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Tumbleweed Times



The Sheriff's Showdown

Howdy Folks!

Happy Spring! The sun is shining and we're ready for the many exciting things happening here at E-Lab!

Have you ordered your yearbook yet? Snow day photos, Gov. Jinal's visit and club pages are just a few exciting additions to this year's book. We are looking forward to the best yearbook even! It's not too late,

stop by the office!

State Testing is next week and boy, are we ready! We will "Hit the Bases Running!" I have no doubt we will hit it out of the park!

April 19 we will enjoy a performance by the NSU Improv Troupe of "The Wartville Wizard". This is the perfect kick-off to our IIM project—"Go Green".

Our Author's Visit &



Tea is sure to be a great success as in year's past. We can't wait to share our published stories with you.

Thank you for all your support. We couldn't achieve such great heights without you!

Caron Coleman



Important Announcements

***Turn Off Week** is April 18th-24th. This is a national event that promotes children to participate in activities other than watching TV.

*Our **spring book fair** is scheduled for the first week in May!!

***FOR SALE:** E-Lab Car magnets & decals, yard signs and yearbooks! Stop by the office to get yours!

***Author's Tea** and visiting author will take place on April 22nd-23rd. The visiting author is Denise Lewis Patrick.

***Basket Raffle!** We will be drawing for winners on April 14th. Good Luck to all who entered! Thank you for your support!



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Important Dates

- *Spring Portraits - April 8th
- *Free Dress Day for Outstanding Conduct Students - April 9th
- *Testing Pep Rally - April 9th
- *Spring testing April 12-16
- *Basket Raffle Drawing - April 14
- *Performance by NSU Improv Troupe - April 19th
- *After school Intro to Running Club - April 20th
- *Bank Day - April 20
- *Spring Fever Fun Run - April 24
- *4th and 5th grade field trip to Houston - April 30th
- *Attendance Olympics - April 30th
- *Birthday Books - April 30th

Extra! Extra! Read All About It!

Kindergarten News

The kindergarten classes just completed a project on going green where we learned the importance of the three R's. Recycle, Reuse, Reduce. We also began talking about the importance of plants in our environment. In April we will begin working in our outside garden. The children will learn about plant and animal life. We will begin with the study of birds and their habitats. The students will create homemade bird feeders to add to the garden. We will then learn about plants with hands on planting activities. The final unit for the month will be insects. The children will explore the importance of some insects in our environment as well as those that can be harmful. It will be a very exciting month!

First Grade

Mrs. Beauboeuf

Whew! Mrs. Beauboeuf's first grade class has been working so hard this year learning about our earth's biomes that we have taken a week's vacation and flown to the moon. Be sure to ask your student about our trip and what we have learned. We will be back in time to start our ocean unit for the months of April and May. If you have any "strange" creatures from the ocean you wish to contribute just send them in. In addition, the class has worked in the outside classroom/garden to help get it ready for our Kindergarten friends who will continue to plant and decorate with their birdhouses later this spring.

Running Club

All students from Kindergarten to 5th grade are invited to see what the Running Club is all about on April 20th at 5:00 p.m. Parents please join us for this after school introduction to NSU-E Lab's Running Club.

Don't forget to register for our Spring Fever 5K & Fun Run. Registration forms were sent home and are also available in the office. Be sure to pre-register by April 14th!!



Second Grade

Second Grade has been so busy we can hardly stand it. We have been doing lots of exciting things. We went on a field trip to City Bank and stopped for ice cream at Magee's. We are learning about banking and spending money. Our money travels round and round in the community and is used for lots of wants and needs. We have been working on our letter writing skills. We wrote to the Lady Chiefs basketball team encouraging them to win state in basketball. With our wonderful letters of encouragement they won!!!! We are also working on our Flat Stanley/Stella projects. Thanks for helping mail or traveling with them. Some have traveled out of town, state and even out of the country. We can hardly wait for them to start coming in to be shared with our fellow classmates. If you are not familiar with Flat Stanley, just ask your child to tell you all about him. The Easter egg hunt and party was EGG-citing!!! Fun was had by all! The ice cream sundaes were yummy. Thanks for all your help and support. We had a surprise visit from the Lady Chiefs...it was awesome!!! They came in person to thank us for our support. We are ready for the IOWA. Bring it on!!!

Thanks for all you do,
Breedlove and Stewart



Bostick's Broncos

It's hard to believe that there are only 2 months left of school. This year has flown by. The fifth graders in Mrs. Bostick's class are getting excited about their trip to Houston. They are selling raffle tickets like crazy to raise money. We are going to see some exciting things and have a great time! Testing is right around the corner and we are ready!!! WE are going to "Hit the Bases Running" and do our very best to make our highest scores ever! We are still working our autobiographies. They are going to be awesome! We can't wait to share them with you at our Author's Tea!

Letters about Literature Finalists!!!

Congratulations to all participants in the Letters about Literature contest. Over 1,200 students in Louisiana participated. Four of our students came in the top 50!! Meredith Phelps won third place while Mary Jane Morra, Josephine Rudd, and Nicole Williams all came in the top 50. Way to go girls. Keep reading and writing. Next year we look forward to more students from our school participating and winning!!



Terrific Kids for February

Ralston =Hannah Carnline	Warner= Mekhiah Champlin
Beauboeuf= Grace LeMoine	Todtenbier=Hy'Riahah Phillips
Breedlove = Madison Lester	Stewart=Payton Peveto
Moore =Ryan Ivey	Nowalk=Bailey Ebert
Sawyer =Addie Sturman	Walker=Britney Turner
Bostick = Tanner Delphin	Stevens = Cameron Duke



Terrific Kids for March

Ralston= Nicholas Chapman	Warner= Sophia Grusbeck
Beauboeuf=Parker Byles	Todtenbier= Izik Lentz
Breedlove= Josh Stewart	Stewart= Asia Pikes
Moore= Sarah Hicks	Nowalk= Wesley Rollo
Sawyer= Haydon Helms	Walker= Makenzie Morgan
Bostick= Conor Bertucci	Stevens= Rylee Page



Attendance Olympics

March's Winners

Gold= Mrs. Moore's class
Silver=Mrs. Todtenbier's class
Bronze=Mrs. Beauboeuf's class



The Natchitoches Central Girl's basketball team and State champions visited with our medal winners this month! They shared how important it was for their team to work hard and always come to school and practice doing their very best no matter where they were. We can see how that paid off for them. Their

Faculty Birthdays

Mary Lou Brown - April 8
 Martha Dowden - April 11
 Phyllis Breedlove - April 20
 Lisa Bellow - April 24
 Annie Sawyer - April 29

Book Fair

Our spring book fair is scheduled for May 3rd-7th. We are so excited about the new books that will be available!!! Last year we broke all records and look forward to doing the same this time around. This would be a great time to find some interesting summer reading material. The theme is "The Book Fair Diner" Wouldn't it be great for the 4th grade students to have a chance to give Mrs. Coleman her second make over this time!!!



Library News

"Spiderella" was a hit. I think some of our students are destined for Broadway! Such talent!! We continue to work on "Brimtown Rappers". You are in for a treat! The rest of the year will be super busy. After testing, we will prepare for our author's visit from Denise Patrick Lewis. We are so excited about learning how she comes up with her story ideas and turns them into published books. Learn more about her by checking out her website www.deniselewispatrick.com.

May brings our book fair!!! How exciting. This time around will be the best ever, I'm certain. If anyone would like to help out with the book fair please contact me.

-Lisa Wiggins