



Mary B. Austin Elementary

ROOTS TO SUCCESS "Holding firm to our roots as we branch into the future."

"The Principal Buzz"

Melissa Whigham, Principal

September 24, 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are having a great first quarter for the 2021-2022 school year!! Our students are participating in fine art electives, innovative labs, PBL's, library, and counseling activities weekly in addition to their core curriculum. An intervention teacher is assigned to each grade level to meet the needs of students with difficulties in mathematics and/or reading. Students are provided with many different learning opportunities to prepare them for future endeavors.

Upcoming Dates & Reminders:

PTA Open House: We will host our PTA Open House on October 12th from 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

- Teachers will be set up around the turf to meet and greet parents.
- Student work will be displayed in the hallways for viewing.

PTA Sponsored Fall Festival: Our "Carnival" Fall Festival will be on October 22nd from 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Teacher Workday: October 11, 2021, No School for students

Grab & Go Breakfast is served from 7:50 a.m.-8:15 a. m. daily.

Lunch is provided daily on a rotating schedule that includes the opportunity to eat in the classroom, cafeteria, or courtyard (if weather permits).

Early Dismissals are not allowed after 2:15 p.m.

Carpool Reminders:

1. Morning Carpool begins at 7:40 a.m.
2. Students are tardy at 8:15 a.m. and must check in with a parent or guardian through the front office.
3. Parents, please refrain from using cell phones during carpool lines for the safety of our staff and students.
4. Afternoon Carpool begins at 3:00 p.m.
5. Do not block residents' driveways while you are waiting in the carpool line.
5. Carpool Number should be visibly displayed in the vehicle.
6. Siblings may use one carpool number.
7. Afternoon EDC students, can be picked up after the carpool line is complete.
8. Last-minute changes will not be accommodated for afternoon dismissal. A written note must be provided to your child's teacher upon arrival at school. In the event of an emergency, calls/emails to change dismissal must be made by noon.

Sincerely,
Melissa Whigham