

October 2018, Volume 2

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. - Eleanor Roosevelt

# **Message from the Principal**

Hello Parents/Guardians,

Palo Pinto Elementary will be having an attendance drawing for the students that miss less than 3 days a semester. We will start the first semester on Sept. 24 and it will end on Dec. 21st and 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 the 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.

Our AR trip for the first six weeks will be to the Lone Star Family Farm in Stephenville on Tuesday, October 2nd. Students who meet their AR goal will be able to participate in a variety of activities including taking a hayride, making their way through small corn and hay bale mazes, encountering farm animals, sliding slides, playing in corn pits, and more! We will be leaving school around 8:15am and returning to school around 2:00pm. We will be taking sack lunches to eat at the farm after our visit.

Each month we will be choosing a Superhero of the Month, we will recognize them for their outstanding Mustang PRIDE. This month the following students received the award: Gus Anderson, Kaitlyn Nierman, Lilly Montoya, Dillon Hale, Jaden Royer, Caden Bean, Macey Tincher, and River Price.

Our annual Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 27 from 4:30pm-6:30pm at Palo Pinto Elementary.

Natalie Rogers Principal



# **Upcoming Dates**

Oct. 1– GT Referrals
Oct. 2– AR Field Trip
Oct. 3– Big Kahuna Bus Ride
Oct. 5—Parent/Teacher Meetings
Oct. 8– No School
Oct. 8-12—Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 12– GT Referrals Due
Oct. 22-26– Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 25– TRE Public Forum
Oct. 26– Picture Day
Oct. 27– Fall Festival



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is for BEDTIME.

Awwww, Mom! Already? Sound familiar?
On average, children need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night. Sleep is important for many reasons. Lack of sleep can cause kids to be hypersensitive, impatient, or cranky. It is more difficult for children to concentrate and learn when they are tired. (Some doctors even believe that during sleep the brain "files away" what is learned during the day.) Encouraging quiet activities -- such as reading -- just prior to bedtime offers a transition that helps children relax. Sweet dreams!

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### Communicating With the School Year-Round

- Stay attuned to your child's academic accomplishments on a weekly basis. Praise those accomplishments appropriately.
- Communicate with the school regularly. When you have a concern or question, write a note, or email or phone the teacher. We need you on our team!
- Think ahead: at the end of the school year, schedule a meeting to discuss with the teacher your child's successes and challenges.



#### Pretzel Math

Use stick pretzels to work with your child on math facts. Pretzels can be used to teach addition or subtraction. Put pretzels into groups to teach the concept of multiplication. Pretzels can also be used to teach place value. For example, give your child 14 pretzel sticks. How many groups of ten is that? How many single pretzels (ones) are left over?

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