

ANDOVER ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Principal's Message

Happy February! Many families took advantage of the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher during last month's conference night. We continue to be dedicated to meeting the needs of every student.

At this time in the school year, it is more important than ever to use habits that help our students be successful. Regular attendance is important. Every minute counts. Attendance is a crucial factor in keeping kids on the right track. Missing several days of school over the course of a year significantly reduces the likelihood that students will be successful. Every minute counts, so being on time is equally important. Being consistent with important habits early in your student's life. It will make a difference now *and* in the future.

Remember to think win-win! At school, we all encourage the children to believe in themselves and their talents, to always do their best and learn from their mistakes. Mid-quarter progress reports will go home this month. Take a moment to review with your student and encourage him/her to "stick with it" as they work towards keeping or maintaining their goals. Please use this time to recognize the great work your child has been doing and help him/her set realistic goals.

I would like to invite you to participate in our **annual parent survey**. Not only does this help us meet accreditation requirements, most importantly, your participation allows us to hear from you! The survey is completely confidential, takes about 10 minutes, and is available in English, Arabic, Chinese, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Spanish. The survey will be open until March 13, 2020 https://ocps.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_38ZEa36rGBGv8zP.

Do you have a child who will attend Kindergarten next year at Andover? Please make plans to register your child during our Kindergarten Registration Day on February 19, 2020, from 9am to 1pm. Early registration helps us project the number of teachers we will need for our newest little stars on the first day of school.

Sincerely,
Angela Clayton
Principal

Upcoming Events

Feb 7- Stars Aglow Dance, All- Pro Dads
Crossing Guard Appreciation Day
Feb 12- Progress Reports Go Home
Feb 14 – 5th Grade Odyssey Visit
Feb 18 - No School in observance of Presidents' Day
Feb 19 – KG Registration 9am-1pm
Feb 20- Chick- Fil -A Spirit Night
Feb 21 – iMom
Feb 24- Dr. Seuss Week
Feb 25- SAC Meeting
Feb 26- 5th Grade Oration Contest



Photo(s) (above): Ms. Jameson's Art Class

Hello Andover families!

In this new semester of learning here at Andover I thought I would share with you what the students in each grade level are working on starting with Kindergarten and first grade. These young students have been focusing on what I call The Big Three, line, shape, and color which they have been using repeatedly in their art work to create some interesting masterpieces!

The second graders have been busy with creating their own cartoon characters after being introduced to the art profession of cartooning. Meanwhile the third graders are reviewing various types of lines used in art and are organizing interesting works of their own.

Currently the fourth graders are working on the use of lines and perspective which is overlapping with math using geometric shapes to create optical illusions in art. And finally the fifth graders are learning all about value in art by discovering the different types of shading including; stippling, hatching and blending.

Lastly, I know you may be anxious to see some of your children's beautiful work. Don't worry, as that information is coming soon!

Thanking you for all you do for your child,
Bev Jameson Visual Arts Teacher

Leader in Me

Andover held the 4th annual Student Leadership Showcase on January 31st. Parents, community members and students attended an assembly that showcased many of our student leaders and how they use the habits in their daily lives. Two classes sang leadership songs and students in our gifted classes performed a little skit. Guests also visited classrooms to see how leadership is being incorporated into daily lessons. Our afternoon consisted of upper grades being paired with the lower grades to participate in shared learning activities. Many activities were centered around literacy to coordinate with literacy week. We are so proud of our students and how they are using the habits in school, at home, and in the community. We would like to thank our PTA for supporting our Leader in Me initiative by purchasing student materials for this year. Thank you parents for supporting fundraisers that made that possible. If you would like more information about Leader In Me, contact your child's teacher.



School Advisory Council

Join us for our next School Advisory Council (SAC) which will be FEB 25 at 5pm in the Media Center. Childcare is provided. If you plan to attend and need childcare, please email andoversac@gmail.com. Please visit our school website for more information.

Light House Team

The mission of the Student Lighthouse Team is to keep the Andover community a positive environment through academics, leadership, service, and commitment to everyone. The Student Lighthouse Team serves as a liaison between the students and school personnel. They use the Leader in Me Habits to provide a voice for the student body. Members volunteer at community events held at Andover including Math Night, Literacy Night, and our Leadership Showcase. Throughout the school year, the Lighthouse Team heads several service projects. Past projects include collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House and our annual "Pennies for Patients" to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Our current service project is "Socks in a Box." The purpose of the project is to collect socks to benefit those in need in our community. Through our Student Lighthouse Team, members practice positive leadership and cooperation skills.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Items Required:

*Birth Certificate *Immunization Record *Physical *Proof of Residency

When: February 19, 2020 from 9:00 am- 1:00 pm

You can find our registration packet online at ocps.net under newcomers

Children must be (5) years old on or before September 1, 2020 to register

¡MARQUE SU CALENDARIO!

ELEMENTOS REQUERIDOS:

* Certificado de Nacimiento *Registro de vacunas *Físico *Prueba de Residencia

Cuando: Febrero 19, 2020 de 9:00 am -1:00pm

Puede encontrar nuestro paquete de registro en línea en ocps.net bajo los recién llegados

Los niños deben tener (5) años antes del 1 de septiembre de el 2020 para registrarse

Student School Hours: 8:45am – 3:00 pm (M, T, Th, F); 8:45am – 2:00 pm Wednesdays