

November 2016



Sugarland Elementary Wildcat News

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!

2016-17 LCPS School Calendar

August 29 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
September 5 Holiday (Labor Day)
October 10 Holiday (Columbus Day)
November 4 End of First Grading Period
November 7-8 Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Days)
November 23-25 Holiday (Thanksgiving)
December 22 - January 2 WINTER BREAK
January 3 Classes Resume
January 16 Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 26 End of Second Grading Period
January 27 **MOVEABLE STUDENT HOLIDAY**** (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
February 20 Holiday (Presidents' Day)
April 6 End of Third Grading Period
April 7 Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
April 10-14 SPRING BREAK
May 29 Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 9 Last Day of School for Students/End of Fourth Grading Period

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

Sugarland Elementary School

65 Sugarland Run Drive ♦ Sterling, VA 20164 ♦ Telephone 571.434.4460 ♦ Fax 703.444.7463
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

Art Events

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 Synchronism, 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



Technology

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 begin implementing strategies learned to operate safely online. In addition, fourth grade students are practicing typing in Microsoft Word, while lower grades are focusing on targeting grade level content.

-- Ms. McCord

Music Notes

The Sugarland Chorus will perform a concert Thursday, November 17th at 6 p.m. Please join us in the multi-purpose room for what is sure to be a stellar performance highlighting a variety of musical styles and composers. We hope to see you there!

--Mrs. Blum-Marciano



Library News

In the library this month students will be exploring topics such as space, animals, and the weather, working on reading comprehension, and using technology to research and create.

Our reading theme in November will focus on exploring books in different series. We will be featuring old favorites, as well as some new series. Students will be encouraged to find a series they love and try reading two or more books from the series.

Mark your calendars now for the book fair. Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held December 9th through the 16th.

-Mrs. Grim



Reading Team

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 A LOUD to your own child. www.readaloud.org

Information from Our Parent Liaison

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.

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/> Its easy!

Notes from the School Counselor

Character Trait for October:

Responsibility

Students are reviewing this character trait in guidance lessons.

We will also be continuing our Career Lessons this month.

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.

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.



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.



The Backpack Buddy Program provides food every weekend for families.

Contact Ms. Foré for more information.

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



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



Keeping up with PE

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.



PBIS – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

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!

“Shine your Smile Day”

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** patrocinara el Programa Móvil Dental/Sonríe Dental **el primero de diciembre.**

Hemos invitado a Dentistas del Programa Móvil Dental/Sonríe 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/Sonríe establecerá una oficina mini-dental en nuestra escuela y puede proporcionar *exámenes dentales, limpiezas, tratamientos de fluoruro, 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/Sonríe, 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,” llene el formulario de permiso y lo vuelve a su escuela.

Usted puede aprender más acerca de los Programas de Dentistas de Móvil Dental/Sonríe 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.