October 2016 Newsletter

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the first quarter will come to an end on Friday, October 7th. Students will not have school so teachers can finish submitting grades and start preparing for Parent/Teacher conferences on October 10th, 11th, and 12th. Students will be released early at 12:00p.m. on these three days. This is an important school and family connection that focuses on the achievements of our students during the first nine weeks of the year. We strongly encourage parent participation. Please expect an invitation requesting your presence for the upcoming conferences. Here are a few items of discussion that you can expect during your child’s scheduled Parent/Teacher conference:

- 1st Quarter grades
- Classroom behavior
- Student work samples and assessment results
- Tips or strategies that parents can use at home to improve your child’s academic progress
- Encouraging your involvement at home to support reading with your child for 20 minutes each week night. Reading with your child to reinforce fluency and comprehension is the goal. Talk to your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Thank you for helping your child be successful at school by consistently “checking-in” and encouraging the completion of homework each school night. Please provide a quiet atmosphere so your child can focus on getting appropriate practice to learn the objectives introduced at school. A big focus this year is for students to improve in the skills of written and oral communication. Please consider asking your child to explain orally and show in writing how they complete their math homework. It will also be helpful for your child to be fluent in knowing the appropriate addition, subtraction, and multiplication math facts. This practice can be done in the car, after homework is done, and on the weekends between activities. Thank you for supporting our school and helping our students Believe! Achieve! Succeed!

To conclude the 1st quarter, we look forward to a restful and relaxing Fall Break! There will be “No School” on Thursday, October 13th or Friday, October 14th. Enjoy your time as a family and rest up for the second 2nd quarter which begins on Monday, October 19th. Please make sure you let me know if you have any concerns. You can reach me at chad.miller@fwusd.org or (520) 696-8251.

Respectfully,

Chad Miller
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GRADE LEVEL NEWS

Kindergarten

Report card and conference time is almost here! We will be assessing each student’s skills during the first 2 weeks of October. You can help your child by reviewing homework; including, letter names and sounds, numbers, basic shapes, and name writing. Remember, only the first letter is capitalized. Watch for our conference notes coming home soon. Please return it promptly.

Kindergarteners are allowed to wear costumes on Friday, October 28. Please make sure to return to school that evening for our Fall Carnival. It’s a blast! Please use good judgment and choose a costume that is not scary and that will be comfortable for your little one on the 28th. No costumes should be worn on October 31st please!

Thank you for your continued support of our kindergarten program!
The Kindergarten Teachers

First Grade

Fall has arrived!!! October is a busy month for our first graders with, conferences, fall break, pumpkin farm field trip and school carnival!!! Please make sure to sign and return your scheduled conference slip agreeing to the day and time listed. During fall conferences we will discuss your child’s academic performance and classroom behavior. We will also show you work samples and provide you with various strategies for you to work on with your child at home to help them become more successful.

Please mark your calendars for October 21st, 2016. This is our scheduled date to visit the Marana Pumpkin Patch. Chaperone space is limited so we may have to ask some parents to drive. Also please note we are asking all chaperones to pay the $8.00 entrance fee. Remember field trips are an earned privilege for our first graders.

Please note: Costumes may be worn to school on FRIDAY, October 28th. See your child’s teacher with any questions about October.

Happy Fall,
Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. McClellan, and Mrs. Powers

Second Grade

Hello Second Grade Families! It is hard to believe we are almost done with first quarter! This upcoming month, the second graders have many exciting events and curriculum to look forward to! We will begin our science unit about insects and continue working on math investigations. This month also includes parent-teacher conferences and fall break. Please look for information regarding conferences sent home from your student’s classroom teacher. On October 21st the second graders will participate in the Mini-Muster at Homer Davis as a part of their fire safety unit. Finally, we will wrap this month up with our Halloween celebration during school and Fall Carnival from 5pm-8pm on October 28th. Students are welcome to wear costumes that Friday! As always, we appreciate any donations of class snack, hand sanitizer, and Clorox wipes.
**Third Grade**

September went by so quickly! Our third graders are learning many things—multiplication, division, and even how to collect and categorize data, the different genres (types of books) in reading, and how to write well organized paragraphs with fluent sentences in writing. As always, homework is very important; not only to assess learning, but to reinforce what is learned in school. We advise parents to check homework folders nightly to see what is going on in the classroom, and to look for important communications from the school and each teacher. Reading logs are a part of your child’s homework grade and must be completed every night! Please do not remove them from the homework folder so we can collect and check them.

**Remember that work missed during absences must be made up so that grades are not negatively impacted!**

Conferences are coming up soon. Most will be scheduled on Oct. 10th, 11th, and 12th. It is our goal to meet with all parents for a conference. The end of the first quarter is Oct. 7th and there will be no school for students on this day. We will also be having a math night on October 26th, from 5:00pm – 6:00pm. Please come to find out about our new math curriculum and what your child is and will be doing in math this year. It will be held in the third grade classrooms. Please continue to call or email us with any questions or concerns.

Thank you!
The Third Grade Teachers

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**Fifth Grade**

Check out our school web site at: http://www.davis.flowingwellsschools.org/ or like us on facebook! Please continue to practice your Multiplication Math Facts with your child daily. It is also important that your child is reading the *Time For Kids* magazine for at least 20 minutes straight each night and you discuss what they read with them when they record the responses on their log. Monday, the 3rd at 5:00 will be a Math Curriculum Night for families to learn about our new Investigations 3 Math Curriculum in your child’s classroom. October will celebrate Walk Wednesday and Fit Friday, please support healthily lifestyle choices with your family at home. The first quarter ends on Thursday the 6th and will have a Dragons of Character assembly at 1:15. There will be no school for students on Friday the 7th. Monday the 10th, Tuesday the 11th, and Wednesday the 12th are all half days. School will be dismissed at 12:00 noon. Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Binkow, and Mr. Van Derlaske will be meeting for conferences with each family. Please be prompt for your conference so the schedule will not be delayed. Thursday the 13th and Friday the 14th is Fall Break. There will be no school on either of these days. Friday day the 20th at 12:45 in the MPR will be a Science Fair Assembly. The week of the 24th is Wellness Week! The night of the Homer Davis Carnival is October 28th from 5:00-8:00. All families are encouraged to attend with their children. 2 liter bottles of soda are needed as donations to help with the ring toss. Parents are also encouraged to volunteer to help their child’s class booth. The **28th will be costume day in honor of Halloween**, not the 31st. Please make sure the costumes are school appropriate without any bloody items or weapons. If you have a concern, do not hesitate to speak with your child’s teacher. We are looking forward to a great October month. Thanks for all the support.

-Ms. Binkow, Ms. Sanchez, and Mr. Van Derlaske

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**Sixth Grade**

Attention 6th Grade Parents,
The end of the first quarter is already quickly approaching. Please check and be sure that you have your correct conference time. **We will be meeting with every parent on the dates of October 10th, 11th, and 12th.**

Please check your child’s planner each night. We are having a problem with inconsistent homework. Students should have homework every single night, Monday through Thursday. If this continues to be a problem, we will need to move towards having parents sign their child’s planner each night. Thank you for your help with this as the success of your child is a team effort!

Please be aware that Homer Davis is celebrating **Halloween on Friday, October 28th**. Students are encouraged to dress in their costume on this day and we will have our class parties on this day as well. Monday, October 31st (Halloween) will be a regular day without celebration.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher.
Music

We have had a lot of exciting things going on this month in music. Our 4th graders have been learning the names of the notes on the music staff and will be starting their Recorder Unit soon. 3rd grade has been working on preparing their grade level performance; a show to honor our Veterans. Kindergarten has been working on opposites like fast/slow and high/low, 1st grade has been working on one and two sounds to a beat and 2nd grade is reviewing so, mi and la on the music staff. Ask your child to share something they learned in music with you this month!

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions!
~ Ms. Thrush

Library

Some of our favorite authors will be celebrating a birthday this month! David Shannon is the author and illustrator of many highly praised children’s books including A Bad Case of Stripes and the Caldecott Honor Book No, David! R.L. Stine is one of the best-selling children’s authors in history, best known for his GOOSEBUMPS series. We will join the celebration by reading their short biography and several books written by each. Please join us by enjoying one of their many books with your child at home.

PE

Dragon Sports

Great Job Coach Powers and the Lady Dragon volleyball teams!!! With two games left finish the season strong.

Tuesday October 4th @ Home
Thursday October 6th @ Hendricks

The next sport that is coming up is Cross Country....so get those running shoes out and be ready!!!
Thursday October 27th- Meet #1 @ Laguna
Community News

GAP Ministries Presents:
Dinner @ Davis
Every Thursday Evening @ 5:00pm
In our Cafeteria
Bring your family and come join us!!

You are invited to our Title I Parent Meeting!

When: October 10 @ 1:00
Where: Reading Lab - room 102 - check in at the front office please
Why: Mrs. North and Mrs. Schladweiler will be presenting information regarding Title I requirements, program description, and right of parent involvement.
Who: All parents and teachers

Please contact Mrs. North or Mrs. Schladweiler with any questions at 696-8256

Usted está invitado(a) a nuestra Junta de Padres de Título I

Cuándo: 10 de octubre a las 1:00
Dónde: Sala de Reading Lab – registrese en la oficina por favor
Por qué: Mrs. North y Mrs. Schladweiler estarán presentando información respecto a los requisitos de Título I, descripción del programa, y el derecho de participación de los padres.
Quién: Todos los padres y maestros(as)

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Mrs. North o Mrs. Schladweiler con cualquier pregunta al 696-8256
Science Fair

Science fair communication will soon be coming home with 5th and 6th grade students. Additionally, we will have a science fair assembly for all 5th and 6th grade students on Oct. 20 at 12:45 in the MPR. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!!

If you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher, Mrs. Abeytia (696-8280), or Mrs. Schladweiler (696-8256)

Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is happy to share our health and wellness events for the month. All month long we will have Wellness Wednesdays and Fit Fridays. (See your child’s teacher with more information.)

Our first Wellness Week of the year will be October 24 - October 28!

Walk/run the track every morning this week to earn prizes.

October 28th - International Walk to School Day - with a chance to win a scooter!
Homer Davis Carnival is coming to town!!!!
October 28th
5:00 – 8:00pm

Come enjoy the family fun!

There will be:
Inflatables   Petting Zoo
Games        Temporary tattoos
Music/DJ

We will be selling Wristbands:
(cash only)
Kinder and up: $10
Preschool: $5

Wristbands get you unlimited access to games

There will be Food:
(cash only)
Hot Dogs $2.00      Hamburgers $3.00
Kettle Corn $1.00 & up Cheeseburgers $3.50
Soda & Water $1.00   Pizza $2.00