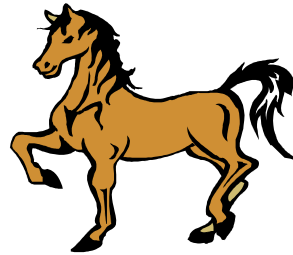


Colts Corner

The monthly newsletter of
Pearl R. Miller Middle School



Notes from the Principal's Desk

We have reached the end of the first marking period. This is an excellent time for students to reflect upon where they have been, as well as to identify where they are going. By thinking in these terms, students can build upon past success, improve in areas that have caused them difficulty in the past, and set a plan that will allow them to get the most out of this school year.

Much of this is a matter of answering the right questions. Consider asking your child the following:

- What habits and skills helped you to be successful in the first marking period, and how can you use these qualities to the best advantage in upcoming marking periods?
- What caused you the most difficulty in the first marking period, and what

can you do to overcome this in upcoming marking periods (e.g. ask more questions in class, attend extra help sessions, set a routine time each day to complete homework, etc.)?

- What goals do you want to achieve by the end of this school year, and what will you need to do to reach them?

The more specific your child can be in answering these questions, the more likely he or she will be to use this information to his or her benefit as the year progresses. With these answers in mind, your child can have a clear perspective about what it will take to be successful this year. We look forward to continuing to work with you to help your child reach these goals.

Conference Tips for Parents

Conferences are an important time for parents to gain some insight into how their children are performing. Communication also strengthens the teach-parent relationship. Here are some tips for successful conferences:

- *Look into progress*—take some time to talk to your child about how they see themselves progressing through school. Ask,

“What subject do you like the best or least and why?” This will help you prepare for the conference.

- *Identify questions or concerns*—make a list of questions or concerns. This will ensure that all your questions or concerns are answered.
- *Be on time*—Each conference will run five minutes. Make sure to maximize your time by being there on time.

Parent Conference
Dates:

November 2:
1:30-3:30 (A-J)

November 3:
1:30-3:30 (K-Z)
7:00-9:00 (A-Z)

There will be an early dismissal for students on November 25

A Home and School Meeting will take place on November 17 at 9:30.

Dates To Remember

November 2: Parent Teacher Conferences

November 5 and 6: School Closed

October 20

November 13: Speed-booking

November 20: Grades 7 and 8 Teen Canteen

November 21: Colts Association Sports Breakfast