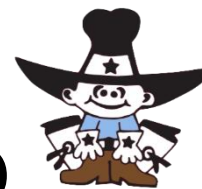


Wrangler Round-Up



Ranch Heights Elementary

Third Quarter Issue 2017-2018

Winter at the Ranch

PTO Family Skate Night, Family Test Prep Night, Valentine's Day and the Long Haul

Mrs. Myers

Principal - Ranch Heights Elementary

This is the time of year, the third quarter, which can seem to be so very long! There aren't many days off, the weather is cold and dreary, and the monotony of every day peaks and holds. I have a different idea of what this time of year holds: uninterrupted learning and focused instruction. For me, this time of year is priceless! The interim between the fractured fall schedule and the spilling-over-busy spring schedule is the waste-no-time winter schedule. It is now that our students will be able to absorb and retain a vast amount of knowledge. Make sure they're here each school day – we have no time like the present!

However, we can't have a long winter quarter without reprieve. There isn't any school on MLK Day, January 15th. The PTO Family Skate Night will be held at the end of January. This is one of our most fun days of the year – don't miss it! Testing is just a few months away, so the beginning of February will hold a 3rd-5th Family Test Prep Night. February will bring us lots of fun and love on the 14th with class parties!

It's tempting to stay home and cuddle on extra cold days, so that brings me to a very important new bit of information I want to share with you all. Please continue reading...

What is Chronic Absenteeism?

Chronic Absenteeism is a new buzz phrase you will be hearing in regards to the new school report card given out each year by the State Department of Education.

There is a lot of research that shows students who miss an exorbitant amount of school days do poorly academically. Eighteen days or more is considered excessive.

The state department has determined that there will be a consequence to schools with chronic student absenteeism: **For each student that misses 18 days or more each school year there will be a "ding" or a count against our school's report card.**

Please make sure your child is at school each day.

The B.E.S.T. in all the West!

We continue our focus on this year's school wide theme which comes from a line in our school song. It's as true as it can be. Our theme: "The B.E.S.T. in all the West!" has great meaning and purpose. Last quarter we focused on the Great Eight, our Great Expectations. This quarter we will focus on the "S" for SERVICE.

Sometime during the third quarter each class or grade level will be doing an act of service for someone or for an organization in our community. Our school is so very blessed with the service toward us that we want to show that we, too, are willing to serve those in our community. This will be a special time in our school – we invite you to join us!

B – Belong (We want EVERY single student to feel, know and believe they are a part of something special at our school.)

E – Eight Expectations (We are a model GE school! We are going to focus on practicing our expectations.)

S – Service (We want to show that we can do for others – this will be an amazing third quarter!)

T – Team (We must work together, cheer each other on and support one another that last school quarter!)

Remind App

Parents, there is much information and many reminders that go home through the Remind announcements.

Please text @Ranchheig to 81010 to sign up.

Third Quarter and Upcoming Dates

Back To School!

Wednesday, January 3rd

Report Cards Mailed

Friday, January 12th

No School – MLK Day

Monday, January 15th

PTO Family Skate Night

Saturday, January 27th

3:30 – 7:30

\$5/Family to Enter

\$5/Wristband to Skate

Lots of FUN!!

3rd-5th Family Test Prep Night

Thursday, February 1st

6:00-7:30

Valentine's Day Parties

Wednesday, February 14th

District Wide Science Fair

February 23rd

End of 3rd Nine Weeks

Friday, March 9th

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday PM and Friday AM

March 15th and 16th

No School - P/T Teacher Conference

Friday, March 16th

No School - Spring Break

March 19th – 23rd

No School - Good Friday

Friday, March 30th

Guidance News

Included in the Bartlesville Public Schools guidance curriculum are developmentally appropriate lessons on personal safety to help students learn about strangers and appropriate/inappropriate touches. These lessons are intended to complement and reinforce the instruction students receive from their parents at home. Parents are welcome to preview the curriculum at school and/or attend the lesson with their child's class. These lessons will be presented during classroom guidance February 12th-23rd. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact Rhonda Willcox, Ranch Heights Counselor.

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook orders can be made online at:

www.Jostensyearbooks.com

No cash orders this year.

Monthly Calendars/Menus

Monthly Calendars are sent home via an attachment on a Remind Announcement. Hard copies are available in the office. You may also visit our school website to view/download a copy. Menus are available on the school website as well: www.bps-ok.org/ranchheights

School Start/End Times

School begins each day at 8:45 a.m.

School doors open at 8:25 a.m.

Breakfast begins at 8:15 a.m.

The final bell rings at 3:40 p.m.

Snow Days/Increment Weather

If we are not having school due to increment weather you will be notified by the district wide School Messenger through an automated phone call, a REMIND notification from myself, and by watching the local television stations.