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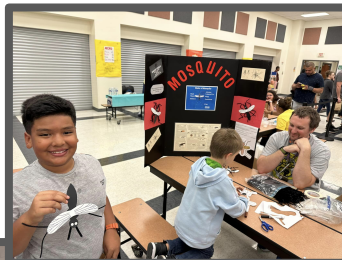
SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Left- A great time was had at the Edison Children's Parade and the Edison Night Parade



Right and Below- Read Across America Week and Literacy Night



Easter Eggstravaganza
March 28th
6-8
Academic Spring Themed Tasks and Games



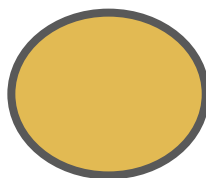
Upcoming Events

April

1st	No School
5th	4th & 5th Grade FAST Writing Test
24th	Field Day



Left and Above- STEAM Night was a February favorite!





RVP's Black History
Heritage Celebration
was 2/23-2/29



The Crucial Role of School Communities in Education

In the landscape of education, the concept of community extends far beyond the classroom walls. A school community encompasses students, teachers, administrators, parents, and other stakeholders who come together to create a supportive and nurturing environment for learning and growth. In this article, we explore the multifaceted importance of a strong school community and its profound impact on student success and well-being.

At the heart of every thriving school community are strong relationships built on trust, respect, and collaboration. These relationships foster a sense of belonging and connectedness among students and adults alike, creating a supportive network that extends beyond academic endeavors. When students feel valued and supported by their peers and educators, they are more likely to engage actively in learning, seek help when needed, and develop a positive attitude towards school.

School communities play a pivotal role in nurturing the emotional and social development of students. Through interactions with peers and adults, students learn essential social skills such as communication, empathy, and cooperation. Moreover, a supportive school community provides a safe space for students to express themselves, navigate challenges, and develop resilience in the face of adversity. By fostering a culture of inclusivity and acceptance, schools empower students to embrace diversity and celebrate their unique identities.

Research has consistently shown that strong school communities are associated with higher levels of academic success and achievement. When students feel connected to their school and have positive relationships with their teachers and peers, they are more motivated to excel academically. Additionally, a collaborative school community promotes effective teaching practices, professional development opportunities for educators, and strategic initiatives aimed at improving student outcomes. By working together towards common goals, schools can maximize student potential and create a culture of excellence.

Parental involvement is a cornerstone of a vibrant school community. When parents are actively engaged in their child's education, they become partners in the learning process, reinforcing academic concepts at home, and supporting school initiatives. Moreover, schools that foster strong relationships with parents and families create a sense of ownership and investment in the educational journey, leading to greater student success and overall school improvement.

School communities are the heart and soul of education, shaping the experiences and outcomes of students and educators alike. By fostering relationships, nurturing emotional and social development, promoting academic success, engaging parents, and prioritizing well-being, strong school communities create environments where all members can thrive and reach their full potential. As we continue to prioritize the importance of community in education, let us recognize the transformative power of collaboration, connection, and care in shaping the future of our schools and society.

March

Kindergarten

This month, we will be enjoying watching metamorphosis occur in our classrooms! Each kindergarten class will be watching the amazing change from caterpillar to butterfly! Help your child with the vocabulary! The caterpillar is in the larva stage. When it forms a chrysalis, that's the pupa stage. Finally, when it emerges as a butterfly - that's the adult stage! Check your students binders/backpacks for books - encourage your student to read to you. Ask them questions like, Who are the characters (people or animals in the story), what is the setting (where the story happens) and about the events (what happens at the beginning, middle, and ending of the story). In math, we are exploring a key next step in understanding place value beyond the numbers 1-10. We will discuss teen numbers as "10 ones and some more ones," and extend that understanding to writing teen numbers. Composing and decomposing numbers in this way helps build students' familiarity with our place value system, which is based on the number 10. This sets the stage for later being able to efficiently add and subtract numbers.

Second

Happy March! In math we are still working hard on adding and subtracting within 1,000 until Spring Break. We have been working on this benchmark at school, but we would appreciate if you can practice asking your child about strategies they can use to solve problems at home.

In reading our theme is all about animals and different habitats. The benchmarks we are focusing on are author's purpose, text features, plot structure, and figurative language.

We appreciate you ensuring that your child is completing their homework every night and working on their AR goal at home as well. Please continue to read with your child and ask them comprehension questions to ensure they are understanding the text they are reading.

Fourth

4th grade is staying busy learning about fractions & decimals in math, as well as learning about data and measurement skills. Keep looking for ways that you can use math in real life with your student! In ELA students are working hard to practice their writing - our state writing test is coming up the first week of April! We are so proud of the great job our students are doing with AR, keep reading! Our science time will be spent learning about plants and animals. We hope to see everyone at Literacy Night on March 8 and at the Easter Egg Hunt on March 28!

First

This month our first graders have been busy estimating and measuring in inches and centimeters, learning how to tell time, and strengthening their reading skills by reading about natural disasters. We had a few visitors this month to help us celebrate Read Across America week. Thank you for your continued support. When we return from spring break we will be in the home stretch. Please remember your first grade student's homework is to read a book each night.

Third

With Spring Break on the horizon, 3rd grade will be continuing to work on our fraction unit! This month we will be focusing on equivalent fractions and comparing fractions with the same numerator or denominator. Towards the end of the month we will be switching gears to work on collect and representing data using various bar graphs, line plots, etc.

In ELA we will be reading stories to help us review previously learned skill such as character perspective, character development and the theme of a story. Student are also moving along in our phonics interventions, with many groups exiting out of books and pushing towards the next levels.

Fifth

We can't believe 3rd quarter is almost over! 5th grade will be breezing into weather and climate topics in Science. In Math we will be interpreting & creating numerical expressions & equations, as well as classifying figures. In ELA we are learning about migration. We read about how freedom quilts were made and are now finishing up our own class freedom quilt. 5th grade will be selling snacks during Literacy Night to help raise money for our Busch Gardens trip. Please stop by and help support our students!