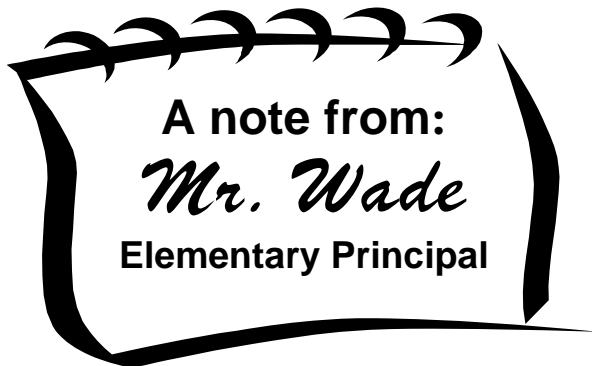


Alexander Elementary



Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:
Mr. Wade
Elementary Principal

Thank you for helping to get the school year off to a great start! We appreciate our students, parents, teachers and staff for their part in working to help the year begin so smoothly.

The faculty and administration at Alexander Elementary encourages all parents and community members to call the school or make a personal visit if you ever have any questions, concerns or ideas. We welcome your input and appreciate any assistance you can give to help us continue to provide the students of Commerce with the best education possible!



Safety First

For safety reasons we are asking parents to only use the designated crosswalks where crossing guards are located when picking up their children after school. This will help teach students the safe way to cross the street.

Thank You!



Red Wheel Fundraiser Ends- Wednesday, September 2. Please turn in all order forms by Thursday, September 3..

Parent-Faculty Club Meeting- Wednesday, September 9 beginning at 3:30 PM.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- Thursday, September 10 and Thursday, September 17 from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Grandparents Day- Sunday, September 13.

Progress Reports- Tuesday, September 15.

No School- Friday, September 18.

Red Wheel Delivery- Tuesday, September 22, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. PLEASE REMIND ALL BUYERS TO PICK-UP AND PAY FOR ITEMS ORDERED AT THIS TIME.

Book Fair Begins- September 24-October 5.

Kindergarten to Commerce Fire Station- Friday, October 9.

School Pictures- Tuesday, October 13.

Fall Break- October 15 & 16.



Get a Great Start to Make Your Child's Year a Success

How you start the school year can determine how well the rest of the year will go. Teachers and parents agree doing these things helps ensure children get off to a great start:

***Review safety lessons**—how to walk to school safely or ride the bus; classroom and school rules for behavior.

***Provide the supplies.** It is important that your child start school with necessary supplies. If you need assistance, please contact our School Based Social Worker, Beth Rotman.

***Put your child's name on things so they won't get lost.**

***Set the scene for homework.** Match the environment to child's work style. Some children need quiet. Others are helped by a little sound—like classical music.

***Start your morning at night.** Help your child choose the day's cloths. Gather homework and sign school papers. Line up breakfast plans.

***Establish bedtime and homework routines.** Pick a time that your child will do homework and go to bed. Then stick to it.

***Don't over schedule your child.** Give him time to unwind after school—especially during the first few weeks of adjusting. Make sure he has free time to just play every day.

***Meet your child's teacher.** How can you help her? Ask about homework. How can you help your child at home? Reminder- Parent-Teacher Conferences: 9/10 & 9/17.

***Teach respect by showing respect.** Say “please” and “thank you” to your child.

***Be genuinely interested in your child's schoolwork.** Ask about school every day. Ask him to teach you what he's learning.

***Say at least one positive thing to your child each day.**

***Insist that your child try hard to be a good student.** If school is important to you, it will be important to him.

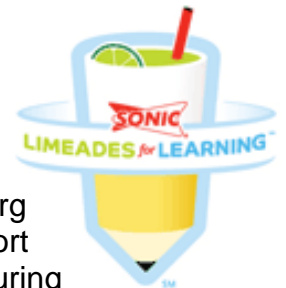
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SONIC and DonorsChoose.org are working together to support public school classrooms. During September, when someone buys any drink at Sonic, they'll be able to go online and vote for their favorite teacher's classroom project. Sonic will donate more than half a million dollars to the projects that receive the most votes.

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LimeadesForLearning.com**