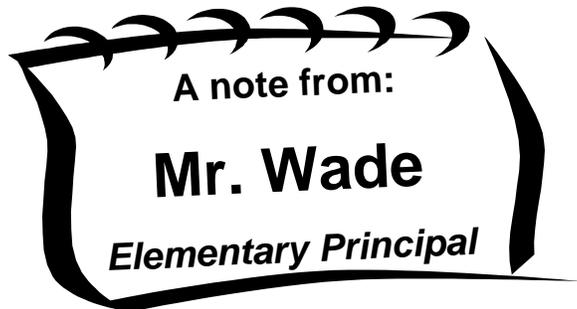


Alexander Elementary

Parents Make A Difference



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We want to make sure all parents are aware of new state laws. Below are specific details regarding Oklahoma mandates requiring school employees to report specific issues of concern:

S.B.1150 adds a requirement to current statute for reporting to the **Department of Human Services** threatening behavior. It states "threatening behavior" means any verbal threat or threatening behavior, whether or not it is directed at another person, which indicates potential for future harm to students, school personnel or school property. The law also requires the school to notify **law enforcement** of any threatening behavior. We have interpreted this to also include threats of self-harm. S.B.1150 also explicitly defines the "types" of child abuse and neglect that must be reported.

H.B. 2259 changes the requirements for teachers when reporting child abuse or neglect. This law requires every teacher having reason to believe that a child under the age of 18 is a victim of abuse or neglect to report the matter immediately to **DHS** and to **local law enforcement**.

If you have any questions regarding these new laws, please give us a call or come by the school. Our main number is 918-675-4336.



"Reading is dreaming with your eyes open."

Kindergarten Field Trip to The Miami Fire Station-
Mrs. Wall's- Tues., October 2- Leave- 9:15AM
Mrs. Kipp's- Wed., October 3- Leave 9:15AM
Mrs. Wright's- Wed., October 3- Leave 12:45PM

Red Wheel Fundraiser Begins- Start date:
Thursday, October 4 (Kick-Off Assembly at 2:15 pm)
Stop date: Monday, October 22
Delivery date: Tuesday, November 6

No School- Friday, October 5 (Staff Training)

Support Staff Appreciation Week Begins- Monday, October 8.

Rise & Shine Assembly- Monday, October 8.

End of 1st 9 weeks- Friday, October 12.

Grade Cards Go Out- Tuesday, October 16.

First Grade Field Trip to Tulsa Zoo- Wednesday, October 17. Leave at 8:10AM.

Fall Break- October 18-19. No School.

Book Fair Begins- Monday, October 22 to October 26.

PK Field Trip to Right Choice Pumpkin Patch- Tuesday, October 23. 8:30AM to 3:00PM

Kindergarten Field Trip to Annabell's Farm- Friday, October 26. 9:15AM to 1:30PM

Halloween Parade and Parties- Wednesday, October 31. Parade begins at 1:30PM.

Professional Day- Friday, November 2
No School

Picture Retakes- Wednesday, November 7.

Veteran's Day Assembly- Friday, November 9
starting at 1:30PM.

Thanksgiving Break- November 19 to 23.

PARENT TO PARENT

Overprotective Parents Hinder Responsibility

When children are born, it's the job of parents to protect them in every way they can. Once they reach elementary school, however, they become more capable and are able to do lots of things for themselves.

Unfortunately, many parents still try to protect their children from everything. And all of that well-intended "protection" can smother their children's budding independence.

Overprotective parenting makes it difficult for children to learn essential skills for success in school and life—such as communication, negotiation, perseverance, responsibility and decision making.

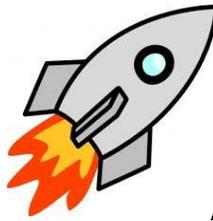
To avoid the many pitfalls of overprotective parenting:

Don't do everything for your child. Let him do things for himself. Will he make mistakes? Probably. But he will learn from those mistakes.

Don't drop everything to rescue your child when he forgets things. If he leaves his homework or gym shoes at home, don't rush them up to the school. Instead, let him face the consequences.

Don't try to negotiate a better grade for your child. If you or your child are confused about a grade he receives, let your child talk to the teacher about it first. Obviously the age of the child has to be considered here as well.

Don't call the parent of a child your child is complaining about in school. Give your child a chance to work it out. However, if it is a serious problem, contact the school immediately.



Vocabulary Boosters

A large vocabulary can turn your child into a better reader and writer. Try these everyday ways to help her learn new words.

Keep your ears open. When you and your youngster go places, point out words that people use. Maybe a waiter describes an *entrée* or the dentist talks about *molars*. Encourage your child to figure out what the words mean by the way they're used.

Go beyond nouns. Help your youngster add adjectives and verbs to her vocabulary. Sports and games offer opportunities to use action words. Let your child hear you comment on the softball that *soars* or the runner who *sprints*. When she sends thank-you notes or greeting cards, suggest descriptive words (a *polka-dotted* shirt, a *fantastic* birthday).

If you would like to see the Oklahoma State Department of Education's grade and subject specific lists of Academic Vocabulary follow this link:

<http://sde.ok.gov/sde/building-academic-vocabulary>

This information can provide you with a good indication as to the vocabulary words that your child is suppose to know and learn to use within their speech.



B E AWARE

U STAY ALERT

S O KIDS DON'T GET HURT



**A Goal Without A Plan Is
Just A Wish.**