



The Mustang News

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"Play is the highest form of research" ~Albert Einstein

Message from the Principal

As usual, the last month has flown by and we are finding ourselves at the beginning of another fun month!

We will celebrate Valentine's Day by having classroom parties on February 14th. Please be on the look-out for class notes or speak to your classroom teacher for class specific information and plans—and please feel free to join in the celebrations!

A reminder that on February 15th and 18th, Palo Pinto will be closed to students. On February 18th, our entire faculty gathers for in-service training so that we may continue to refresh our skills as educators.

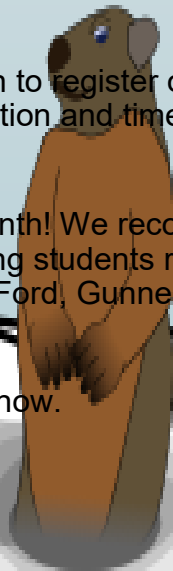
Drop-off and Pick-up safety:

- Please do not park your vehicle in a drop off area to come into the building, this can cause a traffic hazard and cause congestion during peak times. If this is necessary, please park in the parking lot, being sure to escort your child into the building if he/she is with you.
- Always make sure your child is clear from the vehicle before pulling away. Sometimes clothing or backpack straps can be caught in the door and can be a potential safety hazard to your student.

Although it is barely the new year, we will soon begin to register our students for the 2019-2020 school year. Watch for additional information and timelines in the very near future!

Each month we are choosing a Superhero of the Month! We recognize them for their outstanding Mustang PRIDE. This month the following students received the award: Ryver Mayers, Patricia Patton, Katch Dorr, Ashlynn Ford, Gunner Mayers, Natalia Cuencar, Stellan Antonio, and Lexee Potter.

As always, if you have any questions please let us know.





Upcoming Dates

- Feb. 14th– Classroom Valentine's Parties
End for the 4th Six Weeks
Amon Carter 4th-6th
- Feb. 15th– No School
- Feb. 18th– No School; Staff Development
- Feb. 21st– Prek-2nd AR Trip to Mineral
Well Fossil Park
- Feb. 22nd– 3rd-6th AR trip to the Thurber
Museum
- Feb. 23rd– Destination Imagination

Attendance Drawing

Palo Pinto Elementary will be having an attendance drawing for the students that miss less than 3 days a semester. The second semester will start on Jan. 7th and end on May 17th. Students with 0 absences per semester will receive 3 tickets per semester in the drawing (for a total of 6 possible tickets for the year per student), 1 absence per semester will receive 2 tickets in the drawing, and 2 absences per semester will receive 1 ticket in the drawing. The Grand Prize will be a Nintendo Switch, and there will be four runner-up prizes (\$50 gift card to Walmart). One prize per student. The official drawing will be held on May 23rd at the awards ceremony.



Did you know that Abraham Lincoln weathered many failures before he became president? When a child experiences failure -- on a test, the ballfield, or anywhere else...
- acknowledge the child's feelings of frustration and disappointment. Those are natural feelings.
- don't try to minimize the situation because it does matter to your child.
- Help your child evaluate the cause for failure and use what he or she has learned to create a new strategy and try, try again!



- Talk about what the Golden Rule ("Do unto others as you would have them do unto you") means.
- One day in the week ahead, talk about what this quote means: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime."
- Remind your child that "A good sport is always a winner." Talk about what that statement means.



Drawing to Scale

Fold a sheet of paper that is 4-inches square into eight squares. Draw a simple picture on the paper. Then fold a sheet of paper that is twice as large (8-inches square) into eight squares. Help your child see how the folds in the smaller paper can help him or her recreate the original picture at twice the size on the larger paper.