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EDU-PRIZE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dr. McCamman's Corner



Parents, the issues our children deal with are different and more complex than those most of us dealt with in our youth. Social media and texting have created an environment where offensive things can be said to a large number of people with little thought on the part of the sender. The thread of anonymity that is achieved when communicating through technology allows children and adults alike to send harmful messages that can hurt people very deeply. Throughout the last few years, we have had a few instances where students and staff were spoken poorly of through technology. It is not possible for school staff to monitor and respond to every instance of this "cyber bullying." So, I implore you as parents, please closely monitor your child's use of any social media and the use of their cell phones.

~ Thank you for your help.

FOR THE LOVE OF... READING!

The 3/4 team is cultivating a love for reading by promoting the Scholastic **Reading Counts** program. This program is an excellent way to encourage students to become self-motivated readers, as well as help them grow in their reading comprehension. The students will read stories at their individual reading comprehension level. After reading the entire book, they will take a quiz on the computer. These quizzes test how well they have comprehended the story.

If they pass the quiz, students will earn points based on the level of difficulty of book they read. For example, a picture book, like Brown Bear, Brown Bear, is worth 1 point, whereas, a chapter book, like Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, is worth 37 points. Contact your child's teacher if you would like a list of books that are in the Reading Counts program. Please encourage your child along with us to continue their pursuit of a love for reading!



IMPORTANT DATES

November

11 Veteran's Day ~ School Holiday



14-18 Conference Week

23 Early Release ~ All Schedules

24-25 Thanksgiving Break ~ School Holidays



DRUGS ON CAMPUS

No parent wants to find out that their child has taken unknown drugs or medications, especially that which has been prescribed for someone else. When a child is sent to school with medicine in their backpack, that is exactly what could happen. Chewable aspirin, colored pills, flavored cough drops, even simple allergy medication can become a life threatening "treat" to the child who finds a baggie that someone has accidentally dropped on the playground. The potential for disaster can be readily imagined, especially for the child who has a pre-existing medical condition or may experience an allergic reaction to the unknown substance. **All medications whether they are purchased over the counter or prescribed by a doctor, MUST be checked in through the Health Office, by an adult.** Edu-Prize employs two full-time registered nurses to assist you in meeting your child's health care needs while at school. They are available from 7am until 4:30 pm to discuss any concerns or special situations that you may have. *Please stop by!*



Teacher Résumés are available for review at the front desk of bldg 2.

Many other important notices can be found at www.edu-prize.com.

Harkins Loyalty Refillable Cups are on sale now!!

Check your kiddos backpack for order forms or pick one up at the front desk.

Cups are \$4.75 each and make great gifts when paired with a Harkins gift card (available at the front desk of building 1)!



**All orders must be turned in by
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**

IT'S HERE!!!

Fall Festival is TOMORROW!

**Join your Edu-Prize Family
between 11:00am—3:00pm
for a day full of fun!**

**Wrist bands and raffle tickets
can be purchased at the gate
until 2:00pm.**

**Wrist bands: \$10.00 per person
(3 and under are free)**

**Basket Raffle Tickets: \$25.00
or 5/ \$100.00**



**WE ARE NO LONGER
COLLECTING CAPRI-SUN
POUCHES, PLEASE DISCONTINUE
SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL.**

Labels for Education



Collect and turn in your labels! The classroom with most labels turned in by **December 5th** wins a Slushie Party!!

Do you have any pictures that you have taken in the classroom or on a field trip that you think would be great for the yearbook??? If so, please upload them to the Lifetouch yearbook website at...community.lifetouch.com

Once you get to the website, you will need to open an account with your email address and enter an access code. Then you can upload 5 pictures at a time. There are directions every step of the way. Please be sure and specify the Teacher's name.

The access codes are:

For the Elementary yearbook:
FCCQMR

For the Junior High yearbook:
KTWWIK



MyCokeRewards

Currently, Mrs. Barrera's class is in the lead with 78 points for the MyCokeRewards contest.

Mrs. Quiroga's and Mrs. Beal's classes are close behind with 40 points each. When sending in codes, please send in the ORIGINAL code (bottle cap, rectangle from inside of cardboard box, rectangle from plastic wrap) only. Please do NOT send in codes that

have already been used on your account (they do not earn us any points). If you have your own MyCokeRewards account, feel free to donate points to Edu-Prize or to enter us into various sweepstakes.

Thanks for all you do!