

Mustang Message

OCTOBER 15, 2018



EMPOWERING LEADERS EVERYDAY

October is a very busy month at school. There are many exciting events taking place in our classes and school-wide. Our students are beginning to take field trips to extend their learning and our school has several things planned that you will want to know about.

This year, we are adding a Fall Student-led Conference for our families to be a part of. We have just finished up our beginning of year assessments and set goals with our students. We want our students to share these goals with their families. So, in addition to celebrating our Grandparent's with a picnic lunch, we are inviting our families to attend this important conference on Friday, October 19, 2018 during student lunches. We have prepared a fun event and time for you to eat with and spend learning about the goals your child has made. They are excited to share this time with you.

We will also celebrate being "drug-free" leaders during "Red-Ribbon" week from October 22-26, 2018. We have exciting themes planned for each day and different learning activities for the students during this week to learn about making good choices.

We will end the month with a "Evening of Leaders" celebration and our annual "Monster Mash" dance for students and families. Our students may wear "friendly" school appropriate costumes to this event on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at 5:30-7:00 pm.

Fall is full of fun, learning, and family time at ALT @ Mound. We hope that you can be a part of our activities!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW...

- Be proactive and make sure your student is here on time everyday so they can start their day off right. The **tardy bell rings at 7:45am**. Please prepare for traffic and leave your

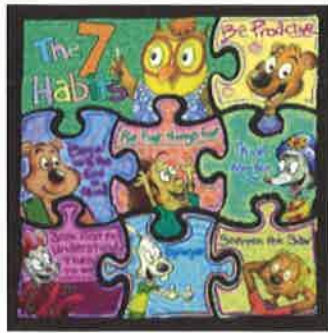
home earlier to alleviate the chance of not being tardy. Thank you for your help with this.

- Our **Family Picnic** and celebration of our **Grandparent's** is on **Friday, October 19th** during your child's lunchtime with a **Family Picnic**. Our students will also be sharing with you their beginning of year goals for their **Fall Student-Led Conference**. Our **Fall Book Fair** will be open to purchase new books and **family pictures** will be available for purchase on this day. Come at the beginning of your child's lunch for this special event. (Sack lunches will be provided in the cafeteria on this day or you can bring your student a lunch. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for your picnic.) We will have "inside" picnics if we have rainy weather!
- **If your Student is Picked up @ the Door @ Dismissal:** The name for this pick up is NOW called **Parent Walk-Up**. This dismissal is for parents/families that are walking from their home to pick up their child. If you drive a car to dismissal, we ask that you pick up your child in the drive through lane (K-1 and Older Siblings of K-1 in the front and 2-5 is picked up in the back.) We appreciate you following our dismissal procedures.
- **Big Kahuna Fundraiser**-Our Fall fundraiser is taking place now! Proceeds will go towards new playground equipment, art supplies, student t-shirts, field trip transportation expenses, and instructional materials. All money and order forms are due back to school on **Tuesday, October 23, 2018**. Please make sure your child's name and teacher's name is on their forms. Thank you for your support of our programs.
- **Red Ribbon Week Activities:** Twin Day (School Appropriate Dress), Hat Day, Crazy Sock Day, Jersey/Team Day, Wear Red or Spirit Shirts
- **Box-Tops:** Our school collects **Box Tops for Education**. We turn these in and receive free items for our school for them. You can turn these in to the office at any time!

EVENING OF LEADERS AND LIGHTHOUSE LEADER CELEBRATION EVENTS 2018-2019

We celebrate our students' leadership at four yearly evening celebrations. Students from each class are nominated to receive Habit Brag Tags and a certificate. After each celebration, our Vertical Team Student groups facilitate an evening family activity. Each Lighthouse Leadership begins at 5:30pm and our Vertical Team Evening of Leader events begin immediately following from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. All families and students are invited to each event. Below are the remaining dates this year for these celebrations and events:

- **Tuesday, October 30**-Celebrate Habit #2, *Begin With the End in Mind* and #3, *Put First Things First* Leaders, Powerful Panthers hosts the "Monster Mash Dance"
- **Tuesday, December 4**- Celebrate Habit #4, *Think Win-Win* and Habit #5, *Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood*, Collaborative Cheetah's host "Think Win-Win Winter Math Game Night"
- **Tuesday, April 16**-Celebrate Habit #6, *Synergize* and Habit #7, *Sharpen the Saw*, Proactive Pandas and Fearless Tigers host "Sharpen the Saw" Family Night



THE 7 HABITS THAT WE HAVE LEARNED ABOUT AT SCHOOL SO FAR ARE...

- *Be Proactive*
- *Begin With the End in Mind*
- *Put First Things First*
- *Think Win-Win*

THIS WEEK'S HABIT THAT WE ARE LEARNING ABOUT IS...

Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood: Listen Before You Speak

- I listen to others without interrupting.
- I raise my hand when I want to speak and I wait to be called on.
- I don't blurt out.
- I try to understand other people's views and feelings, even if they are different from my own.

ALT @ MOUND ELEMENTARY WIG:

2018-2019

Wildly Important Goal

Student growth will increase by 5% in reading for all students by May, 2019.

*We will measure this by reading assessments given throughout the year to our students. It is our goal that our students are reading on grade level.

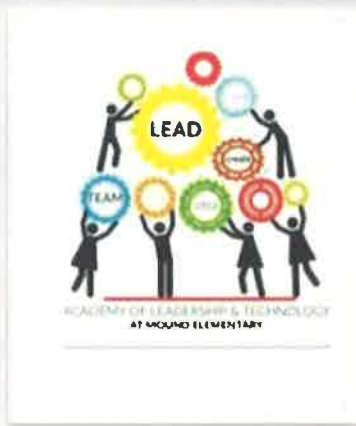
Readers are Leaders!

HOME TO SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

- You can easily find each teacher's ***email address*** and ***website*** at <http://mound.burlesonisd.net/>.
- Each grade level also uses a ***two way communication app***. Please get this information from your teacher. You will receive up to the minute ***texts, emails***, and information about class and student information. Some teachers have ***twitter links***. You can follow this, too!
- ***ALT @ Mound has a twitter link*** that you can follow for day by day "happenings" at our school and in our classrooms. If you need help with becoming a twitter follower, please email our Assistant Principal, Mr. Penigian at mpenigian@bisdmail.net and he will be glad to get you connected. ***The twitter handle is: @MoundMustangs***
- ***ALT @ Mound has a Facebook account***. Please "like" us and follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/moundmustangs/>
- If you have questions about classroom situations, assignments, etc., ***contact***, text, or email ***your child's teacher first***. They usually have firsthand information. If you need

additional help, you can contact Ms. Bennett, Principal, or Mr. Penigian, Assistant Principal at 817-245-3100. You can also email us. There is a 24 hour response time (not including weekends or holidays) for any emails, phone calls or messages.

- Parent **Parentlinks**(email messages) and **Parent Newsletters** (through Parentlink email) are sent home for events at ALT @ Mound. **If you have not received any emails from ALT @ Mound this year, there is a good chance that your email is incorrect in Family Access/Skyward.** Please make sure that your email in Family Access/Skyward is linked to an email that you check frequently.




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