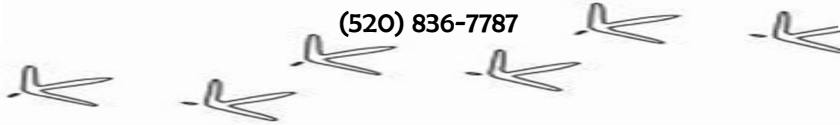


November, 2021

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.

Please continue to send bottles of water to school with your children as we are not to drink directly from fountains as a Covid mitigation strategy. Students can refill their bottles from the fountains. Thank you to those families and staff members that donate bottled water for those that forget.

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

Sincerely,

Ms. Holdsworth

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Bell Schedule

7:20 Students may begin to arrive and walk directly to the MPR for breakfast

7:20-7:50 Breakfast served

7:55 First Bell

8:00 Tardy Bell

2:45 Dismissal Bell (12:45 Early Out)

Lunch Schedule

10:50 Kindergarten

11:05: 1st

11:30: 2nd

11:45: 3rd

12:10: 4th

12:25: 5th



Important Dates

17: Picture Retakes/makeups
Early Dismissal 12:45

22-24: School Spirit Week

24: Early Release 12:45

25-26: Thanksgiving Break

29: Student Council 2:45-3:30

Dec 1 & 8: Early Dismissal 12:45

Dec 17: Early Release 12:45



Third Grade to Fiesta Grande

Third graders went to Fiesta Grande on November 10 to celebrate Veterans Day. 60 veterans were in attendance along with spouses. Students sang patriotic songs and shared lunch and letters with them. Veterans shared what branch of service they were in and what their jobs entailed. It was a wonderful event. Pictures were posted on our social media - facebook, Instagram, and school story dojo.

Student Council

Elected officers for the school year are: President Alessi Orosco, Vice President Kylie Irving, Treasurer Aubrianna Gastelum, Secretary Peyton Levario. Classroom representatives include Saleen Donnelly, Gabby Rodriguez, Cian Castro, Dawn Pyle, Aubree Waldrop, Angelina Hernandez, Aiyana Douglas, Jasey Timanglo, Nia Barreto, Rubyann Bautista, Jayden Varela, Anaya Green, Jace Venegas, Careli Morales, Jenesis Taimanglo, Kenna Flores Barreto, Mia Olivares Vazquez and Allen Mosley.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks can be pre-ordered through March 11th for \$20. Return payment in a marked envelope to your child's homeroom teacher. After March 11th, the price will increase to \$25. Cover contest rules will be shared in January.



Be kind. Be safe. Be respectful.
Do not harm.

Wanted: Rocks!

We are in need of river rocks that are flat and about the size of a deck of cards for a school-wide project. We will paint them with positive messages and pictures to place in our three planters out front for everyone to see. If you or someone you know can donate any, please call the office or contact Ms. Holdsworth or your child's teacher. Thank you for your help!



7 Mindsets

The 7 Mindsets is our character education program. It 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. Giving to others increases our sense of purpose while having a positive impact. Giving can be done in ways that do not cost money. Lending a helping hand, sharing time together, including others in activities, and compliments are a few. What will you do?

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 service information.**

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