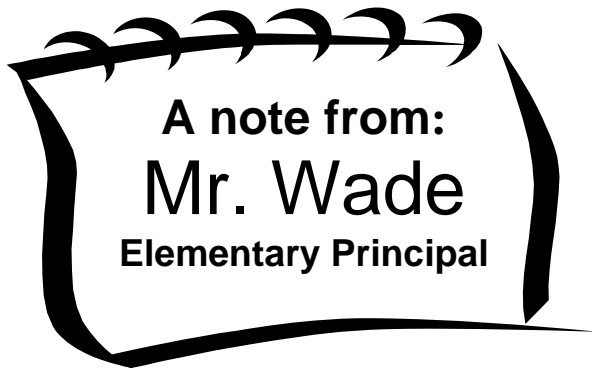


Alexander Elementary



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.

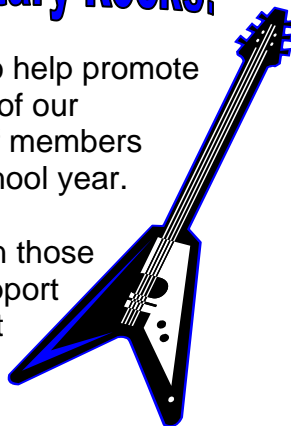
The faculty and administration at Alexander Elementary encourages all parents and community members to call the school or make a personal visit if you ever have any questions, concerns or ideas. We welcome your input and appreciate any assistance you can give to help us continue to provide the students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

Our theme to begin the school year is:

Alexander Elementary Rocks!

We are using this theme to help promote school pride. We want all of our students, parents and staff members to be excited about the school year.

Research has shown when those who make-up a school support the district's efforts student performance in all areas increase.



Labor Day (No School)- Monday, September 6

Progress Reports- Go out Wednesday, September 8.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- Thursday, September 9. 3:30PM to 6:30PM

September 14- Red Wheel Fundraiser ends. Please turn all order forms in by September 15.

Parent-Teacher Conferences- Thursday, September 16. 3:30PM to 6:30PM

No School- Friday, September 17.

Book Fair Begins- Thursday, September 23

Red Wheel Delivered- Thursday, September 30 from 3:00PM to 6:00Pm in the gym. Please remind your buyers to pick-up and pay for the items.

1st Quarter Grade Cards Go Out- Tuesday, October 19.

School Pictures- Tuesday, October 19.

Fall Break- October 21 and 22.

The three most important things a parent can give their child to increase academic success are love, security and time for reading



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, Janet Atwell.

***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?

***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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Thursday, September 9 and
Thursday, September 16**

3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

No School Friday, September 17.

How to improve YOUR grade at Report Card Time

A	PATIENCE (Sit down with your child and look over the report card.)
A	PRAISE (Praise your child. Find at least one good thing: attendance, no tardies.)
B	CALMNESS (Be calm! Let your child tell you about poor grades.)
A	HELPING (Ask how you can help your child do better.)
C	COMMUNICATION (Ask what your child can do to make better grades.)
A	PLANNING (Make a plan for improvement with your child's teacher and your child.)