



THE COUGAR CONNECTION

SEPTEMBER
2019

From The Principal's Desk

Dear Family Members,

It is hard to believe my first year as principal passed by so quickly, but another great year is underway. If you are new to Seventh Ward, welcome to the family! We sincerely hope that you find our school to be a wonderful place for your student to grow and learn. If you have not already done so please return all school forms this week, pay school fees, and review the student handbook. You should also checkout our website at- www.seventhwardelem.com, like our Facebook page, and follow us on Twitter.

We always welcome parent help. Our "Cougar Contributors" assist our staff in numerous activities and events throughout the year. Please feel free to reach out to your student's teacher and/or call the office to find out more about ways you can be involved (grandparents are also welcome). Thank you to the parents who completed and returned the volunteer form from the student handbook. We will be contacting you as needs arise.

Our school-wide fall fundraiser is underway. We are taking order from a catalog and also for cookie dough. Your fundraising efforts last year helped purchase murals throughout our school, new technology, upgrades to the physical appearance of our school, and many instructional supplies were purchased to help enhance learning here at Seventh Ward. Thank you in advance for your support of our fundraising efforts.

Thank you for helping create a loving and nurturing environment where students can succeed. I am looking forward to a fantastic year with your student. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Laura Dunlap
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"When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts." -Dalai Lama



Upcoming Events

Sept. 2	Labor Day Holiday—No School
Sept. 3	Summer readers pizza party at 1 PM
Sept. 4	Mighty Moms Free Dress Day for a donation
Sept. 6	4-H Meeting 1:45 PM; RSVPs and preapproved check out forms due for Grandparents Day
Sept. 10	Grandparent's Day in the gym
Sept. 12	Interims issued; SADD meeting 2:15 PM; K-2 ice cream sales in cafeteria
Sept. 13	3-5 ice cream sales in cafeteria
Sept. 14	Swim Meet
Sept. 16	All fundraiser order forms and money are DUE
Sept. 19	NASA Field Trip Parent Meeting for 5th grade parents 6PM in library
Sept. 23	Professional development day—no school for students
Sept. 24	Begin pre-ordering smoothies—\$3
Sept. 26	Smoothies delivered; Yearbook picture day
Sept. 27	Cougar Cart (students wear a 7th Ward shirt and uniform bottoms)
Sept. 28	Early voting begins 
Sept. 30	Hearing and vision screening for 1st, 3rd, and 5th
Oct. 4	AR Ends; 4-H meeting; Swim meet

Swim Team has practice every Monday and Wednesday at Greystone at 7 PM



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Counselor's Corner

I am thrilled to serve as the new Seventh Ward Elementary School Counselor! Thus far, I've thoroughly enjoyed meeting all of the wonderful teachers and staff at Seventh Ward, and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you and your children this year.

For September, our character word of the month is RESPECT! I'm excited to talk to your children about the awesome ways that they have and will show respect to others.

Throughout the school year, I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. You can email me (leigh.potts@lpsb.org) or call the office at 225-665-5815. Students are always free to contact me by writing a note and putting it in my mailbox outside my office door.

Let's have a great year!

-Mrs. Potts
School Counselor

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." --Aesop



Club News

4-H CLUB

Welcome to our 2019 - 2020 club year! 4th and 5th graders who have met all requirements are invited to attend the first 4-H meeting which will be held in Mrs. Robertson's room on September 6, 2019. The requirements to attend the first meeting are as follows: make a drug prevention/peer pressure poster, pay dues, and a signed permission slip which should have been turned in by August 30, 2019. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with many fun activities!

Mrs. Robertson & Mrs. Rosie — Sponsors

SCIENCE CLUB

Welcome to a new school year. The Science Club can't wait to send out invitations after the first report card. Here are the Science club credentials to get an invitation. 5th grade - A/B honor roll with an A in Science and no behavior infractions. 4th grade - All A honor roll with no behavior infractions. Keep up the hard work and hopefully you will receive one of our invitations to join our club!

Mrs. Rothman & Mrs. Robertson — Sponsors

BETA CLUB

This year our Beta Club invitations will go home on Sept. 13, 2019. All 5th graders that have either an All A average or A/B average on their interim will receive an invitation to join our club. I look forward to working with this year's Beta members.

Mrs. McElroy & Mrs. Jamie — Sponsors

SADD CLUB

Students Against Destructive Decisions is a club for 4th and 5th graders. SADD's mission is to empower each Cougar to successfully confront the risks and pressures that challenge them throughout their daily lives. Our 1st meeting of the year is September 12th at 2:15 for students who have turned in their signed permission slip and SADD paragraph, as well as paid their \$20 club fee.

Mrs. Potts & Mrs. Dyer — Sponsors

STUDENT COUNCIL

A Student Council provides an opportunity for students to engage in a structured partnership with teachers, parents, and school administrators in the operation of their school. This year selected 4th and 5th grade students will be able to serve on the student council to have a voice in the decision-making process for events like Fun Friday, Cougar Cart, A.R. parties, field day, and much more!

Mrs. Battistella & Mrs. Jackson — Sponsors

From The Library:

OLD BOOK FRIENDS WELCOME YOU BACK!!!

We have many great lessons and fun events planned for this year and are excited that our library classes are still one hour each week!

A special **THANK YOU** to the family of Josie Digirolamo! Her dad, Matt Digirolamo, surprised us this summer with new storytime steps and bookshelves. Our students have been so excited to see this special place in our library restored and better than before. Check out our school facebook page to see pictures of all grades sitting and enjoying their storytime on the steps! **Thank You** again Mr. Digirolamo.....we appreciate all of your hard work!

We would also like to thank the families of John Barnett, Caleb Castleberry, Gia Melito, Tyson Tucker, Ryleigh & Brady Cook, and Joseph & Anna Bourgoyne for donating items from the Library Wish List!

The **Summer Readers Celebration** will be held **Tuesday, September, 3rd!** We are looking forward to an afternoon of fun and pizza! All students who read over the summer and turned in their Reading Shelfie by Friday, August 30th will be able to attend. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email me at amy.millet@lpsb.org.

A **Grand Day of Reading** will be held **Tuesday, September 10, 2019 from 12:00-2:30 pm.** Students may invite grandparents and grandfriends for an afternoon of fun! Information including invitations for grandparents/grandfriends, RSVP, and parent informational letter will be sent home with students the week of August 26th. **Deadline for returning RSVP and permission form to check out is due Friday, September 6th!**

Reminders about the library:

Before school - The library is open daily to exchange books (except Wednesdays due to 5th Grade Book Club) from 7:30-7:45. Students must eat breakfast before coming to the library.

Accelerated Reader - We will continue to use the motivational reading program Accelerated Reader. For new parents, this is a program to encourage reading for first - fifth grade students. Students select AR books from the library, read the AR books, and complete a test on the computer. Students earning 100% on a test will enter their name in a special drawing for *Literature & Lunch in the Library* once a month. We will also continue to have a special AR rewards party each nine weeks for students meeting their AR Goal!!!

Library Class - Please check your child's library folder to read about what our students are learning in the library and for important announcements/updates throughout the year. AR Information will also be included in their black library folder. I encourage everyone to visit our library. If you are able to volunteer, please email me at amy.millet@lpsb.org.





Students Of The Week

KN - Marcus Antoine, Laila Jones

1st - Jase Andrews, Mahala Cropsey

2nd - Harper Weber, Ronnie Graves

3rd - Abigail Dew, Madilyn Crum

4th - Jude Gibson, Brian Jimenez

5th - Tristan Alfonso, Aden Allen

Labels For Education

As many of you know, we collect labels for our school, as a fundraiser. Look at your food packaging and some clothing items for Box Tops & Community Coffee. (Campbell's soup is no longer accepting labels.) Cut out the labels, and put them in a sealed envelope or ziploc bag, labeled with your home-room teacher's name to be entered in a monthly count for your class. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be announced in the school newsletter. We appreciate your participation. Keep clipping Cougars!!!

Funds received from Community Coffee UPC's and Box Tops will be used at the discretion of the principal.

From The Desk Of The Assistant Principal

Welcome back! I am so excited and grateful to start my second year here at Seventh Ward Elementary. Starting a new school year is a wonderful opportunity to set the stage for how you would like the year to go. Having routines in place help all of us, especially the students. Knowing what to expect each day relieves anxiety and gives students a sense of safety.

Here is a link to a site with tips on setting up homework routines: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/homework.html>. I followed these as a parent and stayed consistent. My kids knew what to expect every afternoon, and they looked forward to spending quality time with each other.

I look forward to building stronger relationships with all of you this school year. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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"Promise me you'll always remember: You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." -Winnie the Pooh

