

Alexander Elementary



Parents Make A Difference!

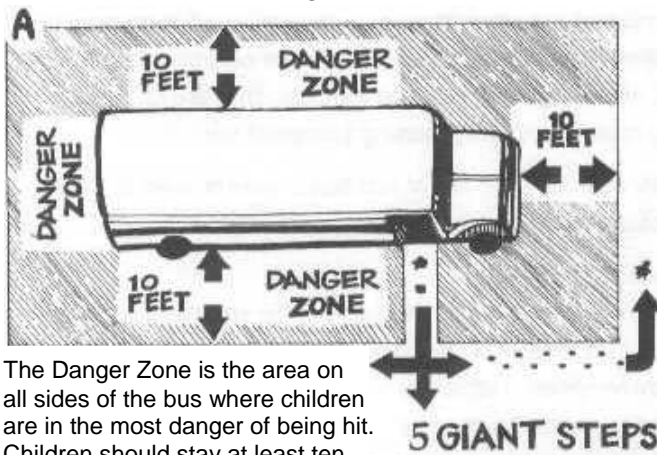
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A note from:
Mr. Wade
Elementary Principal

Thank you to our parents, staff and especially our students for working to make our recent Red Wheel Parent-Faculty Club Fundraiser a success! We raised over \$5,000 for our school. Among other things the money raised will help to support student reward trips, classroom grants as well as other educational endeavors.

I would like to encourage everyone to please be especially careful when driving near and around our schools. If your child walks or rides their bike to school please go over bicycle safety and discuss how important it is for them to use caution when walking to and from school.

Please remember to never pass a bus when the red stop arm is out and red lights are flashing. Please go over bus "Danger Zone" areas (see diagram below) with your child. Encourage them to never go under a bus to retrieve something such as a book or ball.



The Danger Zone is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of being hit. Children should stay at least ten feet away from the bus and never go behind it. They should take five giant steps in front of the bus before crossing, so they can be seen by the driver.



Kindergarten Visits Commerce Fire Station- Friday, October 8. 8:45 AM

Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Field Trip- Tuesday, October 12.

PK Pumpkin Patch Field Trip- Friday, October 15.

1st Quarter Grade Cards- Tuesday, October 19.

School Pictures- Tuesday, October 19.

First Grade to Tulsa Zoo- Wednesday, October 20.

Fall Break- October 21 and 22. No School

Educational Support Personnel Appreciation Week begins Monday, October 25.

Halloween Parade- Friday, October 29. Parade begins at 1:00 PM

Sunday, October 31- Halloween

Daylight Saving Time Ends- Sunday, November 7. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

Oklahoma Statehood Day!- Tuesday, November 16. Oklahoma's 103rd Birthday!

Thanksgiving Break- November 24, 25 & 26.



**We Appreciate
Our Support
Personnel!**

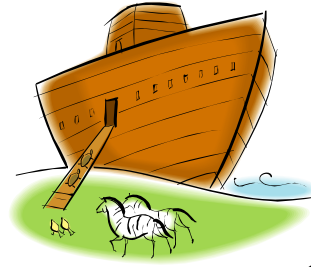
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Get to Know the ABCs of Helping Your Child in School

Looking for ways to help your child in school this year? Just remember your ABC's:

- ***A**sk your child about school each day.
- ***B**edtime is important. Make sure your child gets enough sleep.
- ***C**hoose activities your child will like. Leave time for play.
- ***D**o things together. Car time is a great time for talking.
- ***E**at together as a family as often as you can.
- ***F**ind a quiet place for your child to study.
- ***G**et to know your child's teacher.
- ***H**omework helps students learn. Set a regular study time.
- ***I**nvolve your child in making decisions when you can.
- ***J**oin your school's Parent-Faculty Club.
- ***K**now the school's rules. Your child should know them, too.
- ***L**ibraries are free. Visit your library often.
- ***M**ake some special time to spend with your child.
- ***N**otice and discuss any changes in your child's behavior.
- ***O**rganization saves time. Have a place for school supplies.
- ***P**lay games together.
- ***Q**uestions help children learn. Help find the answers.
- ***R**ead with your child.
- ***S**hare a hobby or interest with your child.
- ***T**urn off the TV.
- ***U**rge your child to do his best in school.
- ***V**olunteer to help with at least one school activity.
- ***W**ork near your child when he is doing homework.
- ***X**-tra hugs are a great way to say "I love you."
- ***Y**ield good results by praising your child.
- ***Z**oom through these ideas one more time.



Life-Lessons From Noah's Ark

1. Always plan ahead.
There wasn't any rain in the forecast when Noah started building the ark.
2. Don't listen to your critics. Listen instead to your heart and then do whatever has to be done. The neighbors might have taunted when Noah was blocking their driveway—but he had the last laugh as soon as the rain began falling!
3. Stay physically, mentally, spiritually and emotionally fit. You never know but that when you're 600 years old, someone might come along out of the blue and ask you to do something REALLY big!
4. Don't seek to go it alone. Always travel, at least, in pairs, because two heads are better than one.
5. Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails; and they all arrived safely on dry ground at the very same time.
6. Handle conflict with certainty. If you can't fight or flee from adversity—at least make certain you have an idea that can float in the battlefield of ideas!
7. Don't miss the boat! Don't forget this underlying truth: that ultimately when all is said and done, we're all in the same boat.
8. Be flexible in your thinking. Remember that amateurs built the ark while professionals built the Titanic.
9. Remember that Fear is nothing more than "False Evidence Appearing Real." The woodpeckers on the INSIDE are often a bigger threat to your overall well being than the storms raging on the outside.
10. Remain faithful and optimistic. No matter how bleak things look, if God is traveling with you, there's always going to be a rainbow of peace on the other side of the storm.



Happy Halloween!