

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 13th- Award Ceremony for ZES

*8:30am (Nunnery, Wigger, Hunt, Graham, Moore, Dennis, Jones, Tortorich, Pelichet, and Marchiafava)

*10:00 am (Bridwell, McCurnin, Noel, Scott, Howard, Graves, Patti, Talbot, and Ardeneaux)

*11:30 am (Hamilton, Washington, J. Williams, Adkins, Brown, Deliberto, Cassidy, Norris, and Wilkewitz)

* 1:00 pm (V. Williams, Branigan, Goza, Potts, Buell, Weston, and Leiva)

May 9-12th- 101 Dalmations-7:00pm

(doors open at 6:30)

Students need to be dropped off at 5:00.

May 9—Potts, Goza, Branigan, Deliberto

May 10—Brown, Hamilton, J. Williams, Washington, Corcoran

May 11—Buell, Leiva, Talbot, Weston

May 12—Adkins, Cassidy, Norris, Wilkewitz

May 16th- 3rd grade Field Day

May 17th- 4th grade Field Day

May 16, 17, 18th—1/2 Day (Dismissal at 12:10)

May 18th- Last day of School/End of Year Party



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we near the end of the school year, let me say “thank you” for your hard work as parents. As I write this article, it is Teacher Appreciation week. I know that teachers will receive some kind words and a few tokens of appreciation. I know from personal experience what it means to a teacher to receive some appreciation. Hopefully, you as parents feel appreciated on Mothers’ Day and Fathers’ Day. I want you to know that I appreciate you. Parenting can be a thankless job at times, and it is a commitment for life. During the recent “Lemonade Day”, I saw parents throughout our city supporting their young entrepreneurs. Parents were out in the rain helping their children set up their stands and providing materials necessary for their children to have this experience. I’ve also witnessed parents dropping off forgotten lunches, ID’s, and assorted other projects. I’ve been the benefactor of the volunteer efforts of parents here at Zachary Elementary. Parents have eaten chicken for Raising Cane’s nights. Parents have attended programs, field trips, and sporting events throughout the year. I have to confess as a parent, there have been times when no tears were shed concerning a cancelled program or soccer game. I hope that doesn’t make me a bad parent.

As a parent, sometimes there is more expectation than appreciation. So let me say thank you for another year of having the opportunity to work with your child. Thank you for sending them to school every day prepared to meet any challenge. Thank you for the values and manners I see displayed. I know many of these things find their origin in homes communicated by loving, dedicated, and at times exhausted parents. We could not do what we do at school without you! I hope you have a great summer.



Parents, we ask that you fill out the survey for our school. The link is <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/0103253> or you can find at Zachary Elementary’s Website, under Parents.

**Extra yearbooks on sale- \$35
cash only. First come, first served.**

All library books are due back. Books that are not found will need to be paid for in cash in order to participate in Field Day and receive a report card.
(CASH ONLY)

Also, lunch debts and supply fee must to be paid in order to participate in Field Day and receive a final report card.
(CASH ONLY)

AR Points

1000 Point Club

Brazelton, P
Heikes, J

500 Point Club

Godbold, E

400 Point Club

Dilney, C
Huggins, D
Iyun, R
Varnado, C

300 Point Club

Funk, N
Lampton, S
Mayes, F
McCrary, K
Smith, Z

200 Point Club

Deroche, E
Easterly, K
Lawrence, J
Nwabueze, E
Williams, T
Willson, K

100 Point Club

Achord, R
Bankston, B
Barton, A
Bell, M
Bergeron, C
Blackledge, I
Blalock, R
Boudreaux, A
Boudreaux, J
Bozeman, R
Burrell, B
Campbell, S
Carter, N
Cassard, C
Concienne, A
Coulon, P
Criss, A
Delee, C
Derouen, L
Duggan, C
East, D
Elkins, J

100 Point Club

Firven, M
Fleming, D
Folse, G
Goranson, C
Grant, A
Gray, L
Hart, A
Hogan, S
Holmes, G
Honore, T
Huang, S
Hughes, C
Hughes, K
Hull, B
Jackson, W
Johnson, A
Johnson, T
Landor, T
Landreneau, G
Lavergne, N
Lazard, T
Lea, M
Ledoux, S

100 Point Club 100 Point Club

Lee, A
Legrand, S
Lemoine, B
Lowery, K
Loyd, S
Marionneaux, K
Martinez, E
Mason, J
Mccarthy, L
Messer, K
Mitchem, A
Morris, S
Naquin, S
Nious, O
Patterson, J
Pickett, C
Prejean, J
Rash, A
Riley, J
Rish, E
Robertson, G
Sanders, A
Scott, N



3rd GRADE NEWS

4th GRADE NEWS

News

ELA

This month in 3rd grade we are reflecting on all we have learned. We are ending the year strong with a continuation of folktales, myths, and fairy tales. As we look back on our year in 3rd grade ELA, students are learning that the skills and content we have learned are connected in big ways. We are comparing and contrasting characters in our folktales just like we did in our fiction unit. Students are also learning that all stories have a similar structure. They follow what we call a "Story Mountain." When we open a book, we expect the character to face obstacles, but overcome them when they get to the other side of the mountain. Students are also getting the opportunity to show their creativity in writing. We are learning how to adapt classic fairytales by changing the character, setting, or motivations, but keeping the plot and the lesson of the story the same. We are learning great life lessons right alongside these characters in our folktales. Students are finding that some of their favorite fairy tales have big life lessons to be learned! We could not have asked for a more successful year in ELA and are thankful for all of your support!

MSS

It is hard to believe that we are coming to a close on the 2015-2016 school year. The third grade teachers would like to thank all parents for your continued support and cooperation in educating your child. We will be spending the remaining weeks of school preparing students for the fourth grade curriculum. Here are a few suggestions to keep students up to speed with math over the summer:

- ⇒ Practice multiplication and division facts for at least 5 minutes 3 to 4 times a week.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to read! Ask them questions about their readings.
- ⇒ Practice math word problems with your child. Include everyday life situations in the problems.
- ⇒ Let your child explain how he/she arrived at the answer.
- ⇒ Bring up math in everyday conversations. A great skill for this is fractions.

We hope everyone has a pleasant and safe summer.

Students are in the home stretch as we approach the end of the school year. We are not done yet. We are continuing to focus on various reading skills and strategies so students can use application while reading. Some important skills we are focusing on include cause and effect relationships, summarizing key points in texts, identifying point of view, and understanding key elements in fiction and non-fiction texts. We will apply these strategies using a wide range of fiction and nonfiction texts found in our novel read-a-louds in the classroom. In writing, we are working on narrative writing. It is important for students to understand who their audience is and how to use descriptive language in their writing. Some helpful habits to form at home would be to encourage your child to read daily. Ask your child what they are reading and to fill you in on important details from the text. This will improve your child's fluency and reading comprehension, as well as promote life-long reading habits.

Fourth grade scientists are ending the year as we began by investigating, observing, exploring, and questioning. We've had a great year together learning about all kinds of topics and participating in a variety of different activities. We tested paper towels, blew bubbles in milk, and raced cars to learn science topics. In social studies we toured the United States as we learned about regions, found out about greedy King George and the American Revolution, and met many different people who took a stand for change. We had a great year together. Even though we may not be in school over the summer, you can still keep on learning about science and social studies by visiting places such as the Louisiana Arts and Sciences Museum, the Baton Rouge Zoo, or the Magnolia Mound Plantation throughout the summer. We'll miss our scientists! Keep shooting for the stars!

In math, during the month of May, fourth grade students will study measurement. They will solve problems involving measurement and conversions from larger units to smaller units and record measurement equivalents in two-column tables. In addition, students will become familiar with measurement skills that will prepare them upon entry to fifth grade. We encourage students to continue to study and practice their multiplication and division facts.

SPANISH

This year has been a blast! I am excited about the tremendous amount of progress that our Spanish students have been making towards developing their fluency and comprehension of the Spanish language. As we draw to a close, I want to encourage students to continue to practice their Spanish with their family and friends over the summer break and as they move on to future endeavors. It is with exceeding joy that I congratulate some as they move forward, as well as great sorrow as we bid them farewell. As we reach the end of our two year journey, I would like to remind them that it is never *Adios*, but *Hasta Luego!*

We look forward to seeing you again in the upcoming school year and wish you well in your future endeavors!

***Adios, Amigos. (Goodbye, Friends)/
¡Hasta luego! (See you later)***



**Last Day of School
May 18th**

Summer Reading: What's on Your Bucket List?

We would like to invite our incoming third and fourth grade students to attend Zachary Elementary School's Summer Reading Kick-Off! Each student will create a Summer Reading Bucket List of books for summer reading. Students and parents will have the opportunity to preview a large selection of books to create their summer reading lists. The books will be organized by level to help the students make the best reading choices. Each student who attends will receive a Summer Reading activity bag which will include a free book and bookmark. There will also be important information for parents with reading tips and information about summer reading loss. A drawing will be held and one lucky boy and girl will win a summer reading pack. Please watch for a note that will explain the details.

