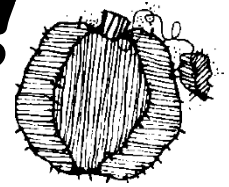


Mustang News!



For Claymont Elementary Parents

Thank you for being your child's most important teacher!

From The Principal...

October 2024

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. We want parents to know that we take kids being mean and bullying VERY seriously. Our Board Policy gives us the authority to collect and document evidence as well as offer disciplinary action for any bullying or fighting behavior that happens during school.

Before we can address the concern of bullying at school, I want to make sure parents/guardians understand the school's definition of bullying. In school, bullying is defined with two criteria:

1. An imbalance of power AND
2. REPEATED – over time

There is a HUGE difference between being bullied and someone being mean. Sometimes kids are mean. It's not fair and we try as parents to help our kids work through it. Parents often discuss this meanness by using the word bully – these are not the same thing. For the school to establish bullying behavior, we look for evidence of repeated incidents or patterns of behavior – AT SCHOOL.

Here are some examples of the differences between bullying and being mean. Please consider discussing these examples with your children. I'm not convinced that bullies, especially younger ones, know they are bullies...Once students recognize their mistakes, they are better able to correct them.

PTO & You

The Claymont Primary and Elementary PTO would like to welcome all of our families. Our PTO meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30PM. Our meetings' sites alternate between the Primary and Elementary buildings.

October PTO Meeting:

- * Grades K-2
- * Claymont Elementary
- * Monday, October 9th

PLEASE JOIN US!

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT....

Make sure to please call the school office **before** 9:00am EVERY morning, when your child is sick. We are required to contact you if you don't call us.

Call Us: (740) 922-5641

Bullying:

A more skilled teammate deliberately trips your newbie soccer player every day during practice and then calls him a klutz in front of the others.

Mean:

A teammate calls your kid a klutz for fumbling the ball once during practice.

Bullying:

The alpha girls decide every recess which classmates get to join their club — then tease the ones who are excluded. They never pick your kid.

Mean:

Your child's BF tells her she's not playing with her today — then flounces off with another classmate.

Bullying:

A few times a week, a fifth-grader on the bus keeps calling your first-grader a stupid baby until your child breaks down.

Mean:

A classmate keeps reminding your child what a slowpoke he is whenever he takes a math test.

We take this seriously. When we recognize mean behavior, we actively take steps to help students

~ Mrs. Heather Whipkey, Principal

Important Dates!

October:

- 1 Boo Grams Start
- 4 Monthly PBIS/LIM Rewards
- 8 Fire Prevention Assembly
- 17 End of 1st Nine-Weeks
- 18 Students – No School
- 19 Trunk or Treat 5-9PM at HS
- 23 1st Nine-Week Parent View – Grades available online in Progress Book
- 25 Popcorn Friday

November:

- 1 Halloween Parties 1:30-2:30PM
- 1 October PBIS/LIM Rewards
- 4 PTO Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards Sale starts
- 4th-7th Book Fair
- 8 Daylight Savings "Fall Back"
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 22 PTO Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards Sale ends
- 22 PTO Popcorn Friday
- 25 November PBIS/LIM Rewards
- 26 1st Grade Thanksgiving Meal
- 27th-2nd Happy Thanksgiving No School

December:

- 3 School Resumes
- 5 Cookies with Santa
- 17 Grinch Day
- 18 Polar Express Day
- 19 End of 2nd Nine-Weeks
- 19 December PBIS/LIM Rewards
- 20th-5th Winter Break

January:

- 6 School Resumes



K-3 Literacy - RIMP

What is a RIMP? – RIMP stands for **R**eading **I**mprovement & **M**onitoring **P**lan. A RIMP is a reading plan designed for your child, allowing the school to document how we are trying help your child become a better reader. Having a RIMP does not mean your child has a learning disabled or in need of an IEP. A RIMP means that we recognize that your child_(grades K-3) is not reading “on track” for preparation for 3rd grade reading assessments, regardless of the reasons. We are required to let you know your child has a RIMP and that we are putting into place a systematic plan to better support your child in reading. At conferences, we will share your child’s RIMP with you, ask you to sign, and give you a copy to keep.



BOO GRAM

spook-tacular
DUE OCTOBER 15TH


Send your child and their friends a Boo Gram for Halloween! You can choose between a bracelet and a ghost sucker. Complete the forms below and send them back with the exact amount in an envelope marked “PTO!”

1 Individual Gram = \$1

Grams for the Whole Class = \$13

To: _____
 Grade/Teacher: _____
 Message: _____


 From: _____



Ghost Sucker or Bracelet

To: _____
 Grade/Teacher: _____
 Message: _____

 From: _____



Ghost Sucker or Bracelet

Interested in being a Room Mom or Dad for our Halloween parties?

Friday, November 1st – 1:30-2:30PM

We are looking for 2 parents/guardians, per classroom, to volunteer to organize and facilitate our Halloween Parties this year. If you are interested, please fill out the form below. If we have more than 2 parents/guardians offer per classroom, will randomly selected 2 names. What are you volunteering to do? Communicate with the teacher to organize/provide:

- 1 - Halloween/Fall Craft
- 1-2 Halloween Games/Activities (please no balloon, loud noises, or dunking for anything)
- 1 snack – this can be a donation from another family but it must be store prepared /packaged

If this sounds like something you’d like to volunteer for, please fill out our link:

<https://forms.gle/N2BsLXGP3sttgtT87>