

The Zwink Link

High Expectations...High Support!

Third Nine Weeks 2016

Celebrate More “Dazzling” Good News at Zwink!

Zwink Elementary continues to be recognized and celebrated for our **success in educational excellence!** Join us in celebrating a few of our outstanding Zebras:

-Students from Zwink Elementary recently competed in the Noetic Learning Math Contest, a national elementary math problem solving contest held twice a year. **Several Zwink students also received the National Honorable Mention title awarded to the top mathletes.** Congratulations to the following Zwink Zebra mathematicians: Justin Rasmussen, Tre Jones, Trenton Wessel, Ren Magdaleno, Jared Rasmussen, Granger Teer, Thi Vho, Tyler Chadwick, Peyton Cobb, Muneeba Ehtesham, Austin Haynes, Alexa Phuong, Devyn Noerager, Keegan King, Jameson Hillis, Jordan Penn, Judge Jensen, Samantha Langford, and Xan Roberts.

-Congratulations to Medha Fotedar, our Zwink Spelling Bee Champion, and our Runners-Up, Brooklyn Barger and Julie Nguyen! Medha will represent Zwink at the district spelling bee on February 10th! Good luck, Medha! We know you'll dazzle them!

-Congratulations to Zwink 5th grader, **Wendy Martinez**, who's artwork was selected based on creativity, color, and the depiction of our school by the PBK Architecture Calendar Competition! Her artwork is displayed at the Klein Instructional Center and is published in the PBK 2016 calendar. Way to go Wendy!

New Year, Same Procedures! ☺

Just a friendly reminder as we start 2016 of a few of our same ole' procedures. **Please call the front office directly at 832-375-7800 for early dismissals by 2:30 p.m. and for change of transportation by 2:00 p.m.** Please *do not* leave a voicemail or email your child's teacher or the front office, as these may not be checked before the end of the school day. Our team is busy serving our zebras. Also, all vehicles picking up children in the car rider line must have an **official Zwink car rider tag** in order for us to load the child into the car. If you need a new or an additional tag, please contact the front office directly and we'll be happy to help.

Mark Your Calendars— Important Zwink Dates! ☺

January

- 18 Student Holiday
- 21 5th grade Orientation at Schindewolf and Hildebrandt
- 28 Prime Time: Online, 6-7:30 p.m.

February

- 8-12 Paint the Community with Peace Week
- 12 Valentine's Day parties, 2:00 p.m.
- 18 Spring Open House, 6-7:30 p.m. Let your zebra dazzle you! ☺**
- 29 Boosterthon Kick-Off!

March

- 11 Boosterthon Fun Run
- 14-18 Spring Break

TEA Releases School Report Card

Zwink's school report card for the 2014-15 school year is now available on our website. If you would like to request a paper copy, please contact the front office.

Prime Time ONLINE! Thursday, January 28, 6-7:30 p.m.

Don't miss our next Prime Time on Thursday, January 28th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.! We will focus on all things digital! Find out about all the awesome technology tools our students are using such as Google, coding, blogging, virtual field trips, eBooks and more. We will be giving away some awesome digital door prizes. You don't want to miss this event as you will leave with lots of information about tools you can use at home. We hope to see you at Prime Time Online!

Attendance Challenge!

Our third attendance challenge is underway, and we want EVERY student to be here EVERY day! The challenge runs from January 11th to February 9th. Each student who has PERFECT ATTENDANCE during that time will have their name included in a drawing. Five students will win a \$20 gift certificate to our February Book Fair. We also have a CLASSROOM challenge. Every class who has at least 98% attendance during the challenge will have their teachers' name put in a drawing to win \$75 in books for their classroom!

Zwink Parent Core Values Spotlight: Educational Excellence

We will encourage and support our children in their educational responsibilities.

We will model integrity and honesty as we raise them to be honorable, knowledgeable citizens.

As we return from winter break, Zebras are preparing for the New Year by setting goals. As your child's first and most influential teachers, you can "encourage and support" your children in reaching their goals by collaborating with them and the educators of Zwink. First, show that you value their goals and their education by asking about their goals and how they plan to achieve them. Next, you can support them in reaching their goals by providing a home environment that fosters the achievement of those goals. For example, if the goal is to complete homework each night, you might provide time and a quiet place where work can be done, ask to see homework when it is completed to encourage quality work, and encourage organization to help the work return to school the following day. If their goal is to make more friends, you might help them learn and practice friendship skills. Finally, you can encourage your Zebra by recognizing their successes in "accepting responsibility and doing my best in all that I do" at school and at home.