



CLIMAX-SCOTTS ELEMENTARY PANTHER CUB PUBLISHER

Keeping parents up-to-date on what's happening in the elementary!

May 2013

Hello Parents -

Run for Funds 2013:



Our Run for Funds Day 2013 was quite a success! The PTA did an amazing job with organizing the event, providing water and snacks, and cheering everyone on! Thank you so much to all PTA members for your hard work for this fantastic fundraising event! Our staff also worked hard to shift their schedules around to cheer on their students and accommodate the Fund Run. Parents, once again you are wonderful in your support for this activity which raises necessary funds for the PTA for our school. Thank you to all! Logan Hutchinson was our winner for the IPOD Touch for raising the most funds at \$402.00!! Congratulations Logan!

5th Grade Camp: May 8, 9, 10



Our fifth graders are getting very excited for their camping trip at Camp Eberhart in Three Rivers next week Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday! Please be sure your fifth grader has a list of everything needed for that fun trip. If you need another, please ask Mrs. Paige-Gruber or Mrs. Edwards!



Picking Up Your Child-

Probably as the weather is turning nicer and nicer folks are really anxious to pick up their children and get outside to enjoy! While we certainly understand the excitement, we need to ask parents to please wait in the Panther Pick-Up room until your child arrives and you have a chance to sign out.

Sometimes parents (and kids!) want to arrive at the doorway of a classroom to quickly let the teacher know they are leaving but this causes a bit of chaos for the teacher and other staff as it is our responsibility to make sure all students are safely accounted for. Also, teachers need that last few minutes to wrap up any announcements, get important paperwork into students hands' and get lined up for buses and pick-ups. *Please help us keep all children as safe as possible as well as keep the hallway and classroom traffic clear by waiting in the pick-up room and signing out.*



An Afternoon to Honor Grandparents on May 24th !

The schedule came home, but again it is:

1:00-1:20 - Arrive and go to the gymnasium for a cup of coffee and some time to visit with other grandparents. (Please take care not to pass out any treats to any children, as some have food allergies and we must take precautions).

1:20 – 2:30 -Please be seated and listen as first the Lower Elementary children, grades Young Fives-Second, sing some songs for you, and next the upper elementary will perform.

2:30 – 3:00 This is a time for grandparents to spend with their grandchild(ren). Grandparents of children in our Upper Elementary (grades 3, 4, 5) can go outside and watch the children play. If you have grandchildren in our Lower Elementary (grades Young 5 , K, 1st, 2nd) you may accompany your grandchild to his or her classroom if you would like to see it.

If you are going outside with your upper elementary student, please stop by the child's homeroom class to let the teacher know so we can account for all children.

3:00: An announcement will be made to Upper Elementary students to come inside and return to classrooms. At this time we ask that grandparents say their goodbyes and allow the children to return to their academics and ending of their day.

Please be sure to let your child's grandparent know we would like to honor them with a musical performance on May 24 from 1:00 – 3:00 in the elementary gymnasium.

Early Release Day for Teacher Professional Development.



Our students will be released on May 21st at 2:41 as a scheduled teacher development day. Please make plans to meet your child early that day as necessary as they will be getting off the bus one hour earlier than usual and pick-ups/walker dismissals will also be at 2:41.

Kindergarten & Preschool Registration Evening:



We are having another Kindergarten and Preschool Registration evening on May 30th in the elementary office from 5:00 – 7:00, but you certainly are not required to wait until that evening if you would like to stop in and register now. Details for state requirements are found below.

Enrolling for Kindergarten :

We are in the process of forming classes for Kindergarten for this fall 2013. If you know of any families with a child who will turn five on or before November 1st, please pass this information along! If your child will not turn four before November 1st, you are encouraged to check out our four year old preschool program!

Enrolling Three – Year Olds in Preschool -

If you have a child who will turn three on or before November 1st we are forming



a class for three olds for this fall! Preschool will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8:30 – 11:00 for a low-cost fee. There is very limited space for the three year old class; Call the preschool classroom at 269-497-2114 or the office at 269-497-2101 for more information.

Enrolling Four – Year Olds in Preschool -

If you have a child who will turn four on or before November 1st we are forming classes for four year olds for this fall and you may qualify for low to no cost pre-school! Stop in to complete a registration packet soon as we are in the process of finalizing the details for the program and are hoping to have that finalized by end of May. We are required to wait until the applications are processed through the GSRP enrollment office but will keep you updated as we are able.



.PTA Loves Members or Visitors!

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for **May 9th** at 5:45 in the library. We love parent help and input ☺

Cool Math Site:

This is a fun math site that provides a nighttime “problem of the day” with varying levels of difficulty for ages pre-K – later years. The story problems are very kid-friendly and use high level vocabulary so in that sense it helps with reading as well!

In addition to reading a bedtime story, you can also do a fun math problem to promote problem-solving skills with your child. It’s found at: <http://bedtimemath.org/>

Reading-

Please read to your child, or have your child read, every night for at least 20 minutes! Why should we make time for reading?

Go to <http://www.totsites.com/help/fun/reading-books.php> to find out! ☺



No School

- January 25
- February 22
- February 25
- March 28
- March 29

Reminders of Important Dates:

- May 8-10 5th Grade Camp
- May 21: One Hour Early Release at 2:41
- May 24th: Grandparents Day 1:00 – 3:00
- June 7, 10, & 11: Half Day – Dismissal is at 12:11
- June 11 – Last Day/Half Day



Sincerely,

Teri Peters

Principal; Climax-Scotts Elementary School

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

~Nelson Mandela

