

The Zwink Link

High Expectations...High Support!

October 2014 News

Collaborative Community Provides Zebras with a Track!



Thanks to the generosity of our amazing **collaborative community**, our zebras and community members now have a fabulous track to use every day! Generous donations from our *amazing* PTO, Campus Kids, and other “Friends of Zwink” purchased this amenity for our campus. At our ribbon cutting ceremony during our fantastic Family Fun Night hosted by PTO, our zebras showed their speed and enthusiasm for running! Students will use the track during PE, and the track is also open to all Zwink community members outside of school hours. Just another example of why our school is dazzling!

Parent-Teacher Conference Day Monday, 10/13!

In order to fulfill our core value of *educational excellence* it takes a *collaborative community* working together for the good of our zebras. To that end, we look forward to visiting with you on Parent Conference Day. There is no school for students on Monday 10/13, but you are welcome to bring your zebra with you to your scheduled appointment, although it is not required. If you do bring your child with you to the conference, please have something for him/her to work on quietly until he/she is invited to join the conference. We look forward to celebrating your child’s strengths with you, as we nurture student growth and success!

Mark Your Calendars...Important October Zwink Dates

7 th	Box Top Bowl Winner Outdoor Lunch
8 th	Cookie Dough Fundraiser Ends
13 th	Parent-Teacher Conference Day
16 th	Spirit Night at McDonalds, 5-8 p.m.
23 rd	Donuts for Dads, 6:45-7:45 a.m.
23 rd -30 th	Zwink Book Fair and Lunch with a Loved One
27 th -31 st	Red Ribbon Week—Fun Dress-up Days All Week!
24 th	End of 1 st Nine Weeks Grading Period
30 th	<i>Prime Time</i> : 2 nd grade Musical Performance, A Night of Nature! 6:00-7:30 p.m.
31 st	Dazzle Day: Reports cards go home, Wear crazy hats!

We’re Dazzling! Zwink Elementary Receives State Distinctions, Ranks #2!

Let’s celebrate! In the accountability system created by the Texas Education Agency, every school in Texas is ranked and evaluated by comparison to 40 other comparable schools across the state of Texas. For two years in a row, we are thrilled we have ranked #2! Additionally, Zwink has received distinctions for performance in Math, Science, Closing the Achievement Gap, and Student Progress. Locally, our fifth graders were the top performing elementary students of all elementary schools in our KISD middle school feeder patterns! We are so proud of the outstanding work being done by the Zwink team—our fabulous zebra students, staff, and families! When we all work together to ensure *high expectations and high support for every student, every day* great things happen!

There’s Always Something Going Right-Celebrate It!

Have you seen a Zwink student, staff member, volunteer, or parent doing something outstanding? If so, please let us know! You can drop a quick note in the glass jar on the counter in the front office or report good news by clicking “Drop Us A Dazzle” on our campus webpage. Thanks for being part of our positive school culture!

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.

Did you know that before Zwink Elementary ever even opened its doors to students, our Zwink Parent Leadership Team and PTO were working to ensure a fabulous school for our zebras? In fact, in July 2012, this amazing team of parents led by current PTO President Jennifer Rasmussen wrote our parent version of our Zwink Core Values. Each month this year as a parent community we’ll focus on a different core value and celebrate our important partnership in ensuring all Zwink Zebras receive an outstanding education and school experience.

This month, we’re focusing on **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 amazing parents at Zwink Elementary!

All of this information and more can be found on our website at www.kleinisd.net Click “campuses” and then “Zwink.”

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