

MESSAGE FROM THE MILL

A Moment with Michelle...

Year Two has officially started and what a great start it has been! All 1,146 Puckett's Mill Sparrow Hawks seem excited and happy to be back in school. I have to say that you parents also seem extremely happy for them to be back. ☺ Thank you for entrusting us with your children. We are primed and ready to take learning to new heights this year as we turn up the heat focusing on comprehension, written communication, and critical thinking. We appreciate all you do at home to support our initiatives and help keep our focus on teaching and learning. I look forward to seeing you at many school events this year. Check out our calendar on the school's website often so you don't miss a thing!

Happy Learning,
Michelle

CALENDAR UPDATES

Wednesday, August 19th - Clean Air Campaign Kick Off

Thursday, August 20th - 4th/5th Gifted Parent Meeting,
5:45 pm

Thursday, August 20th - 4th/5th Curriculum Night,
6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 26th - Sparky's Night Out, 5-8 pm

Thursday, August 27th - 2nd/3rd Gifted Parent Meeting,
5:45 pm

Thursday, August 27th - 2nd/3rd Curriculum Night,
6:30 pm

Thursday, Sept 3rd - K/1st Curriculum Night, 6:30 pm

See school website for additional details

News You Can Use

PROCEDURES

Please take the time to read the "Student/Parent Handbook" that can be accessed on our school website. It is full of valuable information about our school.

- Students must be at school for $\frac{1}{2}$ day to be counted present. Our half day ends at 11:30AM.
- Students may not check out after 2:15. Instruction continues in all classes until 2:45.
- Morning car rider line ends at 8:10 so students can be in their classes when our instructional day begins at 8:15. Announcements begin at 8:05.
- For safety reasons, when visiting our school, please be sure to exit through the main doors so you can sign out.
- It is important we keep instructional interruptions to a minimum. Instructional time will not be interrupted for delivery of homework, snacks, or ice cream money. These items will be placed in the teacher's box for pick up during lunch. Please help your child practice responsibility by having them check for these items before leaving in the morning.

CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGN TO VISIT PMES

On Wednesday, August 19, Puckett's Mill will get a special visit from The Clean Air Campaign[®] and The UPS Foundation during afternoon student pick up. Last year our school signed on as a Clean Air School and created a No Idling Zone in the carpool line to clean the air and protect our students' growing lungs. Everyone did an excellent job of turning their engines off last year, and we're grateful that you have been so supportive of our efforts. To jump start another successful year of idling reduction, The Clean Air Campaign and The UPS Foundation are going to hold a kick-off event to remind us of the importance of healthy air. If you see some friendly faces handing out water bottles and flyers while you wait for your children, please welcome them and feel free to tell them why you support the program. They may even ask a few lucky volunteers to participate in a fun video they'll be filming that afternoon. Thank you for setting a great example of environmental stewardship with our students and making the air safe for them to breathe!

BOX TOPS

Ingles is running a Box Tops promo through this Saturday. If you buy 5 Box Tops items, you get 20 extra Box Tops! If you buy 10 Box Tops items, you get 50 extra Box Tops! That could add up quickly and go a long way towards supporting our PE program!!

H1N1 FLU

We have received a report of a suspected H1N1 (swine flu) case at Osborne Middle School and they are doing all that is necessary to prevent a spread. We also understand that health officials are expecting this to be a busy flu season, both with seasonal flu and H1N1. With this in mind, please remember students and staff with flu-like illness must stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever or signs of a fever. This should be determined without the use of fever-reducing medications (any medicine that contains ibuprofen or acetaminophen). Please review the information you received at Open House about this flu season and share it with your children. The health and safety of our students, staff, and community is a priority.