

Alexander Elementary



Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:
Mr. Wade
Elementary Principal

Thank you for helping to get the school year off to a great start! We appreciate our students, parents, teachers and staff for their part in making things begin so smoothly.

Our theme this year revolves around Oklahoma's Centennial Celebration. With our great state having its' 100th Birthday coming up on November 16 our students are learning many fascinating facts about Oklahoma.

This year we have several goals for our school. As a previous parent letter discussed, we are continuing to work to keep our school safe. With the addition of security fencing we are able to provide a more secure campus. We are asking parents and visitors to continue to follow school policy by acquiring a pass from the main office when entering our school.

We are currently working with the Commerce Fire and Police Departments to prepare for an "off-campus" evacuation. The drill will take place on Friday, October 12. This practice will help us prepare in the event we need to have everyone vacate our campus.

On October 12 at approximately 9:00 AM all students and staff will evacuate from the building. Students will walk the short distance to the "old" football field located at 4th & Maple. Once there classes will practice going to their assigned location. The practice drill will include the establishment of a main check-in station. In the event of an actual evacuation, the station's purpose would be to record and give

authorization to release students to their parents. This process will allow the school to account for and release students safely in an organized manner.

The drill scheduled for Friday, October 12 is only for practice. Parents will not need to come to the school. In the event of an actual emergency, teachers will have a list of information with them on each of their students allowing them to contact you. This is another reason why it is important that parents inform the school regarding phone number and/or address changes.

Currently at Alexander Elementary we have already conducted all drills required by law. We have held drills that include fire, tornado, lock-down and general emergency situations. We want to continue to be prepared for all situations to the best of our abilities.

If you would like to be on our school's "Safety Committee" we could use your help. We will have our first meeting on Thursday, September 13 at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the library. If you would like to attend, please contact me by calling 675-4336.

Let's all work together to have a great and safe year!

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**Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thursday, September 13
Thursday, September 20**

3:30 PM - 7:00 PM

No School Friday, September 21.

September

Calendar

Wednesday, September 5- Red Wheel Sale Ends. Please turn in all order by Thursday, Sept. 6.

Thursday, September 6- Parent-Faculty Club Meeting at 3:30 PM.

Thursday, September 13- Parent-Teacher Conferences. 3:30 - 7:00 PM

Friday, September 14- Progress Reports go out.

Thursday, September 20- Parent-Teacher Conferences. 3:30 – 7:00 PM

Friday, September 21- No School.

Tuesday, September 25- Red Wheel food items delivered. Customers are to pick-up and pay for items in the gym between 3:00 – 6:00 PM.

Thursday, September 27- Book Fair begins.

Friday, October 12- Elementary Off-Campus Evacuation Drill.

Wednesday, October 17- End of 1st Quarter.

Thursday & Friday, October 18-19- Fall Break



Take Time To Talk With Your Child's Teacher

You are your child's first and foremost teacher. You always will be.

But when your child is starting school you share the responsibility. Ideally, the teacher will be your "teammate." Your child will learn and grow best if you develop a sharing relationship with him or her.

As soon as possible, introduce yourself. A brief face-to-face contact is best. But a note or phone call can also build rapport. Ask how you can help him/ her? Ask about homework and how you can help your child at home. Find out how you can be informed regarding your child's progress at school.

Other tips on how to insure your child gets off to a great start this school year:

***Start your morning at night.** Help your child choose the day's cloths. Gather homework and sign school papers. Line up breakfast plans the night before.

***Don't over schedule your child.** Give him time to unwind after school—especially during the first few weeks of adjusting. Make sure he has free time to just play every day.

***Establish bedtime and homework routines.** Pick a time that your child will do homework and go to bed. Then stick to it.

***Say at least one positive thing to your child each day.**

***Insist that your child try hard to be a good student.** If school is important to you, it will be important to her.

WAY TO GO!



We recently received exciting news! Alexander Elementary School continues to meet "No Child Left Behind" mandates in all areas. Data from last years' state testing shows our students are scoring well in all required areas. Way to go students, parents, teachers and staff! **Let's keep up the great work!**