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Tiger Times

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Home of the Tigers

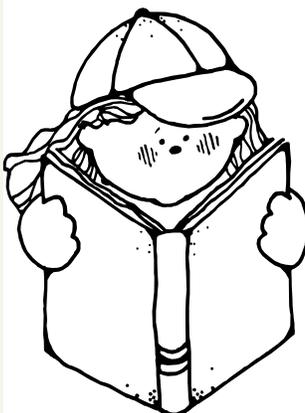
Calendar for June

- Tuesday, June 6th**
5th Grade Beach Party
- Wednesday, June 7th**
 - K—2 Play Day
 - Turn in soup labels
 - Family Fun Night
- Thursday, June 8th**
 - Middle School Orientation @ 9am
 - 6th Grade Orientation Night at all Middle Schools @ 6:30 pm
- Friday, June 9th**
DARE Graduation @ 9:30 am
- Monday, June 12th**
Track & Field Day Grades 3-5
- Tuesday, June 13th**
Awards Assembly @ 9 am
- Wednesday, June 14th**
Full day of school: 8:40 am—3:17 pm
 - Talent Show @ 9:30 am
- 5th Grade Kickball Game @ 2:00 pm
- Thursday, June 15th**
PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm

First Day of School Next Year
Tuesday, August 29th
Spring Break Next Year
April 2nd—6th

Success Next Fall

Did you know that many students lose three to four months of reading skills during the summer? Make sure this doesn't happen to your child this summer by pledging to:



*read with
your
child at
least
20
minutes
each day.*



Spirit Week!

- Monday, June 5th: Camo Day
- Tuesday, June 6th: School Colors Day
- Wednesday, June 7th: Sports Day
- Thursday, June 8th: Crazy Hair Day
- Friday, June 9th: Crazy Socks Day

Planning ahead? The 2017—2018 KSD School Calendar is available on the district website: www.ksd.org.



Thank you to everyone for supporting our newest fundraising activities. Bingo night was a huge success! We served over 300 people and raised more than \$500. We hope everyone had fun. Also our Panda Express fundraiser made close to \$400 thanks to Mrs. VanPelt and the 5th grade classes. If you have any ideas for future activities or comments on past activities, please join us at our next PTO meeting June 15th at 6:30 pm. You can also leave your contact info with the office and we will contact you.

We would like to say thank you to everyone who has volunteered to work or donated an item to Family Fun Night carnival. The carnival is almost here! Join us on Wednesday, June 7th, from 4:30—7 pm for a night of family fun. The carnival will include many games, prizes and treats for a small fee. The games are all-you-can-play for \$5, the raffle tickets are \$.50 each and the food vendors range from \$1 and up. Vendors will offer tacos, hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, snow cones and more *but will require cash payment*. Purchase your game bracelets and raffle tickets early to avoid the line at the event. They will be available for purchase Friday, May 26th, and Friday, June 2nd, between 11:30 am – 12:30 pm. Watch for the community sponsors on our reader board and send a thank you their way!

One final reminder to turn in your Box Tops and Labels for Education by June 9th to earn a party for your classroom. We will be drawing the last two winners for bikes on June 13th, so make sure you complete your bikes for books tickets and get them turned in to the box!!

Have a fun and safe summer!



Summer Reading

Mid Columbia Library's Summer Reading Challenge 2017 is "Build a Better World" Children and adults are encouraged to register online or at their local library and get ready to read, explore, and create. The challenge runs from June 1st through August 19th. Children who finish the Challenge receive a book; adults get a book bag while supplies last. All finishers will be entered to win one of five grand prize packages, sponsored by Friends of Mid-Columbia Libraries.

You can either register online at www.midcolumbialibraries.org/events/summer-reading-challenge-2017 or visit your local library to get started.



Need more ideas for summer fun?

Check out these websites for other local activities geared toward kids:

Kennewick Parks and Rec

www.go2kennewick.com/420/Parks-Recreation

Tri Cities Family Fun

www.tricitiesfamilyfun.wixsite.com/familyfunwa

Tri Cities Kids Directory

www.tricitieskidsdirectory.com/ThingsToDo

HAAP Awards

Fifty-six Washington Elementary students received certificates in the 26th annual Hispanic Academic Achievers Program. Students are honored for maintaining grade-point averages above 3.0. Congratulations to:

Fourth Graders

Angel Alonzo-Sandoval	Daniel Chavez De Leon
David Delgado Davila	Jasmine Flores
Erin Gomez	Cesar Gomez-Mendoza
Heidi Gonzalez Gonzalez	Rafael Gutierrez
Jahir Gonzalez Montelongo	Ignacio Guzman
Prisila Guendulain Gomez	Vanessa Leon
Genesis Habana Corcueva	Jaron Lizama
Jocelyn Lopez	Jade Mojica
Landon Parker	Diliah Pichardo
Elliot Puentes	Johnny Ruiz De Eguino
Angelina Torres	Maryjane Torres
Kahleya Urena	Christian Valdivia Jr.
Diego Velasquez Velasquez	Malaysia Wise

Fifth Graders

Leylyani Abarca	Emily Castro
Clida Bleichner Ramos	Adrian Cervantes
Salvador Cervantes	Angelia Cesareo
Oscar Chavez-Diaz	Karely Cuevas
Alexia Flores Munoz	Genesis Gomez
Nakiayla Gonzalez-Washington	
Israel Hernandez	Salvador Juarez Jr.
Alondra Mancia	Esteban Mata Jr.
Gael Maturino	Arturo Mora
Mia Moreno	Sonni Munoz
Alicia Negrete Torres	Elicia Olivera
Alexa Ortuno	Aaron Reyes
Lanaya Rios	Sandra Rodriguez
Victoria Rodriguez	Galilea Rubio
Luis Sotelo	Sergio Valdez
Devon Valdivia	

CONGRATULATIONS!

Helpful Tips For a Safe Spring, Summer and All Year Long...

With warmer weather comes more outside time. Please remember the importance of sunscreen. Use a SPF of 15 – 30 or higher and reapply every 2 hours or after being in water. Limit exposure to sun especially during peak hours of 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Wear a helmet with any wheeled activity such as bike, scooter, skateboard.... Use a life jacket while boating or in the river or lake water. Keep an extra eye on your children while swimming, at picnics, or BBQs.

Before returning to school on August 29th, please make sure your child's immunization records are up to date. This is especially true for incoming Kindergarteners and 6th graders. If your child takes medications at school you will need a new Medication at School form filled out and signed by your child's doctor. If your child has a Life-Threatening illness, make sure your child's paperwork is filled out by the doctor and returned before the first day of school. Students with Life-Threatening conditions are **not allowed** at school without appropriate paperwork signed by a licensed practitioner and rescue medication, if needed.

Summer is a good time to have dental check-ups and cleanings as well as eye exams.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer break.

Tamara Vasquez, RN



Everyday Reading Opportunities

Finding time to read is an important part of developing literacy skills for all kids. And there are many easy and convenient ways to make reading a part of each day—even when it's tough to find time to sit down with a book.

Finding the Reading Moments

Car trips, errands, and waits in checkout lines and the doctor's office are all opportunities for reading. Keep books or magazines in your car, diaper bag, or backpack to pull out whenever you're going to be in one place for a while. Even if you can't finish a book, read a few pages or discuss some of the pictures.

Encourage older kids to bring favorite books and magazines along wherever you go. While it's tempting to provide electronic games and readers, be sure to alternate electronic media with plenty of opportunities to read traditional print books.

Other reading moments to take advantage of throughout the day:

- In the morning before breakfast or getting dressed
- After dinner, when kids are relaxed
- Bath time (with plastic, waterproof books)
- Bedtime

Reading opportunities are everywhere you go. While riding in the car, for example, encourage kids to spot words and letters (on billboards, store signs, etc.), turning it into a game ("Who'll be the first to find a letter B?"). While shopping, ask your preschooler to "read" pictures on boxes and tell you about them. Point out the difference between the words and the pictures on the boxes. Encourage older kids to tell you what's on the shopping list.

Even daily tasks like cooking can provide reading moments. You can read recipes aloud to younger kids and older kids can assist you as you cook by telling you how much flour to measure. Give your child a catalog to read while you sort

through the mail. Ask relatives to send your children letters, e-mail, or text messages, and read them together. Help your child create letters or messages to send back to the relatives. These types of activities help kids see the purpose of reading and of print.

Even when you're trying to get things done, you can encourage reading. While cleaning, for instance, you might ask your child to read a favorite book to you while you work. Younger kids can talk to you about the pictures in their favorite books.

Make sure kids get some time to spend quietly with books, even if it means cutting back on other activities, like watching TV or playing video games.

Most important, be a reader yourself. Kids who see their parents reading are likely to imitate them and become readers, too!

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