



The Mustang News

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The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows.—Sydney J. Harris

Message from the Principal

Hello Parents/Guardians,

We have reached my favorite time of the year! It is a time when we are encouraged to reflect on what we are thankful for in our lives. I have a lot to be thankful for this year. I am thankful for the opportunity to join Palo Pinto Elementary in a new position. You have all welcomed me with open arms, and I am so grateful for the support you have shown. I am thankful for all the little smiles, fist pumps, high fives and hugs, I get every day.

We are thankful for the trust that you show every day when you leave your children here at Palo Pinto Elementary. It is a privilege to work with such wonderful families and I want you to know how thankful we are for you! We are thankful for all your work and dedication you provide as parents- you are simply inspiring!

AR trips for the second six weeks: PK-2nd will be traveling to the Fort Worth Zoo on November 13th, and the 3rd-6th will be traveling to the Fort Worth Stockyards on November 14th. Students who meet their AR goal will be able to participate in a variety of activities on each day. We will be leaving school around 8:15am and returning to school around 2:00pm. We will be taking sack lunches to eat on our visits.

Palo Pinto Elementary will be hosting our Veteran's Day program on Thursday, November 8th at 10:00am. Please come out and help celebrate our Veterans!

We will also be having our annual Thanksgiving lunch on Thursday, November 15th. We will be sending the Thanksgiving letters out on November 5th—please fill out and have it returned by November 8th.

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: Kinsley Tincher, Liam McCoy, Jozie Boyd, Cooper Hartnagel, Brylie Braziel, Kate Trammell, Shane Hale, and Caylee Cloud.

Happy Thanksgiving



Upcoming Dates

- Nov. 4th—Daylight saving time ends
- Nov. 8th—Veteran's Day program @ 10:00am
- Nov. 12th—Beginning of 3rd six weeks
- Nov. 13th—PK-2 AR Field Trip
- Nov. 14th—3rd-6th AR Field Trip
- Nov. 15th—Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 16th—Early Release @ 12:30pm
- Nov. 19th-23rd—Thanksgiving break

Attendance Drawing

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 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.

A B Cs Of Student Success

C is for CHOICES.

According to Jim Fay, author of *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent*, giving children choices is more effective than making demands. He suggests...

- Never give choices if it might cause problems for you or anyone else.
- Give only two options for each choice, both equally okay with you. For example, *Would you like peas or carrots?* or *Do you want to do homework now or in 15 minutes?*
- If the child doesn't decide within 10 seconds, make the choice for him or her.

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Parent Pointers Providing Homework Support

- ▶ Set a regular time each day for doing homework. That time should be free of distractions such as TV and phone calls.
- ▶ Be sure your child has a place to do homework that is quiet and well lit. Make sure all the appropriate materials -- such as paper and pencils -- are available.
- ▶ Let your child know that homework is important and valuable. Consistently review your child's homework during homework time.

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Let's Play Store

Collect empty grocery containers (for example, an egg carton, cereal boxes, and soup cans) and put them on a table. Help your child think of a price for each item. Mark the prices on the containers. Pretend to be the customer while your child is the cashier. Have your child write the total on a piece of paper, which will be your receipt.

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