

March, 2020

# Wildkitten News

Dear Wildkitten Families,

Spring is in the air! We recently completed our third round of STAR testing throughout the school. We are so proud of the growth our students are making. Just as we nurture our spring plants and flowers to grow, we need to nurture our students' growth. You can do this by asking your child about his or her school day, reading to your child and have him or her read to you, check the take home folder each day, and contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns.

Speaking of growth, I want to send a special message to our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students: *You will be taking the FSA in April. I have known many of you since the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and I am impressed with how much you have learned over the years. You have made us proud in many ways and we can't wait to see how you will perform on the FSA. It's almost time to SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW!! We believe in YOU!*

As always, we appreciate the support our families show MES. It is an honor to work with your children and we are blessed to be a part of their lives.

Sincerely,

Lynn Green, Principal

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FSA – Florida Standards Assessment

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be taking the ELA (Reading) Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) on Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Math FSA will be Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

It is very important that your child be on time each day, be well-rested, and have a good breakfast. Remember, all children are allowed to eat breakfast in our cafeteria each morning.

The teachers and students have been working very hard in preparation for this test. For more information about the assessments, you can go to [www.fsassessments.org](http://www.fsassessments.org).

Third Grade Students – We are so PROUD of you and know you will ROCK THE FSA!

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sea World Reminder

The final payment for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sea World trip is due Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions about your child's payment, please contact your child's teacher. The Sea World trip is Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Look out Shamu, here we come!!

## Lucky Charm Day

On Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate "Lucky Charm" Day. On this day, your child can wear the traditional green color, rainbow colors, unicorns, etc.



## Important Reminders:

\*Please keep cell phones (even the old ones that don't work) at home. They can cause a distraction at school. Cell phones that do cause a distraction will be turned in to the front office and parents may be required to come to the school for retrieval.

\*Games, Trading Cards (e.g. Pokemon), or Electronics are not allowed at school. Board games and playing cards (e.g. Uno) are allowed only on Game Day.



## Upcoming Events

### March 2

\*Jump Rope for Heart begins. Your child will bring home more information.

### March 5

\*Final Sea World payment due (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)

### March 8

\*Daylight Savings Time Begins

### March 12

\*End of 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks

\*AR Groovy Day (see article)

### March 13

\*Planning Day – No School for Students

### March 17

\*PBIS Best Lunch

\*"Lucky Charm Day"

### March 20

\*Report Cards

### March 23

\*AR/Book BINGO, 3:30 – 6:30, Media Center

### March 26

\*PBIS Spring 5K Fundraiser, 4:30 pm, Bus Loop

\*Jump Rope for Heart money is due

### March 27

\*AR Goals are due

### April 1 and 2

\*3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – ELA FSA (Florida Standards Assessment)

*Our Mission at Macclenny Elementary School is to create an enriched environment where children are inspired to believe in themselves and become lifelong learners.*

*The Vision of the Baker County School District and Macclenny Elementary is to prepare individuals to be lifelong learners, self-sufficient, and responsible citizens of good character.*

School website: [www.bakerk12.org/mes](http://www.bakerk12.org/mes)  
[www.facebook.com/mesbcsl](https://www.facebook.com/mesbcsl)

## **Groovy Day at MES!**

We are celebrating our AR Success at MES on March 12, 2020. Our school-wide AR Accuracy Rate has been above 85% all year. We are in the ‘Mood to Read’ and are having a **Groovy Day**. Wear your Groovy Attire on March 12th, and help us celebrate our AR success at MES.

## **PBIS at Macclenny Elementary**

Our students are working hard to demonstrate our Positive Behavior Expectations. Those expectations are: **I Will Be Prepared to Learn, I Will Be in Control, I Will Be Respectful, and I Will Be A Problem Solver.**

In February, our students had a GREAT time as they “Danced Their Hearts Out!” This month, our students with at least 15 stamps will enjoy a Pizza party! How does your child earn Paw Stamps? By following the above expectations!

Also, this month, we will be having our 4<sup>th</sup> annual “Dash into Spring” 5K. The 5K will be held Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> in the Bus Rider Loop. We will begin the 5K at 4:30pm. The money raised during this run/walk goes toward purchasing PBIS rewards for our students. Look for more information to come home soon! Special thanks to Mrs. Brenda Davis for organizing this event.

## **March Health News from Nurse Holly**



National Nutrition Month, celebrated each year during March, focuses on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. According to ChooseMyPlate.gov, a healthy eating pattern should include a variety of foods including:

- Encourage your child to try fruits of all different colors. There are fruits for every color of the rainbow
- Vegetables such as: carrots, green peppers, corn
- Grains such as: oats, rice, whole grain bread and pasta, popcorn
- Dairy such as: milk, cheese, yogurt
- Proteins such as: chicken, seafood, lean beef and pork, eggs, nuts, and seeds

### **To celebrate National Nutrition Month, try these ideas below:**

- Try new produce each week – try to incorporate a new fruit or vegetable into your meals. Create a challenge with family members to see who has tried the most variety of fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Healthy Family Fun – celebrate with your family by shopping and meal prepping or try new outdoor activities such as walking or riding bikes. This is a great way to get the entire family involved and maybe start some healthy family traditions. Aim for 30 minutes most days of the week.

*I enjoy caring for your wonderful children every day! Love, Nurse Holly*

## **Fundraisers**

Thank you for the wonderful response to our Spring Fundraiser! Information will soon be coming home with the delivery date and instructions for pick-up. We had over 30 students qualify for the Pizza Hut lunch! Those students will receive a permission form for the trip to Pizza Hut soon.

*Proceeds from MES fundraisers go toward student incentives and/or school-wide purchases; however, a small percentage is allocated towards faculty and staff incentives.*



## **Other News.....**

### **Yearbooks on Sale**

You can order your child’s yearbook online NOW! Yearbooks are \$20.00. Please visit:

<https://ybpay.lifetouch.com>

You will need to enter the code: 4716620. If you have any questions, please call the front office (259-2551).

### **Family Literacy Afternoon (AR/Book BINGO)**

\*Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Students must be accompanied by an adult. This event is for students in kindergarten – eighth grades. Stop by to read a book, take an AR Quiz, and play a round of Book BINGO!

