



Mustang Messenger

March 2017

Milam Elementary

Important Dates In March

- March 2: Dr. Seuss Day (Kinder)
- March 4: Mustang Academy
(8:00 - 12:00)
- March 7: Spring Pictures
- March 7: Pre-K Family Night
- March 9: Kinder Graduation Pictures
- March 13 - 17: Spring Break
- March 28: Writing STAAR Test
- March 28: Report Cards Go Home

**Today you are you,
that is truer than
true. There is no
one alive who is
you-er than you.
-Dr. Seuss**

Principal – Gilberto Lozano

Please join me in celebrating two wonderful educators at our school.

I am honored to announce the Milam Elementary 2016 - 2017 Teacher of the Year, **Mrs. Maricela Alexander**, 4th grade teacher, has been elected by her peers to receive this prestigious and well-deserved award.

I am also delighted to announce that **Ms. Shawna Prebish**, school librarian, has been elected by the staff as our 2016 - 2017 Humanitarian of the Year.

Both of these fine educators demonstrate advocacy for students and are life-long learners themselves. Congratulations to these honorees, and thank you for your dedication to our students and our school!

Counselor - Maureen Nelson

AFTER SCHOOL QUESTIONS: Asking "How was school today?" might not get you far. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your youngster's day:

- "What's the coolest thing that happened? What wasn't so cool?"
- "Pretend you're the teacher. How would you describe the day?"
- "What made you laugh?"
- "What was the most creative thing you did?"
- "How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?"

Nurse - Brandi Sandefer

Did you know a 20oz can of coke contains 240 calories and 65 grams of sugar? That's about 17 teaspoons of sugar in 1 drink! Try switching 1 can of coke a day for a non-sugary drink such as water, milk, or unsweet tea. This will cut over 1,000 calories from your diet for the week and it's an easy way to start developing healthier habits!



Specials

- Thanks to the First Tee Golf Program all grade levels will be learning how to play Golf this month. We look forward to learning this new sport. Please continue to wear tennis shoes to PE everyday!
- March is Youth Art Month! Artwork from all C.I.S.D. schools will be displayed in the county libraries for the entire month of March. To celebrate, take some time to create a masterpiece of your own with your family!
- The Milam 4th grade students are preparing for their 4th Grade Program "Children of the World", which will be Tuesday, April 4 at 2:15 pm, Thursday, April 6 at 2:15 pm and Thursday April 6 at 6:00 pm. Please make sure all 4th graders have black pants/skirts and a white shirt for their performances! Thank you! This month, 3rd graders will continue learning to play the recorder. Instrument preview and placement for Grangerland Intermediate will be in the next few months, so look for those papers!

Kindergarten

Spring is in the air! The students in Kindergarten are now blossoming into first graders, but our work is not over yet. Here are some of the things we are studying this month in Kindergarten. We will continue learning about the measurement of objects including length, capacity, and weight. Remember to keep practicing simple addition, subtraction, and counting to one hundred at home. We will study the elements of a story in fairy tales and practice retelling the events. We are learning about plants including seeds, basic needs, parts of plants, and plant life cycles. Your child will be able to identify the characteristics of places such as landforms, bodies of water, natural resources, and weather. As you can see, a lot of growth will be happening this Spring! Don't forget, C.I.S.D. Spring Break is March 13-17th. Thank you for everything you do!

1st Grade

March is here! First graders are making lots of progress but we have to keep working hard. We are learning about fables, folktales, and fairy tales during our read aloud time and poetry is coming up next. We are finishing up with "All About" books and then we will be doing poetry in writing as well. In science, we will be learning about living and nonliving things and interdependence. In social studies, we will be learning about Texas and then landforms and bodies of water. Please continue to have your child read to you for 20 minutes every night.

2nd Grade

Happy Spring! March brings us beautiful Spring weather. The days are getting longer! Let's spend more time outside. Set up a table for kids to do homework and reading time outside and away from the video games. This month in Math we are stepping up our word problems to include two steps. Students are also expected to create their own questions on graphs. You can help at home by talking to your student about things: driving down the road, working in the kitchen, being in a store or restaurant, you can help them by having conversations and asking questions that make them think. Let's make it a great month of learning at home!

3rd Grade

We are so proud of how hard our third graders have been working all year. We are continuing to gear up for STAAR and after Spring Break will be reviewing daily for the test that will be taken in May. Please continue to read with your child for at least 20 minutes a day as well as help them practice their multiplication math facts. In math, we are starting geometry and in reading, we will be studying procedural text followed by poetry. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child be a successful student!

4th Grade

Our marvelous 4th graders will be taking the STAAR Writing test on Tuesday, March 28! They have been preparing for this all year and are ready to show what they know! Help your child be successful by making sure that they get a good night's sleep the night before the test and eat a healthy breakfast the morning of the test. Please encourage your child to give their best effort. Sometimes an encouraging word from mom or dad is all it takes for a child to do their best in school. Our students have worked hard, and they will do a great job on test day. Thank you for your support in getting their day off to a positive start.