



PLAINVIEW INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

October 2019

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Intermediate Parents:

Can you believe one quarter of our 2019-2020 school year is almost completed? I am amazed! As I walk the hallways and through the classrooms, I have observed outstanding teaching and learning taking place. Hopefully, your student is able to communicate all they are learning in the classroom daily.

As you already know, we have some very important resources for communication between school and home. Your student should have a student planner, and assignments should be written in the planner daily. We also have an online gradebook where you can monitor your student's grades at your convenience. If you do not know your login or password, please contact Christy Sudderth via email at

csudderth@plainview.k12.ok.us. She will be happy to help you.

By this time, you should have received scores from our NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing completed at the beginning of the school year. Please review the data, and if you have an academic concern regarding your student, schedule a conference with the classroom teacher. She can always provide suggestions to you in assisting your student to excel academically. If your student was in third or fourth grade last year, you should have received state testing results during parent/teacher

conferences. If not, there is now an OSTP Parent Portal where you can access data from the previous two years. Please see the information in this newsletter.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) will have a kick-off evening on Monday, October 7, 2019. This is a fantastic program to provide positive male role models on our campus. We want you to be a part of this program, and we need you in order for this program to be successful. It does require a background check. Please be sure to return the form to reserve your spot for pizza Monday night.

We have many exciting upcoming events including Red Ribbon Week during the last week of October and our annual Book Fair in November. Be sure to keep your eyes open for more information about these events. I continue to look forward to all of the wonderful events that take place at Plainview Intermediate and appreciate your partnership in helping us continue to excel.

OSTP PARENT PORTAL

OSTP Parent Portal & Paper Parent/Student Reports

The Parent Portal has been released! Parents/guardians may now log in to access student reports. The Oklahoma Parent Portal is designed to provide students and parents with online access to a student's state assessment scores. This portal will assist a student and his or her parents/guardians with tracking assessment information throughout the student's academic career. The portal provides scores from the OSTP 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19 assessments.

Parents will be able to access the Parent Portal using this site: <https://okparentportal.emetric.net/>

UPCOMING DATES

Oct 7th: Watch D.O.G.S. Kick-off

Dads are invited to hear about our Watch D.O.G.S. program at 6:00 p.m.

Oct 11th: Indian Beat

Join us as Mrs. Adkin's class leads Indian Beat

Oct 11th: Honor Choir

Honor Choir students will sing the National Anthem at the football game

Oct 14th & 28th: Discovery Club

Discovery Club students will meet on these two dates in October

Oct 18th & 21st: Fall Break

No School

Oct 28th-Nov 1st: Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week activities will take place on our campus

Oct 29th: "I Have a Dream" Program

5th grade music performance at 6:30 p.m.

DISCOVERY CLUB

Attention parents of Discovery Club students:

Discovery Club will be starting on October 14th after school. The Discovery Club teachers for the intermediate will be Kelley Simmons, Jesica Gilliam, Mika Roskam, and Amy Christensen. Your child will be bringing home a letter of information/permission form and a schedule of dates for the entire year. Please send the completed note back to school as soon as possible. Also, if you are able to provide snacks for our after school meetings, please contact Mrs. Simmons at ksimmons@plainview.k12.ok.us. We are looking forward to a great year of enrichment with your children!

Discovery Club dates for the 1st semester:

October 14th

October 28th

November 4th

November 18th (field trip)

December 9th

KEEP THE QUOTE

You may have noticed the Keep the Quote hanging in our hallway. Each classroom takes turns choosing a quote to display.

IF YOU ARE
ALWAYS TRYING
TO BE NORMAL,
YOU WILL NEVER
KNOW HOW
amazing
YOU CAN BE.
maya angelou

WATCH D.O.G.S.

Calling All Plainview Elementary Dads!

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RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week will be happening October 28th until November 1st.

Our theme this year is "Send a Message. Stay drug free." Red Ribbon Week is a national awareness week that schools across the country participate in to encourage students to live drug free lives.

We will also be participating in a food drive for two weeks to help our community. You can bring canned food or other non-perishable food items (such as cereal, crackers, and juice boxes) to school to donate. All of the food collected will be given locally to House of Prayer. Our goal this year is 1,000 items!

We asked Mrs. Foster and Mrs.

Tucker what they enjoyed about Red Ribbon Week. Mrs. Tucker said her favorite part of the week is seeing everyone dressed up and teaching in the classrooms. Mrs. Foster said she is looking forward to seeing everyone dressed up. The dress up days are listed below.

By Lydia Duncan & Sifath Ghuman



RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES

Monday, October 28th

"Turn your back on bullying and drugs!"
(wear your shirt/hat/shorts backwards)

Tuesday, October 29th

"Red, white, and blue, it's good to be you!"
(wear red, white, and blue clothing and accessories)

Wednesday, October 30th

"Don't be crazy, put a cap on drugs!"

(wear your crazy socks and/or hat)

Thursday, October 31st

"Say BOO to bullying and drugs!" (wear your costume & donate \$2 to the United Way)

Friday, November 1st

"Team up against bullying and drugs!"
(wear your Plainview spirit gear)

5TH GRADE PIRATE DAY



Pirate Day was a fun day for 5th grade students. National Rock Your School Day was September 19th where teachers around the world were challenged to think outside the box and do something out of the ordinary for their students. Fifth grade teachers were brainstorming one day when Mrs. Perkins jokingly said it's also National Talk like a Pirate Day, and thus Pirate Day was born. The 5th grade teachers agreed to surprise students with Pirate Day activities and amazing props. The pirate themed activities included pirate vocabulary, building pirate ships, and measuring planks. We even had a treasure hunt, got candy, and the teachers dressed like pirates! Most kids loved it! Parker Barker said, "The decorations were great!" Mrs. Perkins' said, "We really enjoy capturing the students interest and creating a love for learning." I'm pretty sure Pirate Day was an all around success.

By Ethan Eads



BOOK TASTING

On September 24, 2019, 4th grade teacher Mrs. Smith hosted an event in her classroom called Book Tasting. A Book Tasting is a chance for students to become acquainted with different genres of books such as mysteries, adventure, historical fiction, and books in a series. Mrs. Smith said, "It was the first time I tried a Book Tasting, and it went very well. The students enjoyed being introduced to new genres and read books they never read before. Book Tasting is a wonderful way to get kids engaged to books, and it will help them like reading books more. I know it will be an event that I will do again." 4th grader Brinley Christensen said, "It was really cool to look at the different books." 4th grader Luke Cumming said, "It was a very cool and awesome experience." Mrs. Smith likes the saying "everyone is a reader... some just haven't found their favorite book yet."

By Jessie Ge



JOG-A-THON RESULTS

The Jog-a-Thon is becoming an annual event to raise money for the P.E. department. Students from the primary and intermediate go to the track to run, jog, or walk for 30 minutes. This year the Jog-a-Thon raised close to \$9,000! Coach Gordon said, "The Jog-a-Thon was a great success. We had close to 500 runners, and we were so proud of the runners for their hard work and discipline." 5th grader Trent Stewart said his favorite part was the prizes and getting faster.

By Carson Herron



CONSTITUTION WEEK

The Daughters of the American Revolution came to our school to talk about the importance and the history of our U.S. Constitution. The Constitution is our written plan for government that describes the principles and organization of a nation. They also talked about our flag and how it changed with each state added.



There are 13 stripes on the flag today that

represent the original 13 colonies. There are also 50 stars to represent the 50 states. The 5th graders learned the Preamble of the Constitution during this week as well.

By Olivia Cavallo

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS

The following 5th grade students wrote the articles for the October newsletter: Jessie Ge, Olivia Cavallo, Lydia Duncan, Sifath Ghuman, Ethan Eads, and Carson Herron.

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