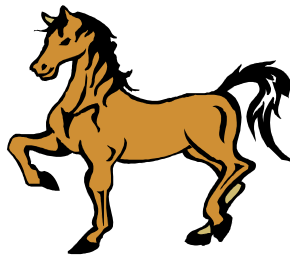




Colts Corner

The monthly newsletter of Pearl R. Miller Middle School



Notes from the Principal's Desk

Our school year is now well underway, and our students acclimated well to their new grade levels in September. Our sixth graders learned the habits and routines that will help them be successful in middle school; our seventh graders returned to PRM ready to build upon the foundation they established during the previous school year, and the eighth graders took the first steps toward the culmination of their middle school careers in preparation for high school. September also included Back-to-School Night, and we are grateful that so many parents could join us to learn more about our program, and to take an important step in maintaining strong communication between home and school.

As much as September had to offer, October will be even more eventful. In addition to the dates included in the sidebar, we would like to remind you of the content area labs that occur each week:

- Math-Tuesday before school
- Science-Wednesday after school
- Social Studies/Language Arts-Thursday after school
- Extra help is also available Tuesday through Thursday at lunch in math and language arts

Please encourage your child to take advantage of these opportunities whenever he or she would benefit from this additional support.

We look forward to working with you over the coming months to make this a great year for your child.

Progress reports will be issued to students on October 13. Please call the main office if you do not receive a copy.

The annual Book Fair will take place October 13 through the 16th.

Red Ribbon Week, which marks drug awareness, will be the week of October 26.

Dates To Remember

October 13-16
PRM Book Fair

October 16
Grade 6 Teen Canteen

October 20
Home and School Association Meeting at 7:30 PM

November 2 and 3
Parent Conferences

Students versus The Clock

Tracking your child's progress in school can be a difficult task. Here are some tips you can utilize:

- *Check the planner*—every PRM student receives a planner to record their homework. Check this daily for accuracy.
- *Check the Hotline*—once you have checked the planner, compare it to

the Homework Hotline, which is updated weekly.

- *Observe*—Look to identify patterns of behaviors that your child develops at home in relationship to his or her school work. Setting up a structured study time can help with this.
- *Discuss*—ask your child to review his or her homework with you. Ask questions to see if your child comprehends the content.