



Fabulous Falcon Flyer

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Dear Sixth Avenue Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a restful, relaxing break and was able to spend quality time with family and friends. What a great first half we have had! I am grateful for the support this school has from the community and from our parents and many grandparents! Thank you for all you do for our school and the support you show to us. I continue to be impressed with the outstanding teachers and staff at Sixth Avenue as well. They go above and beyond to make sure our students have an excellent education and great learning environment.

Since it is the New Year, here are some resolutions we would ask you to support us in as we think about your children and their education needs as well as the needs of Sixth Avenue Elementary.

- Students should be reading at least 20 minutes daily. All research shows that students that are reading at grade-level are better equipped to be successful in school. It is so important that students are reading 20 minutes daily on top of the reading they are doing at school.
- **Arrival**
 - School begins at 8:40 am with our tardy bell ringing at 8:45am.
 - All students who walk or are brought to school should enter through the gate on Zion.
 - Parents are asked to drop students at the gate and not enter the playground area.
 - The gate closes at 8:40 am. When the first bell rings, students who arrive late should then enter through the main entrance.
 - Traffic barriers and staff will be in place to limit traffic in the parking lot for both arrival and dismissal times.
 - The bus loop is for busses only. Please do not park or drive through the bus loop at any time.
- **Afternoon Pick-up Procedure**
 - Please notify the office of any changes in your student's dismissal plan before 2:45pm.
 - Students are dismissed at 3:15pm with instruction continuing until the bell. In order to maximize instructional time and maintain an orderly school environment and safe dismissal, no student may be checked out of the office between 2:45 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. unless it is an emergency or due to an appointment.
 - The front entrance is for bus rider dismissal only at 3:15. Parents are not permitted to pick up their child from the main entrance, only from Zion Street.
 - Our bus drivers have limited visibility and cannot see when students or parents are crossing between the busses. Thus, it is strictly forbidden to cross between the busses due to the safety concerns.
 - Traffic barriers and staff will be in place to limit traffic in the parking lot for both arrival and dismissal times.
- It is a great time of year to revisit and reinforce our behavior expectations. We use the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) framework. This means that we believe in teaching positive social behaviors. The foundation for PBIS at Sixth Avenue is RISE. This acronym stands for Respectful, Independent, Safe, and Enduring. We believe our community works best for everyone when behavior expectations are followed. It is our goal to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm at Sixth Avenue. So I encourage you to ask your child at the end of each day, "How did you RISE today?"

I wish you a wonderful second semester as we begin the 2015 calendar year and begin the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year. We all look forward to the success of your children as we move forward.

Grace Choi

Great Work!

ACCESS for ELLs testing has been going on throughout the school for two weeks. The focused hard work and concentration of students taking these tests is just amazing! They should all be proud of the effort they are putting forth!

Dorothy Shapland
ELA Teacher Leader

MUSIC NEWS



Mark your calendars! Mark your calendars!

Students at the Sixth Avenue Elementary will be performing

GRADE 2 Thursday, February 26th, 2015
"Freedom Fighters"

6:00 p.m. Students arrive at 5:45 and report to the cafeteria

GRADE 1 Thursday, April 23rd, 2015
"Rainbow Fish"

6:00 p.m. Students arrive at 5:45 and report to the cafeteria

GRADE 5 Wednesday, May 20th, 2015
Continuation Concert
2:30-3:15

Kindergarten day performance in May-
dates not selected yet
"The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle

Health Clinics in APS



Crawford and Laredo Kid's Clinic are offering full health and dental services. They have a discount program established with them that allows families to pay at low cost. The number to call for an appointment is:

Crawford: 303 326 2090
Laredo: 303 326 1953

CALENDAR OF EVENTS





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Jan. 29 Math Family Night 4:00 -6:00p.m



Feb. 5 Teacher In service Day, No Classes
 Feb. 6 Parent/Teacher Conf. Exchange Day, No Classes
 Feb. 10 Parent Coffee 9:00a.m.
 Feb. 16 President's Day, No Classes
 Feb. 17 Career Day 3:15- 4:30p.m.
 Feb. 19 Skate City 4:00- 6:00p.m.
 Feb. 26. 2nd Grade music concert 6:00p.m



Mar. 13 Teachers Work Day, No Classes
 Mar. 23 – 27 Spring Break, No Classes

FREE Adult ESL Classes at Sixth Avenue!



There are still openings in our Adult ESL Class.
 Class meets every Monday and Wednesday from 4:30 – 6:00pm.
 Contact Antonia Lopez at 303 366 6019 if interested in our class.

- More than three unexcused absences in a month will result in a letter or parent meeting.
- More than 4 absences total (excused and/or non-excused) in a semester will result in a letter, parent meeting, or home visit and future medical proof for any future absences. If medical proof is not provided all absences will be changed to unexcused and the truancy process will begin. If you cannot get medical documentation, you need to bring your child to our health room and let our nurse or health clerk make the decision to keep your child at school or to send home.
- 7 or more unexcused absences a sanctioned letter for APS legal office will be sent.
- 9 or more unexcused absences Social Service is notified and the legal process continues which may include a fine for every day your child has been absent and court hearings.
- Research states that it is crucial for children in elementary school develop positive attendance habits. What they do in elementary will have a strong impact on the rest of their schooling and habits for the rest of their lives.
 - Students who are in school develop a sense of responsibility.
 - Students who are in school develop positive social and collaborative skills.
 - Students who are in school tend to be at grade level in all academic areas.
 - Students who are in school develop a positive school attitude.
 - Students who are in school rarely suffer from anxiety and tend to have fewer behavior issues.
 - Students who are in school develop habits that allow them to be successful in both middle and high school.
 - Students, who attend school, develop habits that will impact their future work experiences.

Attendance Matters



- The law requires students to attend school.
- APS has a very strict attendance policy.



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