

# The Zwink Link

High Expectations...High Support!

## First Nine Weeks News

### Important Upcoming Dates:

#### **October**

- 21 Dazzle Day: Report cards go home
- 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- 24-28 Book Fair
- 24 Spirit Night at Chick Fil-A
- 27 Prime Time Fall Festival, 5:45- 7:30 p.m.
  - 3rd grade musical, 5:45-6:20
  - Festival events begin at 6:30

#### **November**

- 3 Cookie Dough Delivery, 3:30-6:00p.m.
- 8 Parent Conference Day
- 11 Veteran's Day Program, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- 11 Kendra Scott Spirit Night
- 16 Watchdog Spirit Night, Taco Crave
- 21-15 Thanksgiving Break, no school

### Nurtured Heart Approach at Zwink

The Nurtured Heart Approach is a way of seeking out and acknowledging what's going right with our students! Instead of focusing our attention, words, and energy on negative behaviors, we intentionally pour our time and efforts into looking for and recognizing successes, even by pointing out what rules have NOT been broken! By being absolutely clear and consistent regarding our expectations, as well being relentless in channeling all of our energy towards the positive behaviors we see, we create an atmosphere and school climate where the greatness of each student is recognized and can grow.

### Zebras Celebrated Friendship Week!

During the month of September, our dazzling Zwink Zebras celebrated Friendship Week as a kickoff to our No Place for Hate initiative this school year. Friendship Week incorporated various activities to promote respect, tolerance and cooperation. Our anchor activity for the week was "Wrinkle On My Heart" in which all students learned about the impact that words can have on someone. Each class brainstormed ways to promote kindness in the classroom, at lunch, and all over the school. It was a great week to celebrate friendship!

### Fall Attendance Challenge!

Attendance plays a major role in ensuring that your child achieves educational excellence. It is our hope and desire that your child gets the most of their educational experience. By attending school every day, each child is a step closer to obtaining that goal! We understand that extenuating circumstances or illness are inevitable and ask that upon your child's return to school, you promptly send in a medical note or parent notification. In order to document the excused absence, we must receive a note within 5 days from the child's return to school.

Students who are present every day from October 21 through November 17 are eligible to win lunch with Zoey the Zebra on the stage. We will hold the drawing on November 18 and announce the winners!

### Zwink Parent Core Values Spotlight: Intentional Loyalty

*We will protect the unity of our campus as we model personal integrity.*

*We will value one another, protect reputations, honor commitments, and destroy gossip.*

This month, we're leveling up Intentional Loyalty. This core value is about choosing to keep our school culture positive by protecting the unity of the Zwink community. Intentional Loyalty means: we celebrate and focus on what we see going well; we don't gossip about people or problems but rather we work together to find solutions; if a problem arises, we go directly to the person involved to work through things together; we do what we say we are going to do; and we consistently model the behaviors we want our children to imitate. Thanks for showing your Intentional Loyalty in all you do and say! We are so thankful for our dazzling parents at Zwink Elementary!