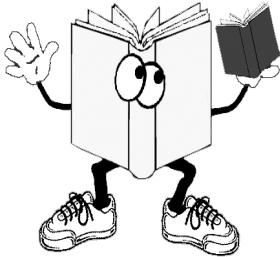




Lamar Elementary PTO

Janet Mobley, Principal

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It's Book Fair Time Again! Book Fair January 31 – February 4

This year, the theme is "Book Fair Carnival - Your Ticket to Read". Each class will have a designated time to preview and purchase books during the day. Family night will be Thursday, February 3rd from 5:00-7:00 PM. More information will be sent home with your child this month.

Gearing Up For Cold Weather School Closing and Delayed Opening Information

While students are better served by being in school - which empowers them to learn, create, contribute, and grow - our top priority is always their safety. The below questions and answers seek to provide you with some clarity with regard to keeping our schools open or closing them during inclement weather.



How do we make our decision?

- Information on road conditions from district and police personnel.
- The amount of snow and ice accumulated.
- Whether precipitation is continuing and weather predictions.
- Building conditions (for example whether we have electricity or heat).
- Temperature and wind chill.

Who makes the decision?

The Superintendent is responsible for making the final decisions based upon the above factors and recommendations from key district personnel and local officials.

How is the public notified that schools are delayed/closed/dismitted early?

Notification is provided as soon as the decision to delay or close schools is decided in the following manners:

- You will receive an automated alert message via phone and/or e-mail.
- Information is broadcast on the following radio and television stations:

TELEVISION

KXII Channel 12
KTEN Channel 10

RADIO

KLAK 97.5
KMKT 93.1

The safety of our students – your children – is our number one priority and will be the number one factor when deciding whether to keep schools open or to close them during inclement weather.



PTO On the Web

<http://lamarpto.weebly.com>

You can find our PTO Newsletter online at our new website. Be sure to check out our new blog, fundraiser information and contact form.

While you are there, *sign up* to receive an email update when there are new topics on the blog!



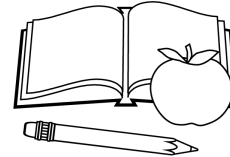
AR BookFinder is a program designed to allow parents and students to look up books and tests from any computer, anywhere, anytime! You can look up books at the public library, books you already have at home or books you plan to purchase. Just follow the instructions listed below and enjoy the convenience of AR BookFinder.

[Go to http://www.arbookfind.com/](http://www.arbookfind.com/) or visit the PTO Website Blog for more information.

Upcoming Events

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
3 Back To School	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14 Teacher Work Day
17 Staff Development	18 School Board 6:30 PM	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31 Book Fair Begins				

Develop Educational Habits Outside of School



Parents provide a strong influence and help children make choices on how to spend out-of-school time. Think about productive and beneficial ways your child can spend his time, and develop habits within your household that provide intellectual stimulation.

Integrate some of these healthy habits into your regular routine:

1. **Make reading an integral part of your home life.** Read aloud to your children or set aside quiet time each day in which your family can sit together and read silently. Instead of flipping on the television, turn to books during downtime.
2. **Use your daily time with your children wisely.** When you are in the car or walking to the school bus, talk to your kids about what they are learning in school, or prompt a conversation about a topic that they find interesting and intriguing.
3. **Know what interests your children,** and encourage them to explore those subjects. Know what your child likes, and orient him toward the activities he enjoys, so that as he progresses his interests will build.
4. **Provide a quiet and comfortable learning environment for your children.** The discord of raising kids, preparing meals, tending to scrapes, and cleaning spills can make any home environment pretty chaotic. Try to find some space where your children can do homework, read, study, or think in comfort and without distraction. If this is impossible, then become a regular at your local library or community center, and teach your children to use community spaces to be productive.
5. **Keep a positive attitude about school.** Never refer to school as a drag, or make it seem like attending class is a chore. Keep your kids excited about learning, and eager to share their daily discoveries.