

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7	Paid Free Dress	April 20	Progress Reports
April 6 & 27	Papers go home	April 25	7:00 am—Star Student Breakfast
April 10-17	Spring Break	May 1-5	LEAP/ILEAP Testing

AR CLUB

500 Point Club

Huggins, Daniel
Varnado, Claudia

400 Point Club

Venable, Ryan

300 Point Club

Barton, Andrew
Dilney, Cameron
Dilney, Tessa
Scelfo, Mackenzie

200 Point Club

Bradford, Lauren
Burrell, Brady
Delee, Chloe
Deroche, Evelyn
Fannin, Phoebe
Godbold, Eva
Huang, Selina
Johnson, William
Mayes, Fuller
Mccrary, Katie
Merritt, Hayden
Naquin, Sebastian

100 Point Club

Anderson, Reginald
Basden, Mckaiya
Bassett, Joseph
Batiste, Rashad
Behr, Landon
Bell, Peyton
Burns, Ryan
Castleberry, Parker
Cook, Auna
Cornette, David
Derouen, Lillie
Detre, Ella
Duggan, Chandler
Duncan, Logan
Easterly, Kade
Engels, Gracie
Fudge, Joshua
Gaines, Elizabeth
Garg, Daksh
Gomila, Nathan
Goudeau, Will
Gray, Lilah
Holtman, Emma
Iyun, Richard
Jaksic, Porter

**Last day to take AR Tests for
AR Points to be awarded is April 28**

Kimich, Ellia
Lampton, Sara
Landreneau, Gracie
Lee, Aniyah
Macarthur, Savannah
Masterson, Ava
Mcdavid, David
Mcgehee, Drew
Melder, Charles
Messer, Kale
Nwabueze, Amara
Peterkin, Isabella
Price, Cambren
Rish, Elli
Roberts, Wyatt
Rushing, Ross
Schulze, Luke
Shobamowo, Deborah
Silva, Luke
Smith, Tycen
Snyder, Madelynn
Sowa, Luke
Thomas, Bailey
Thompson, Margaret
Vargas, Evelyn
Walters, Cole

Walters, Jacob
Waran, Uma
Weatherspoon, Kaden
Wiley, Evan
Williams, Camryn
Willson, Kameron
Woodside, Sa'Lynn



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Over the past three weeks, my wife and I have welcomed two grandchildren into our lives. “Number Seven” and “Number Eight” came into this world about two weeks apart. They do have real names, although I will confess that I’ve spoken the wrong name to almost every one of my grandchildren. To my embarrassment, I have actually forgotten the name of one of them temporarily on recess duty. The mind is a complicated thing. It appears that some parts of mine are faltering, but some remain unchanged. I remember like it was yesterday, the father of “Number Seven” and the mother of “Number Eight”, roaming the campus of Zachary Elementary as children. Time has flown, and in the wake of its flight path, memories of events great and small remain. We had our Spring Parent Picnic last week. The weather was great, and moms and dads were seated on blankets sharing lunch time conversations with their children. It was a wonderful event! It is hard to believe that our ZES children are the future building blocks of our community and nation. I hope you have the opportunity to enjoy events like our picnic as you create memories with your child. As you get older you may have to resort to the “number system” for names, but I hope the memories you create with your child are ever present in your heart.

Dewey Davis



STAR STUDENTS

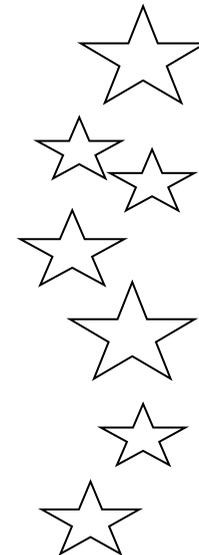
Alexandra Boudreaux

Amelia Woodard
Kaiden Martin
Lucas Stephens
Courtney Tate
Sedra Gibson
Katie McCrary
Braden Sanders
Breanne Segura
Lane Randall
Avery Tucker
Lauren Bradford
Tyler Minor



Grace Styraneck

Katie Wall
Braeden Pierre
Maki Elie
Zane Hollinquest
Isabella Peterkin
Xavion Fisher
Han Troung
Camden King
Ally Brown
Maci Watson
Raimikai Lusk
Laya Selveraj



Cheyenne Collins

Rannya Robinson
Braeden White
Laila Murphy
Jerrolyn Brees
Nathan Gomila
Mackenzie Patterson
Kassidy Hall
Marcus Coates
Marleigh Wright
Sadee Burris
Lukas Vallotton

3rd GRADE NEWS

ELA

Spring is here for third's busy bees.
 We've just finished learning about poetry!
 Ask us our favorites!
 We loved them all.
 We learned theme and mood,
 and we're having a ball.
 But, poetry's over and we're moving on.
 Folktales are what we've now stumbled upon.
 We'll learn about morals, story mountains,
 and more.
 With many more days of learning in store.
 In writing, we're now working to persuade.
 If we succeed, we'll have it made.
 Thanks to the parents! We're grateful for you
 supporting our learning and all that we do.

MSS

Third grade students are working very hard and doing their best to prepare for the LEAP Test. We are looking forward to seeing great test results from them!

When testing is over, we will continue to prepare our third graders for fourth grade. In math, we will calculate with mental math strategies, graphing, and problem solving. Of course, we will continue to work on the basic multiplication and division facts.

During the month of April, students will explore concepts in science such as animals, the water cycle, and states of matter. In social studies, students will learn about Louisiana culture and traditions. Third graders always conclude this unit with Louisiana Day activities such as storytelling, Cajun dancing, and the making of Mardi Gras masks.

The students will prepare to travel to Grand Isle, Louisiana for the Coastal Roots field trip at the end of April. They will plant bitter panicum grass on the beaches of Grand Isle. These grasses have been grown at Zachary Elementary over the past year through the LSU Coastal Roots program. Students will also be able to explore nature through the state park. Our students can't wait to help the environment!

4th GRADE NEWS

4th grade ELA teachers and students are excited about the things to come in Reader's Workshop in the month of April! We are ready to dive into book clubs in which students will join one another in reading the same book and participate in group discussions regarding them. We have seen our readers grow so much this year, and expect big things and great conversations about books from them! We will also continue to prepare for LEAP testing in May by practicing good test taking and writing strategies with students.

The beginning of April wraps up our unit on decimals and decimal fractions as mathematicians spring into action learning about lines, angles, geometric shapes and measurement! Test your student's vocabulary by asking them to recognize real world objects. Show examples of parallel or perpendicular lines or acute or obtuse angles. Fourth grade mathematicians are also gearing up for Spring testing by reviewing skills learned throughout the year. Practicing fluency with addition/ subtraction and multiplication/division facts can increase confidence and reduce testing anxiety.

The topics of innovation and change will be completed in April for social studies. Students will explain how inventions and new processes affected the lives of people, migration and economy of regions of the United States. Students will examine the benefits of increased skills and knowledge within the workplace. This will branch the students into a unit on modern America.

The topic of energy will be concluded during April for science. Students will explain the relationship between volume of sound and the energy required to produce the sound as well as compare the rates at which sound travels through solids, liquids and gases. The following unit will examine the human body and nutrition.

News from ZES

Last Chance to order a yearbook is

April 14th for \$35.

Online orders only:

<http://zacharyelementary.org/?p=5968>

Music

Music is extremely busy this month! All 4th grade students have received a note regarding tickets/t-shirt for our spring show. All 4th grade students need to return this form indicating their participation in the school musical, Seussical KIDS. by April 5th, 2017 to guarantee that they will get their free t shirt and tickets. The show is May 9-12th at the ZHS Performing Arts Center and will be a blast!

Also, please mark your calendars for the spring choir concert on April 24th, 2017. 3rd graders are to arrive at ZES at 5:30pm with a performance at 6pm, and fourth grade is to arrive at 6:30pm with a performance at 7pm. Hope to see you there!

All library books are due back by May 1st. Books that are lost will need to be paid for to participate in End-of-Year Activities. Only cash payments, please.

Guidance

iLEAP/LEAP Tips:

- ◇ Be sure your child is at school **EVERYDAY, ALL** day.
 - ◇ Maintain a relaxing, stress-free home environment daily.
 - ◇ Encourage your child to read all directions and questions carefully.
 - ◇ Encourage your child to stay focused.
 - ◇ Encourage your child to CHECK OVER his/her work carefully.
- ⇒ Be sure your child gets a good night's sleep (being fully rested and alert will ensure a good testing experience).
- ⇒ Eat a **healthy** breakfast (pop tarts, cereal, donuts are not great breakfast choices during testing. Choose high protein, healthy choices such as grits, eggs, and bacon).
- ⇒ Arrive at school **ON TIME!**
- ⇒ Encourage your child to think positive" **I AM AWESOME...I WILL ROCK THIS TEST!"**

