

Lion's Den Newsletter

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Principal's Message

As a parent of 4 children I knew that their academic success was affected by many factors. Achievement in what they were doing outside the classroom was just as influential as what happened inside the classroom. My boys were all involved in Cub Scouts, my daughter in Girls Scouts. When it comes to achievement, activities outside the classroom can be just as influential as what happens inside the classroom.

Following are five important areas to emphasize to ensure the success of your children:

- ⇒ Establish a daily routine by providing a quiet time and place for your children to study. Be firm about bedtime so your child is well-rested and alert in the classroom. Having dinner together as a family is also important because it gives you an opportunity to talk about your children's daily school activities, projects, and expectations. Encourage communications through conversation and questioning.
- ⇒ Monitor your children's extracurricular activities closely. Whenever possible, arrange specific after-school activities or supervised care, monitor television programs, and install computer software to block inappropriate websites. Be mindful of video game content. If you can't be home right after school, call or email frequently to check in with your children, or have a trusted neighbor stop by.
- ⇒ Reading books, magazines, and newspapers and talking about what is learned from them is another important aspect to pursue at home. Discussing current events or the day's activities is a good habit to develop. Tell stories and share problems with one another. These types of communication bring families closer together.
- ⇒ Stay in touch with teachers and express sincere interest in your children's progress at school. Work together with your children's teacher to set goals and to recognize and promote special talents. Compliment your children and share school success stories with family and friends.
- ⇒ Be a positive role model. Demonstrate ways that achievement relates to hard work and dedication. Discuss the value of a good education to possible career options, and explore ways your children can turn their true interests into satisfying career possibilities.

March Events:

3-9 ELAC meeting —2:15 p.m.
3-11 Principal's Coffee on Math 8:00 a.m.
3-12 Evening Play Performances 6:30 p.m.
3-13 Evening Play Performances 7:00 p.m.
3-16 SSC—2:15 p.m.
3-17 Gate Night 6:30 p.m.
3-19 Panoramic Picture—6th Grade

April Events:

4 - 2 HSC meeting 8:00 a.m.
4 - 3 through 4 -10 Spring Break
4 -16 Spring Photo Day
4 -17 3rd Grade Star Party after sunset
4 -20 ELAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.
4 -27 SSC— 2:15 p.m.