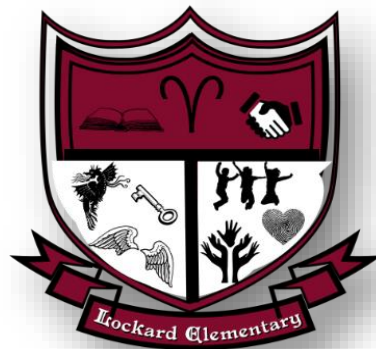


Lockard Elementary

Daphne Heflin, Principal
Airnecia Mills, Assistant Principal



100th Day of School!

January 18th marked the 100th day of school here at Lockard! The students and teachers celebrated by dressing up as if they were 100 years old. Check out some of their outfits below!



Upcoming Events

February 1st-4th - Progress Reports Issued

February 21st - President's Day
(Schools and Office Closed;
Classes resume 22nd)

Reminder of Student Excuses

The following are lawful reasons for excused absences: sickness, medical appointment, death in the family, religious holidays, and court proceedings.

Medical Excuses

Valid medical excuses should have the following information:

- ❖ Student's name
- ❖ Dates to be excused (including beginning and ending dates if the child is out for consecutive days)
- ❖ Medical provider signature
- ❖ Excuse must be on the clinic/medical provider letterhead

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Music Moment

Students are reviewing quarter notes and rests as well as eighth note pairs while playing rhythm. They painted stencil blots of Little Cloud by Eric Carle for art.

Mrs. Crystal Ray

Reminder of Student Excuses (Cont.)

Invalid or Incomplete medical excuses include the following:

- ❖ Lab reports
- ❖ Adult family member's medical excuses or excuses for siblings, cousins, relatives (the student whose absence needs to be excused must have his/her own medical excuse)
- ❖ Doctor's lab or pharmacy orders
- ❖ Excuses with no signature of a medical provider or no signature stamp from a medical provider
- ❖ Excuses typed in a Word Document without a valid letterhead or clinic markings

Handwritten Excuses

No more than **2 handwritten excuses** may be submitted during each nine week period of the school year unless the child has a SCCSD Health Package on file with a physician's signature.

Valid handwritten excuses include those documenting that a child was sick but did not go to the doctor, there was a death in the family, or the child was out to observe a religious holiday.

Handwritten excuses should include the following information:

- ❖ Student's name
- ❖ Date(s) of absence
- ❖ Reason for absence
- ❖ Parent/Guardian signature

In the event of extenuating circumstances, the parent/guardian may appeal to the principal.

School administrators will determine the appropriateness or inappropriateness of absence documentation.

All excuses must be received in the school office within two (2) school days of the student's return.



Library Life



Woohoo! We're in 2022!

Those numbers have a cool sound! Don't they? As usual, we still have lots of new books and magazines to read this year. Our digital library is housed in Clever. Look for links to Epic, and Mackin, as well as MAGNOLIA. We also will be getting World Book online soon. So be looking for more information on that. As an added bonus this year in library we will have art lessons once a month. So far this has been great fun. I can't wait for you to see our projects!

We also had a great reading fair. Wow! You sure do know how to do some great boards! If your child won first place, he/she will continue to the district fair and then to the regional fair if they win at district level **(School level winners are waiting to be publicly announced until after the district fair has taken place.)**. If they placed second or third, they may take their board home as soon as we get some pictures. So proud of them!

As always, happy reading.
Mrs. Burkett

Mason's Memo

Keep moving forward...

"If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Never have I been so thankful to change the calendar to the New Year! While so much has changed in our lives, the encouraging words of Dr. Martin Luther King still apply!

The above quote by Dr. King reminds me of how things and life are always changing. There are days that I am flying high and there are days that I can barely crawl an inch, but either way I must *keep moving forward*. Education is like that at times also but with the support from the families of each student in our school we *keep moving forward*. Lockard Elementary is one piece of the puzzle that makes up the Sunflower County Consolidated School District. We each play a part in the success of each student in our school which in turn plays a part in the success of our district and ultimately the success our county.

Our ultimate goal is to "grow students" or to *keep moving each child forward*. Thank you for supporting us as we work to *keep our school moving forward*.

