

West Main Elementary Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Oct. 4th

- Meet the Teacher/Report Card Pickup
6:00pm to 7:30pm

Monday, Oct. 8th

- Fair Day, Campus Closed

Tuesday, Oct. 9th

- PTA Meeting 6pm-7pm
- Boy Scouts Parent Meeting 7pm
- Step Team Meeting 7pm

Saturday, Oct. 13

- Fine Arts Performance at SWEATT Dance
Festival at Ann Richards STEM Academy at
3pm

Thursday, Oct. 18th

- 4th Grade Field Trip

Friday, Oct. 19th

- Student Holiday/Parent Conferences

Monday, Oct. 22nd

- Student Holiday

Friday, Oct. 26th

- Kindergarten through 5th grade Fall Festival

Wednesday, Oct. 31st

- Pre-K4 Fall Festival



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Parents,

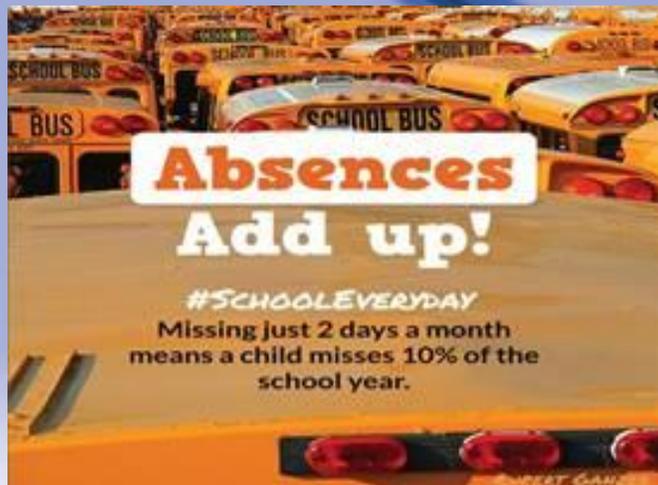
It has been an interesting first six weeks to say the least. We have had some "Glows" and we have had some "Grows", but for the most part things are going well. We are implementing Positive Behavior Intervention Supports or PBIS on our campus because we really wanted to focus on positive behaviors. When students make wrong choices often times they are sent to the office for a cooling off period. Well this week I had a beautiful little girl in my office having a temper tantrum. I commented by stating how pretty she was and asked why was she behaving that way. She angrily stated she was not pretty. I talked to her about how special she was and introduced her to the counselor. I was then reminded of a quote that Superintendent Granger said resonated with him, "So a man thinketh, so is he"! Somehow the little girl in my office thought she was unattractive therefore, she behaved in an unattractive way. The little girl is fine now. She runs around the school and even gets to run errands for the teacher. But it reminded me of how important it is for us to instill positive thoughts into our children. If a child thinks they cannot read then they won't read or if they think they cannot do math then they will not be able to do math. Remember, "so a man thinketh, so is he". Let's make them feel beautiful! Let's make them feel smart! Let's make them believe they can be anything they want if they try. After all, they are our future and we want them to have a successful life. Thank you for all your support!

Gail Wright, Principal

Quote of the Month

Positive actions combined with positive thinking results in success.

Shiv Khera



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

West Main Elementary is focused on students being in their seats in class every day. Our Attendance Incentive program rewards students for not just being at school, but improving their attendance! A flyer will be sent home next week to detail all the wonderful ways students are being rewarded at West Main. Remember... Your student cannot learn if they are not here!

Ms. Hurd, Assistant Principal

CAMPUS REMINDERS

- School starts at 8:00am
- Tardy bell rings at 8:05am
- Students may arrive as early at 7:30am
- If your child is absent, please send a note
- If your child's mode of transportation home changes, please DOJO the teacher and/or call (972) 218-1551 before 3:00pm
- Unless it is an emergency, please refrain from picking up your child early. Students will miss out on valuable instructional time.
- Chaperoning a field trip or interested in volunteering? Please complete the volunteer application online at www.lancasterisd.org
- PTA Membership Fee is \$5.00 and meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month
- Students may wear college t-shirts and uniform bottoms on Wednesday's
- Students may wear jeans and spirit shirts on Friday's for \$1.00 (PTA Fundraiser)
- You may purchase spirit shirts in the front office. The cost is \$10.00 for students and \$12.00 for adults

COUNSELORS CORNER

A word on Parenting.....

When considering a response of "No" for your child, you might consider other options:

- Give a choice and imply consequences: "Gee, I don't think that is a very good decision and I'm pretty sure it might work out poorly for you."
- Suggest an alternative behavior without ordering it: "I think that if I were in your shoes, I would probably change my tone of voice rather than being asked to leave."
- Ask for illumination (without using a witness stand tone of voice): "I've always wondered about what leads kids to be obnoxious. Can you help me understand that?"
- Give a direct question: "How do you think this is going to work out for you?"
Remember, there is nothing wrong with telling a kid "no". However, that means the response is not clearly thought through by the child. If we can say something that gets the kid to make his/her own decision, we are further ahead.

Taken from Love and Logic
Dr. Rasheed