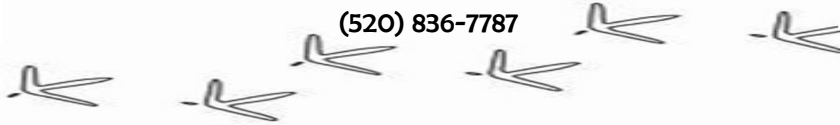


November, 2022

Roadrunner Tracks

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Working Together to Create Success: Empower, Achieve, Celebrate!

From the Principal

Dear Roadrunner Families,

It is American Education Week! Please join me in thanking your children's teachers for the hard work they put in to their profession and care they have for their students. Our support staff is knowledgeable and caring as well, helping to maximize student learning.

It is also National Family Literacy Month. Reading to and with our children is one of the most powerful things we can do to empower them. Research shows that one of the many benefits of reading together on a regular basis is that it increases a student's vocabulary, giving them a broader range of word choices in speaking and writing that enhance the clarity and accuracy of their thoughts being expressed. Students with an extensive vocabulary are able to comprehend text much more easily, also leading to higher achievement. Keep in mind that when we read to our children, reading material can be beyond their reading level. We can pause as we read to discuss the richness of words encountered and use those words in our conversations. Discussions of what is read leads to increased comprehension skills.

We are excited to have water bottle filling stations at our drinking fountains! Students are encouraged to use refillable bottles with their names on them. The water at the filling stations is cold and tastes good! Drinking water is a healthy habit that is good for the brain and body.

As Thanksgiving nears, we thank you for your partnership and support and wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving with family.

Sincerely,

Ms. Holdsworth



Bell Schedule

7:10 Students may begin to arrive and walk directly to breakfast
7:15-7:35 Breakfast served
7:40 First Bell
7:45 Tardy Bell
3:00 Dismissal Bell (2:45 Extended Resource)

Lunch Schedule

10:45 Kindergarten
10:55 1st 11:25 2nd
11:35 3rd 12:05 4th
12:15 5th



Important Dates

- 14-18: American Education Week
- 16: Picture Retakes, Holiday Meal, Mayor's Reading Club K-3
- 23: No School
- 24: Thanksgiving –no school
- 25: No School
- 29: PTO 3:00
- 30: Student Council 3:00-3:45
- 30: Gr K-2 PBIS Store
- Dec 1: Gr 3-5 PBIS Store

TOA Talk with Mrs. Rice: Everyone is to conduct themselves in a way that allows for an environment free of harassment, intimidation, and bullying. It is important to distinguish meaning between being mean, rude, and bullying. According to Primary Children's Hospital (2018) and Signe Whitson (2016), they are defined as the following:

Rude is inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts another. Examples: Bragging about one's accomplishments, burping or yelling in one's face, or cutting in line. Although these may look like characteristics of bullying, they are inconsiderate and poor manners, but not meant to harm someone else.

Mean is purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once or twice. The intention is to harm. This behavior in kids is motivated by angry feelings and/or a misguided goal to prop themselves up in comparison to others.

Bullying is intentional aggressive behavior repeated over time, involves an imbalance of power, can be physical (hitting, punching, kicking, spitting, etc.), verbal (words and threats), relational (social exclusion, rumor spreading, shunning, etc.), or cyberbullying. Those who bully say or do something intentionally hurtful to others and keep doing it, with no sense of regret or remorse.

It is important to know the difference between the three. Often, misbehavior is conflict between two sides and can be resolved with a restorative conversation. True bullying behavior reported to school personnel is addressed through set district policy expectations. Please encourage your child to reach out to staff if rude, mean, or bullying behavior is taking place.

Holiday Meal

We look forward to enjoying our holiday meal with you this Wednesday, November 16! We received over 300 RSVPs. Arrive according to your child's scheduled lunch time. Sign in at the front lobby, get a visitor sticker, and proceed to the café/gym. There you can purchase your meal tickets. Cost of an adult meal is \$4.00 and \$2.35 for children that do not attend Mesquite. Look for me; I will be serving the cake! -Ms. H



Our School Expectations:

Be kind. Be safe.

Be respectful.

Do not harm.



Save the Date: December 9

PTO and staff are planning Gingerbread House Night to be held Friday, December 9! This family event will include gingerbread house make and take, crafts make

and take, cake walk, refreshments, carols, pictures with Santa, and reading by the fireplace. More information to come. We are excited to host family events once again!



7 Mindsets

The 7 Mindsets is based on the research of the 7 common mindsets of happy and successful people which are: We are connected, Everything is possible, Passion first, Live to give, 100% accountable, Attitude of gratitude, and The time is now.

November's mindset focus is Live to Give. Happy and successful people support others in ways such as random acts of kindness and projects that benefit others, like our recycling program and staff tie blankets event. Giving to others increases our sense of purpose while having a positive impact. Giving can be done in ways that do not cost money such as lending a helping hand, sharing time together, including others in activities, and giving compliments. Do you live to give?

Additional Support may be available for students whose families are experiencing transitional housing situations (such as foreclosure, doubling up with friends or relatives, or homeless). If your family lives in any of the following situations you may qualify for services: in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground; on the street; In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodation; or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing. **Contact: Zayda Boudreau, School District McKinney-Vento Liaison, at (520-876-3245) for information.**