Caden Pressler	Travis Torrence
Caroline Murphy	Ryan Blalock



3rd GRADE NEWS

In 3rd Grade ELA classes we are continuing to improve our comprehension skills. Students have been reading non-fiction texts, along with a related historical fiction text. They have been working hard to determine main idea and supporting details. We are also examining character traits and motivations. In Language, the students are learning about verb tenses and subject/verb agreements. This skill is reinforced in our writing. We are just beginning our expository writing unit.

In math, we will be adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers using the standard algorithm within measurement word problems. In science, we will begin our study of electricity concepts. The third grade teachers of Zachary Elementary would like to wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday season. There are several special activities planned for our students during the month of December. Our choir members have been preparing diligently for the Christmas program on December 14th-16th. Early dismissal for conferences will be on December 16th-18th. Our class parties will be on December 18th.

During this hectic time of the year, please make sure that your child is getting a good night's sleep as well as completing all homework assignments. These last few weeks before the holidays will "wrap up" the second nine weeks of this school year! Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in educating your child.

4th GRADE NEWS

With the holiday season upon us, fourth graders are completing the second nine weeks, and 2015 is coming to an end. We are already almost halfway through our school year! We have seen some amazing accomplishments and work from our students, and we know they will continue to thrive as the school year continues on.

4th GRADE NEWS-cont.

In English Language Arts, students have explored the characteristics of different types of genres such as fantasy, narrative non-fiction, expository non-fiction texts, historical fiction, poetry, and realistic fiction. Students have covered a variety of skills such as identifying cause and effect relationships in a story, the main idea of the text, the point of view the story is written in, asking and answering questions, making predictions, and identifying vocabulary words in context. In the up-coming weeks, we will continue on in unit three in our basal. We will begin a biography titled Delivering Justice, discussing the Civil Rights Movement and the trials and tribulations that African-Americans faced during that time period. We will also then read Abe's Honest Words which gives students a first and second-hand account of our former president's life. The following week we will look at a persuasive article titled A New Kind of Corn and will close out the third unit. Please encourage your child to read each and every night for at least fifteen to twenty minutes.

In math, students are continuing to move right along. We have finished up area and perimeter and will be testing on factors and multiples this week. Students have learned several different ways to find factors ...they especially love the factor rainbow! After Thanksgiving break, students will dive right into multiplication and division. They will be expected to multiply two digit by two digit numbers and divide four digit by one digit numbers. The better the students are with their basic multiplication facts, the easier these concepts will be. Please make sure to study over them each night!

Fourth grade scientists will be completing their units on energy, then blasting off to discover "Objects in the Sky". Students will use models to explore what causes day and night. We will observe the moon and its phases, as well as eclipses of the sun and the moon as we work to solve its mysteries. We may even travel deeper into space to find out more about the inner and outer planets.

Back on earth we will continue to make wonderful discoveries about our nation in social studies as we begin to interpret data presented in time lines. We will identify and describe major early explorers and their explorations in North America and their influence in early America. We hope that you and your family have a safe and blessed holiday season. Let's continue to have a great year!

News from ZES

MUSIC

The big performance is coming!! On December 14th, 15th, and 16th, the 3rd grade general music classroom will present the big winter production, "The Incredible Reindeer". It is an adorable holiday story that will involve close to 400 students! Please check your notes to know which day your child is performing (or all, if in the cast), and please plan on dropping them off at the Zachary High School Performing Art Center no later than 5:30pm on their assigned performance day. The show begins at 7:00pm on show nights and an admission ticket is needed! Students on stage (not in costume) will need to wear uniform pants or skirt **that have pockets** with a green, red, or white shirt with NO ID or jacket. The house doors will be opening at 6:45pm. See you there!

SPANISH

Students have been learning about sombreros, maracas, Latin instruments, Latin dancing, yarn art, weaving, fiestas, and making friends in other countries! This semester has been a blast! As we draw to an end, you can check out *What We've Been Up To* on Moodle under the Spanish page.

Adios, Amigos! The fall 2015 semester of Spanish Club will be ending this month, as we prepare to welcome our spring 2016 participants! Please look for a letter concerning your child's status as we close out the second nine weeks.

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\$30.00



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