

# WILDCAT WORDS

## Seven Mile Elementary – December 2, 2024

### Winter Benchmark Testing

The next 3 weeks of school are a busy time for staff and students. Staff are finishing up and finalizing report cards and grades. One of the last pieces of information that we use to determine student proficiency is district benchmark testing.

District benchmark testing officially starts Monday 12/2, for all students K-5. There are 2 pieces of benchmark testing. The first week, 12/2-12/5, students take the first piece of the benchmark testing. This piece focuses on the standards that have been taught throughout the first semester, in both ELA (reading/writing) and Math.

The next piece of benchmark testing will occur during the last two weeks of December. For students in grades 2-5, most of this testing is completed on the computer. For students in K-1, a group of district assessors come to each elementary school and listen to each student individually. All students are again assessed in both ELA and Math. This piece is more about fluency and automaticity (how automatic and accurate the student can read and perform math operations).

Parents, the biggest ways to support your student during this time are to help your student get a good night's rest, encourage eating a good breakfast (breakfast is provided at school, and have your student attend school ALL DAY, EVERYDAY.

### PAC/Holidays Around the World

Our December PAC will be held in conjunction with our Holidays Around the World winter Fair. This event is open to enrolled SME students and their families. We will hold our Holidays Around the World fair **December 17 and December 18, 5:30-7:00**. Come either night to visit.

Our Holidays Around the World celebration highlights different cultures and the holidays they celebrate during the winter season. Students research their country during school and learn about different traditions: clothing, food, songs, and so on. We look forward to sharing our new knowledge with you. Federal PAC will be at the District office on January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm.

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### Winter Parties

Classroom parties will be held on Thursday, December 18, in the afternoon.

Teachers will be sending home notes with assigned treats/food to bring.

Please only bring what your student is assigned. **HOMEMADE food is**

**NOT allowed**. This comes from a district and state regulation. Food must be pre-packaged and store-bought.

Please send treats to school with your student. If the treat is something that you need to drop off yourself, please have it to the school **NO LATER than 12:00**. Classrooms start their parties quickly after the lunch/recess time frame – we want to make sure that treats are received in time for their celebrations. Deliveries after 12pm will no longer be taken to the classroom.

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### Quick Messages

2024-2025 school year. Some information:

- 4 day school week
  - Monday-Thursday 8:45a-3:45p
    - Students are absent after 9:00a
    - Friday – no school, building closed
  - Drop off 8:30am
  - Breakfast stops serving at 8:45a.
- Dismissal – 3:45 pm
  - K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> – pickup at gym
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> – pickup at front of school
- Bus messages must be called in by NOON (12p)
- Water bottles stay at school. If you are sending a water bottle with your student, CLEAR water bottles only.
- Backpacks – not needed – we provide everything. K-1 can bring a backpack for a change of clothes. 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> can bring a backpack ONLY if they are participating in sports.
- Dress Code (See Parent/Student Handbook)
  - Tank top straps 2 fingers wide
  - No holey jeans/holes above the knee
  - No bare stomachs
  - No promoting gangs/drugs/violence
  - No Crocs
  - Dresses/skirts are fine; please wear shorts underneath.

### Student Council

We will have a Holiday Gram in December, which will be run like our Halloween gram – grams are 25 cents apiece. All Holiday gram orders will be due by 12/12. We will deliver on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Delivery to enrolled SME students only.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards

We would like to acknowledge the hard work of SME students in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

Our awards ceremony will be Thursday 1/9 in the AFTERNOON. Kinder-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will be presented at 1:00 pm. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will be at 2:00 pm.

Invitations for those students who are to receive an award will be sent out on Tuesday 10/22. It is still a full day of school – students are expected to stay at school for the whole day.

### Upcoming Events

- 12/12 – last day for Holiday Gram sales
- 12/17 – Holidays Around the World, 5:30-7:00pm
- 12/18 – Holidays Around the World, 5:30-7:00pm
- 12/23-1/5 – Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
- 1/6/25 – Class resumes
- 1/8 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:15-6:00pm
- 1/9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Ceremony
  - K-2 @ 1:00
  - 3-5 @ 2:00
- 1/9 – Parent Teacher Conferences, 4:15-6:00pm
- 1/20 – MLK Day – NO SCHOOL

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## Ancillary Classes

### PE – Mr. Henry

With the seasons changing, Mental Health is a crucial aspect of your child's overall health but can easily fall by the wayside. The CDC reports that depression and anxiety have increased over time in children, and that depression is an important concern in adolescents. Keep tabs on your child's mental health and promote greater mental wellness by following these seven mental health tips for kids:

- Encourage physical activity
- Make sure they get enough sleep
- Promote healthy eating
- Ensure a safe and positive environment
- Foster a sense of community
- Bolster their self-esteem
- Teach them about mental health

### Computers – Ms. Efren

Kindergarten will establish a solid foundation for proper login techniques by using Farm 4, Clever, and typing.com. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will learn some basics of digital citizenship, including respectful commenting and password privacy. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will get to know the MS Word interface. They will learn to create files, select/drag & drop/cut, copy, paste text/insert text boxes and shapes/add styles to a document/make formatting changes that affect whole document at once. 5<sup>th</sup> grade will apply their understanding to create Pixel Art in MS Excel.

## Ancillary Classes (cont.)

### Culture – Mrs. Eleando

As we enter Ko'baa nalk'as (December), your children are learning winter and holiday words in Apache. The past month, they learned how to introduce themselves in Apache, and they are capable of this. Speak Apache language at home and remember you're their first teacher.

Happy Holidays!! Ahiye'

## Ancillary Student of the Month

### PE – Mr. Henry

Jaise Burnette & Delaine Alvarez

### Culture – Mrs. Eleando

Aubrey Begay & Dres Anderson

### Library – Ms. Massey

Logan Francisco & Sha'neek Thompson

### Computers – Ms. Efren

Keyrah Rico & Marius Massey

## Student of the Month

It is time to recognize our Students of the Month. Each month, teachers select one student who has demonstrated Wildcat Pride by: arriving on time to class, completing all work, and no discipline write-ups.

Mrs. Madraga -	Cylar Begaye
Mrs. Truax -	Carley Edwards
Mrs. Yusay -	Oakley Goklish
Ms. Lagunday -	Genesis Quintero
Ms. Massey -	Jaelyn Begay
Mrs. Neri -	Sophie Burnette
Mrs. Bose -	Tera Antonio
Mrs. Licong -	Natthias Yardley
Mrs. Nunez -	Isabella Hinton
Mrs. Pelayo -	Quintinn Ethelbah
Mrs. Awitin -	Kaylie Declay
Ms. Bandoy -	Nova A. Walker
Mrs. Lucero -	Emilia Antonio
Mrs. Salcedo -	Shishaye Bennett
Mrs. Alcallaga -	Kyrie Alchesay
Mrs. Claro -	Alysse White
Mrs. Lorezo -	Aine Awitin
Mr. Alsado -	Tahlee Tointigh
Mr. Awitin -	Jaeceon Manuel
Mrs. Barredo -	Jarlina Begay
Mrs. Verula -	Jayedon Declay

# December Dress up Days

Monday 16

Pajama Day

Tuesday 17

Color by Grade:

- K - Yellow
- 1 - Green
- 2 - Pink
- 3 - Light Blue
- 4 - Navy Blue
- 5 - Purple

Wednesday 18

Ugly Sweater

Thursday 19

Flannel/Plaid

