



September/October 2017

Sugarland Elementary Wildcat News

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to a new school year! We are so excited to have our students back, and this year promises to be epic! We are excited to share with you how awesome students demonstrated high growth last year!! We met every single goal! More details will be shared during Back-to-School Night on Thursday, September 21st from 5:30-7:00. Please make plans to attend.

We look forward to continuing the partnership between home and school. If you would like to volunteer within the school, please stop by the school office and speak to one of our parent liaisons: Mrs. Andrade or Mrs. Gambrell-Haynes. We will be glad to have you help in our school. I say "our" because you are an important part of our school family! Each class is looking for a Room Mom or Dad to help with classroom or grade level needs. We also need help with copying papers for teachers, laminating, helping classroom teachers with other work, or volunteering with the PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization), WE NEED YOU!

We invite you to get involved! Our theme this year is "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work", and we would like you to work with us to help our students continue to go from good to great! This will be an epic year, and it will take ALL of us, working TOGETHER, to be successful this year!!!

2017-2018 School Calendar

October 9 Holiday (Columbus Day)
October 23 Student Holiday (County-wide Staff Development)
November 3 End of First Grading Period
November 6-7 Student Holidays (Planning/Records/Conference Days)
November 22-24 Holiday (Thanksgiving)
December 18-December 30 WINTER BREAK
January 1 Holiday (New Year's) (Classes Resume January 2)
January 15 Holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 26 End of Second Grading Period
January 29 MOVEABLE STUDENT HOLIDAY** (Planning/Records/Conference Days)
February 19 Holiday (Presidents' Day)
March 26-30 SPRING BREAK
April 2 Student Holiday (County-wide Staff Development)
April 6 End of Third Grading Period
April 9 Student Holiday (Planning/Records/Conference Day)
May 28 Holiday (Memorial Day)
June 13 Last Day of School for Students/End of Fourth Grading Period
June 9 Last Day of School for Students/End of Fourth Grading Period

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SUGARLAND

SEPT. 21 – BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
SEPT. 29 – FAMILY PICNIC AND DANCE
OCT. 3 – PTO MEETING 6:00 PM
OCT. 6 – CHUCK E. CHEESE NIGHT
OCT. 9 – NO SCHOOL
OCT. 12 – PARENT COFFEE 8:15 AM
OCT. 19 – FALL PICTURE DAY
OCT. 23 – NO SCHOOL
OCT. 27 – PTO MONSTER BINGO
OCT. 31 – TRUNK OR TREAT

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Principal: Ms. Gail Brady
Assistant Principal: Mr. Tim Sparbanie

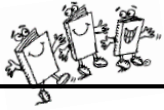
Bookkeeper: Mrs. Karen Cole
Attendance Secretary: Mrs. Netzy Cossio



Art

Art is underway. We are cutting like Matisse, drawing like Haring, observing, sculpting, painting and creating characters, stories and moments. In the weeks to come Art classes will be working on the classics; portraits, still lifes and landscapes.

-- Mr. Maier



Library

During library time this year students will learn to be responsible users of a variety of information resources. We will use different types of technology and create products we can share beyond our classrooms. In addition, we will continue to work on reading comprehension and fostering a love of reading in all students. Fifth grade students have worked on a special video creation project. Students worked in groups to write, film and edit videos about library procedures. These videos will be showcased on the morning show and the Sugarland Creates YouTube Channel.

Starting in October, our fourth and fifth grade students will be using the Common Sense Media curriculum to learn how to navigate information in a technological society and be safe when they use a technology device. This is part of Loudoun County Public School's One to the World Initiative preparing our students to learn in an environment that helps them develop as critical thinkers.

--Mrs. Grim

Music



Sugarland Chorus had it's first after school rehearsal this month with a record-breaking 63 students enrolled! Students in 4th and 5th grade have been split into two choruses to accommodate this huge (and awesome) number of singers. Students should follow the chorus rehearsal calendar moving forward. We are looking forward to performing on a December concert and are enjoying staying hard at work in the meantime!

--Mrs. Blum-Marciano

Technology

"This 2017-2018 school year, students will now have 45-minutes of technology class each week. We are beginning with the primary focus creating more secure passwords for grades 2-5. In addition, as my new role as the Instructional Facilitator, Technology, I will be co-teaching with classroom teachers to better incorporate technology resources into the curriculum. I will continue providing students with the opportunity to explore enriching educational websites that connect to subject area core content standards. I look forward to engaging students with rigorous activities where they can also teach me something new!"

-- Ms. McCord

Welcome from our Parent Liaisons

Hello Sugarland Family! My name is Karina Andrade and I am so happy to be part of the Sugarland Team as your Parent Liaison. I have actually already been part of this family through my church and as a parent for many years. I am a mother of 2 wonderful boys who keep me very busy. I was born in Mexico and grew up in Los Angeles, California. My husband and I have lived in Northern Virginia for 11 years now. I am a social worker and worked for Northern Virginia Family Service before I had children. In California I worked as an administrator for group homes for teenage boys and girls. I am thrilled to be here and look forward to meeting all the wonderful families of this community! Go Wildcats!

Hola familia de Sugarland! Mi nombre es Karina Andrade y estoy super feliz de ser parte del equipo de Sugarland como su enlace de padres (Parent Liaison). Realmente ya soy parte de esta familia a través de mi iglesia y como padre por muchos años. Soy madre de 2 niños maravillosos que me mantienen muy ocupada. Nací en México y crecí en Los Ángeles, California. Mi esposo y yo vivimos en Virginia desde hace 11 años. Soy trabajadora social y trabajé para Northern Virginia Family Service antes de tener hijos. En California he trabajado como administradora en hogares para niños y adolescentes sin padres. Estoy muy contenta de estar aquí y espero conocer a todas las familias maravillosas de esta comunidad! ¡Vamos Wildcats!

Notes from the School Counselor

Character Trait for September:

Respect

Students are reviewing this character trait in guidance lessons.

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.

Hey, Wildcats!

**Backpack Buddy Program
The Backpack Buddy Program
will start in October.**

**Contact Ms. Foré for more
information.**





Physical Education Information

Welcome back for the 2017-2018 school year. As Elementary Physical Education Teachers we are looking forward to having your child in class. We recognize that children are at different developmental levels, with a variety of needs and interests.

We will attempt to provide all of the children a variety of physical activities that make fitness fun and rewarding.

In order for your child to get the most out of the Physical Education classroom, students need to dress appropriately for class. For your **child's safety**, please make sure that your child wears **tennis shoes** on days they have class. Students will be having class three times a week. Therefore, physical education class will be on different days of the week.

We would suggest students wear tennis shoes to school or leave a pair in their classroom.

These are key vocabulary words that will be introduced during this unit:

Cardiorespiratory Endurance — The ability of the heart and lungs to supply oxygen to the I muscles during long periods of physical activity.

Flexibility — The muscles' ability to move a joint through a full range of motion

Muscular Endurance — The ability of the muscles to repeat a movement many times or hold a position without stopping to rest.

Muscular Strength — The ability of a muscle or muscles to push or pull with its total force.

Body Composition — The relationship between fat-free mass and fat mass.

Victor Cortes
Physical Education Teacher

Kirsten Barker
Physical Education Teacher



STEAM Lab Science Technology Engineering Arts Math

Sug Steam Ahead!

My name is Darielle Timothy and I'm Sugarland's STEAM Lab teacher. I'm excited to work with all grade levels and bring new investigative experiences to our wonderful students. Students will be completing projects that incorporate science, technology, engineering, art and math. I can't wait to share all their creative thinking with the school and community!

Reading Team

Welcome back to school from the Sugarland Reading Team!

We would like to introduce ourselves and tell you about a couple of resources to help you get the year off to a good start! We are lucky to have 4 Reading Teachers on our team this year: Ms. Hess, Mrs. Blondin, Mrs. Schuler, & Mrs. Mouritzen. Please go to the reading page on the Sugarland website to get more information about how we help students at Sugarland become better readers.

As the school year begins, it is important for your child to read at home every night. They will be learning in their classrooms about how to choose a "just right" book. These books are a perfect match for reading at home. If you have questions about what books are "just right" for your child, feel free to ask your classroom teacher or look at our website for grade level booklists.

Please feel free to contact us at any time for more information about helping your child be a successful reader!

PBIS

Sugarland is a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports school. Our students focus on the three R's- Respect, Responsibility, Ready to Learn. We kicked off our year with an assembly to review the three R's in all areas of our school. The students are working hard to earn individual paw prints for showing the three R's, as well as large paw prints for their classes. Students who earn their own paw prints are eligible to be randomly chosen as Student of the Week and earn a PBIS prize. Our school is working on earning large paw prints to earn school wide rewards. The students have already earned a Hat Day and are on our way to our next school reward.

Remind your child to bring their best behavior to school every day!

Sugarland Elementary School *is routinely inspected in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). As required by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the EPA, this notification is to inform you that asbestos-containing material (ACM) is present in several locations in our school. The ACM is inspected semi-annually by qualified LCPS personnel to insure that the material remains in good condition and is not creating an exposure hazard for building occupants.*

The Asbestos Management Plan indicates locations where asbestos-containing materials may be present. The plan can be found in the administrative office at the school. In addition, a copy of the Asbestos Management Plan is located in the Loudoun County Public Schools Facilities Services Division office at 1002C Sycolin Road, Leesburg, Virginia.

Please feel free to request information about our Management Plan, the inspection findings and our plan of action. The Plan will be available for your review and inspection during normal office hours.