

MESSAGE FROM THE MILL

A Moment with Michelle...

The challenge is on! We had 73% of our 4th and 5th grade parents present at Curriculum Night last night. These parents understand the importance of a strong partnership between school and home. Thank you for letting your children see how much you value their education. Curriculum Night is one of my favorite parent nights since I get to brag on all of our accomplishments from the previous year and share the latest in educational research. Along this line, I highly recommend Tony Wagner's book, *The Global Achievement Gap*. Wagner stresses seven "survival" skills that all students need to be successful and competitive in our quickly changing world. These skills are Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, Collaboration Across Networks and Leading by Example, Agility and Adaptability, Initiative and Entrepreneurship, Effective Oral and Written Communication, Accessing and Analyzing Information, and Curiosity and Imagination. I will be sharing more on how we incorporate these skills throughout the year. When it's our teacher's turn at Curriculum Night, they share all of the important information about their class while they impress you with their goals for the year. I have no doubt we will be sharing even more impressive results this time next year!!

Let's see if we can hit 100% parent participation on Thursday, August 27 with 2nd and 3rd grade parents and on Thursday, September 3rd with kindergarten and 1st grade parents.

Happy Learning,
Michelle

CALENDAR UPDATES

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

Thursday, August 28th - Lit Blitz, 3:15-4:00pm

Reader's Rally, 3:00-3:45pm

2/3 Focus Meeting, 5:45pm

2/3 Curriculum Night, 6:30pm

Monday, August 31st - Odyssey of the Mind Parent Meeting, 5:00pm

Wednesday, September 2nd - Book Fair Begins!

Chick-Fil-A Night, 5-8pm

Thursday, September 3rd - Student Council, 7:30am

Chorus, 7:30am

Reader's Rally, 3:00-3:45pm

K/1 Curriculum Night, 6:30pm

News You Can Use

PUCKETT'S MILL DRESS CODE - from the Student Handbook

The appearance of a student is primarily the responsibility of the student and the parents. We expect students to maintain an appearance that is not distracting to teachers or other students or in any way disrupts the instructional program of the school. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately, suitable to weather conditions, and in good taste. Students are expected to dress in a manner appropriate for school. When a student's appearance is felt to be detrimental to the learning environment and is in violation of any of the stated rules, he/she will be asked to change into clothing kept in the clinic or call his/her parents to bring something more acceptable.

1. Shoes are to be worn at all times. Rubber flip-flops, high heels, and shoes with wheels are not appropriate at school.
2. No bare midriffs for grades K-5. Thin straps or tank tops for grades 3-5 cannot be worn without another shirt over/under. No underwear should be visible.
3. No clothing with offensive language, pictures, or alcohol/drug advertisements will be permitted.
4. Hats, sunglasses, etc. are not to be worn except on special days or unless medically needed. Rolling book bags are not permitted due to size and storage space needed.
5. Shorts and skirts are of appropriate length when fingertips touch the hem.
6. Only athletic type shoes and appropriate clothing is to be worn to PE. Students who come unprepared cannot participate and their grade will be affected.
7. Extreme hair styles-colors, Mohawks and chains on clothing are not permitted.

PTA SPIRIT WEAR

Orders will be taken before and after each Curriculum Night starting at 6:00 and ending at 8:30 p.m. We'll see you on: August 27th (Grades 2,3) September 3rd (Grades K,1) Orders will also be taken on September 11th at our Welcome Back Picnic/Dance. Get your orders in early to guarantee delivery for the holidays!

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Last year's Welcome Back Picnic was a BLAST! Be sure you don't miss the fun this year. This is a great evening to socialize with old friends as you meet new families of students that are in your child's class. It is also a lot of fun watching our staff attempt the latest line dance!! We'll see you there! [ATTACHMENT](#)

YEARBOOKS

There are only 4 weeks left to receive Registration Day pricing promotion. Order your yearbook by **SEPTEMBER 18th** and receive **BIG** savings! The yearbook is geared towards all our students (K thru 5th grade) so don't miss out on this wonderful keepsake for your child. Yearbooks can be ordered on-line at www.myyear.com or via the attached order form. If you do not wish to order a yearbook for your child, please fill out the attached order form and indicate such so to eliminate any future reminder notifications. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Dobbs at (678) 546-6704 or Wendy Mumme at (770) 904-0442. [ATTACHMENT](#)

LIT BLITZ

What an incredible turn out!!! We have 65 second and third graders involved in our after school Lit Blitz program. It is wonderful to see so many students excited about books!!! Because of this incredible response, we need some help. If you can assist on Lit Blitz clubs dates (every other Thursday, 3:15-4:00), please contact Kay De Steinhour.

CHESS CLUB

The Puckett's Mill Chess Club would like to congratulate all of last year's participants, including our Champions; Marcus Eiken and Alex Jonczyk! Chess Club is scheduled to begin meetings on **Wednesdays starting in September** so don't miss your chance to sign up for another great year. For details about the program, please call us at 770-575-5802 or check out www.kidchess.com

SPARKY'S NIGHT OUT

Check out the details about our new spirit night, Sparky's Night Out! [ATTACHMENT](#)