**A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Happy November, Sugarland Families! The time has flown by and we have finished our first quarter of the year! Students have worked extremely hard these past two months, and have learned a lot of new concepts in all subjects. Next Monday and Tuesday, they will get two days off, so teachers can plan and hold parent-teacher conferences. Report cards will come home November 16, so you can find out how well your child has progressed.

Also, I want to personally thank you for volunteering in our school! Each week, more and more parents are volunteering. There is always something you can do, so if you’re interested, stop by and complete the form. We welcome you!!

Thank you for sending your children to school, ready to learn and for your support. Let's make the second quarter even better for our students!

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**2016-17 LCPS School Calendar**

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**November Events at Sugarland**

- Nov. 7 & 8 – No School
- Nov. 7 – No Sale Yard Sale
- Nov. 9 – Moveable Monday
- Nov. 11 – Veteran’s Day – Wear Red, White, and Blue
- Nov. 14 – College Day, Wear college spirit wear
- Nov. 17 – 4th and 5th Grade Choir Concert
- Nov. 18 – Picture Make-up day

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Sugarland Elementary School
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Absentee Line 571.434.4461
Sugarland Elementary School website: www.lcps.org/sugarland
Principal: Dr. Gail Brady
Assistant Principal: Mr. Tim Sparbanie
Bookkeeper: Mrs. Karen Cole
Attendance Secretary: Mrs. Netzy Cossio
In observance of American Education Week, third graders will be painting landscapes in various American painting styles. Second graders will be painting in the style of Synchromism, America's first abstract art form, and fourth graders will be creating Colonial toys and portraits. Additionally, 4th and 5th grade students have the opportunity to be part of our first ever LEGO League team. Space is limited to 12 students, and entry forms are due November 11th.
-- Mr. Maier

The final countdown has begun, where third and fifth grade students are completing their final stages of Common Sense Media; Digital Passport. Once completed, students will began implementing strategies learned to operate safely online. In addition, fourth grades students are practicing typing in Microsoft Word, while lower grades are focusing on targeting grade level content.
-- Ms. McCord

There is an easy way to improve your child's chances at school. It will entertain and delight him/her. It will strengthen the bonds between him/her and you. And it is virtually free.
Sound too good to be true? Actually, it isn't. The magical method: taking time to read aloud to your child.
Please take a look at the website below to read about how important it is to READ ALOUD to your own child.  www.readaloud.org
**Notes from the School Counselor**

**BIRTHDAYS**
Parents, we have received a very generous offer from a donor to help us celebrate students’ birthdays. If you celebrate birthdays, and would like for your child to participate, please let us know. Parents will receive a gift card for a birthday cake so please contact me the week before the birthday.

**SNAP**
Did you know you could be eligible to receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program). Apply for SNAP and other benefits like Medicaid, TANF, and Child Care at [https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/](https://commonhelp.virginia.gov/) Its easy!

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**Character Trait for October:**
**Responsibility**
Students are reviewing this character trait in guidance lessons. We will also be continuing our Career Lessons this month.

**Comcast Internet and Laptops Available**
Students who qualify for Free Lunch may also qualify for a discounted internet price, just $9.95 per month. Laptops are also available as at discount for $149.99.
Please call Comcast for more information 1-855-846-8376.

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**Counseling Groups**
Ms. Fore will be sending home interest forms for counseling groups. Please return the form if you are interested in a counseling group for your child.

**The Backpack Buddy Program**
provides food every weekend for families.
Contact Ms. Foré for more information.

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**Thanksgiving Bag Distribution**
Each year, Loudoun Hunger Relief gives Thanksgiving Dinner Bags to residents in need (while supplies last). Distribution will be November 18th, 19th, and 21, 2-4:30 pm. For more information please see the bulletin boards in front of school or contact the Parent Liaison.

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**Reduced or Free Dental Care:**
Loudoun County Health Department Children's Dental Clinic
102 Heritage Way, Suite 101
Call 703-771-5959 for more information about eligibility process.
Sugarland students are working hard on the three R's at school. Be Responsible, Respectful, and Ready to learn. The big paw prints in the hallway are on their way to reaching the third reward which will be "Wacky Hair Day". Did you know your child can earn small paw prints individually? Every week we recognize students from each classroom for earning small paw prints in class. They get a special prize and their name on the morning announcements. Please keep encouraging your child do to their very best every day in all areas of our school. We look forward to seeing our big paw prints reach all the way around the school by the end of the year!

Basketball Sign ups are underway. The basketball program will consist of clinics during PE classes that concentrate on the fundamentals of basketball. Skill work will consist of passing, dribbling and shooting. Concepts will focus on the rules and fundamentals of Basketball. A schedule of after school games will be played starting in January to allow students to further develop their skills. The Sugarland Basketball Program will be made up of 4 girls teams and 4 boys teams of 10 players for each team. Therefore, space is limited to 40 girls and 40 boys. Feel free to contact Mr. Cortes (victor.cortes@lcps.org) if you have any question or concerns.

**Keeping up with PE**

**Respect Winners**

Roxana Guardado Sorto
Natalie Alfaro Elescano
Luis Herrarte
Christopher Bejarano
Aaliyah Johnson
Anderson Kost
Oscar Capriles Mendieta
Ella Keaton
Jacklin Moore
Sasha Alfaro Hernandez
Lisa Ngo
Jacob Van Tuijl
Edgardo Sebastian Amaya-Romero

Tarenzo Jennings
Jonathan Oxley
Ashly Alay Mejia
Katerin Chicas
Eliseo Beltran
Edelin Reyes
Keylin Ramirez Gudiel
Nawaf Shehzad
Aashirvini Prasai
Delia Maier
Marcy Circle
Melissa Uribe

**PBIS – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports**
Sugarland Elementary is hosting Mobile Dentists/Smile Programs on December 1st!

We have invited Smile Programs… the Mobile Dentists to bring its on-site preventive dental care program to our school because we know how important good oral health is to our children’s overall general health.

Tooth decay is the most common chronic and infectious disease among children. In addition, poor oral health causes other problems in children, such as diminished growth in toddlers, poor nutrition due to difficulty eating and an increase in bacteria in the blood and respiratory systems.

A publication from the Centers for Disease Control states: “Children receiving dental sealants in school-based programs have 60% fewer new decayed pit and fissure surfaces in back teeth for up to 2-5 years after a single application. Among children, 90% of decay is in the pit and fissures.”

Smile programs will set up a mini-dental office in your building and can provide dental examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments, xrays and sealants. In addition, restorative services such as fillings will be available (if needed) with Medicaid or insurance coverage.

Medicaid and CHIP cover 100% of treatment. Smile Programs can also provide services to families who need financial assistance and it has subsidized fees for those who choose to pay for the preventive care.

Signing up your children to see the mobile dental team is an easy way to get necessary preventive dental care. If you want your child to see the dentist on “Shine Your Smile Day,” just fill out the permission slip and return it to nurse Hansen as soon as possible!

You can learn more about Smile Programs by going to its website: www.mobiledentists.com and watching the short video about the preventive dental care program.

¡Viene el día de “Brilla tu sonrisa”!

La escuela Sugarland Elementary patrocinará el Programa Móvil Dental/Sonrie Dental el primero de diciembre.

Hemos invitado a Dentistas del Programa Móvil Dental/Sonrie para traer los servicios dentales preventivos de cuidado a nuestra escuela porque sabemos lo importante que es la salud oral en conjunto general de nuestros niños.

El decaimiento de dientes es una enfermedad muy común, crónica y contagiosa entre niños. La mala salud oral causa otros problemas en niños, tal como el crecimiento disminuido en pequeños, pobre nutrición debido a la dificultad en comer y un aumento en bacterias en la sangre y sistemas respiratorios.

Una publicación de los Centros para estados de Control de Enfermedad se basaron en: “Niños que reciben selladores dentales en los programas de la escuela tienen 60% menos nuevas superficies decaídas de hoyo (caries) y la fisura en muelas hasta 2-5 años después de una sola aplicación. Entre niños, 90% del decaimiento está en el hoyo y fisuras.”

Los Dentistas del equipo del Programa Móvil Dental/Sonrie establecerá una oficina mini-dental en nuestra escuela y puede proporcionar exámenes dentales, limpiadas, tratamientos de floruro, radiografía y los selladores (si es necesario) para niños que devuelven los formularios completados (rellenos).

Los Dentistas Móviles también ofrecen asistencia financiera y tienen costos rebajados para quienes no pueden pagar el cuidado preventivo.

Inscriba a sus niños para ver al equipo de Dentistas de Programas Móvil Dental/Sonrie, es una manera fácil y conveniente de conseguir el cuidado dental, preventivo y necesario. Si usted quiere que su niño vea al dentista en “El Día de Brillo en tu Sonrisa,” llena el formulario de permiso y lo vuelve a su escuela.

Usted puede aprender más acerca de los Programas de Dentistas de Móvil Dental/Sonrie yendo a su sitio Web: www.mobiledentists.com y mirando el video corto acerca del programa de cuidado dental preventivo.
Sugarland Yearbook

Sugarland Students can pre-order a
2016-17 Sugarland Yearbook NOW!
The yearbook will feature:
• Student, staff and class photos
• Photos of clubs and sports
• Photos of special events
• And more!

Yearbook price: $15.00 before Dec. 31
$18.00 after Dec. 31
Yearbooks will be distributed to students at school this spring.

Two ways to order:

1. **Now: Purchase your Sugarland Yearbook Online!**
   *It's Fast, Safe, and Easy!* Go to: ybpay.lifetouch.com
   Enter school code: 12754617
   Follow prompts and pay with your credit card
   **Online ordering Questions?** YBPay Customer Care 800-453-9764

2. **Beginning Nov. 1: Purchase your Sugarland Yearbook online, or with cash or check.**

**Note:** Please consider ordering online to save resources. Flyers with payment envelopes will be sent home in November for families who prefer to send cash or check to school.