

# Alexander Elementary



## Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:  
*Mr. Wade*  
Elementary Principal

As everyone knows we are fast approaching the holiday season. I have to admit, Thanksgiving and Christmas are my two favorite holidays. I enjoy the cooler weather, holiday meals and most of all spending time with family and friends.

It is also a great joy to see the smiles on our student's faces as their excitement builds each day the holidays near.

But even more importantly it is a time of year that encourages us to think about the many blessings we have.

I believe it is important to remember what W.J. Cameron once said. He said, "Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action." It is my hope that amidst all the food, football and fun we all take time to give thanks.

It is my hope that all of our students and their families have a nice Thanksgiving and enjoy the fast approaching Christmas Season together.

Have A Happy  
Thanksgiving!

From The Teachers & Staff at  
Alexander Elementary



## NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 4- **Daylight Savings Time Ends.** Set your clocks back 1 hour.

Thursday, November 8- **Veterans Day Assembly** 1:30 PM in the gym. God Bless Our Veterans!

Monday, November 12- **Oklahoma's 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration Begins.** Rise and Shine and Coloring Contest.

Tuesday, November 13- **Students dress up in Pioneer/Western wear.**

Thursday, November 15- **Presentation by Derrick Neal.**

Thursday, November 15- **Progress Reports**

Friday, November 16- **A.R. Celebration** with Mr. Brough (books-prizes). Principal's Challenge and Birthday Cake. **HAPPY BIRTHDAY OKLAHOMA!**

Tuesday, November 20- **Pioneer Living Museum**

November 21-23- **Thanksgiving Break**

Thursday, December 13- **Christmas Program PreK, K, 1<sup>st</sup> grades.** High School Gym beginning at 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 20- **Christmas Program 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades.** High School Gym beginning at 7:00 PM

December 24—January 4- **Christmas Break**

## Additional Bus Stop Added In Town

Elementary students living on the north side of Commerce Street no longer have such a long walk to school.



In the mornings busses will stop at the carwash located at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Walnut to pickup students and transport them to the elementary. After school the bus will drop-off students near the First Baptist Church located at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Cherry. These new stops are only for students living North of Commerce Street. No elementary student should ever walk across Commerce Street.

It is our hope by adding these new stops students will spend less time walking to and from school.

If you have any transportation questions or concerns, please call our Director of Transportation, Jim Buttram or Elementary Principal, Kevin Wade.



## Encourage Your Child To Act Kindly Towards Others

Most of us want our children to grow up to be kind and caring people. Here's a simple way you can help.

With your child, make a list of all the children in her class. Each morning, ask your child to choose a different name from the list. Talk about a specific way she could show kindness to that student during the day.

Find a way to remind your child of this promise during the day. You might put a note inside her lunch box. Or you might put a small sticker somewhere she will see it and remember.

After school, talk about what your child did. You may want to write these acts of kindness in a special journal.



## Busy Parents Can Find Many Ways To Stay Involved

November 11<sup>th</sup> kicks off American Education Week. It is a reminder to parents to get and stay involved in their children's learning. But how can you do this when you're so busy?

Researchers learned that busy parents find creative ways to support their children's education. You, too, can do these things:

\*Reorganize your schedule. Try to spend as much time as you can with your child.

\*Do several things at a time. Do quiet household chores near your child as he does homework, for instance. Or have your child start homework in the car as you drive.

\*Teach as you do daily routines. When cooking, for example, show your child how to follow a recipe.

\*Model learning and growing. Let your child see you read for pleasure. Attend classes. Work hard. Talk about your goals and how you're meeting them.

\*Do some school things in the morning. Check your child's homework. Talk about school on the drive there. Chat with the teacher before work.

\*Share breakfast. Children learn better when they're well fed.

\*Do things differently on the weekend. Get up early so you can go to the library.

\*Volunteer around your schedule. Monitor school halls. Attend Parent-Faculty Club meetings. Help out with fundraisers. Make decorations or displays. Reshelve books in the library.



*All gave some..  
Some gave all*

**To our men and women  
in uniform...  
past, present and future  
God bless you and thank you.**