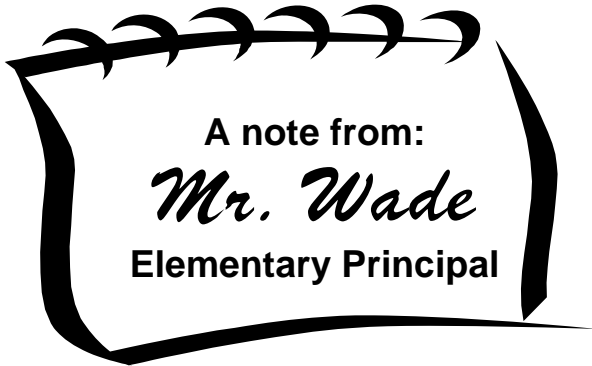


# Alexander Elementary



## Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:  
*Mr. Wade*  
Elementary Principal

With Summer Break just around the corner it is time to begin thinking about summer activities for your children.

There are many opportunities for your child to enjoy a break that includes both fun and learning. Here are just a few ideas:

Miami Public Library Summer Reading Program. The theme for this year is "*Oklahoma Kids: A Kaleidoscope!*" For more information contact Children's Librarian, Connie Bradley at 541-2292.

Summer Reading Program- Held at Alexander Elementary Monday through Thursday during the month of June. Parents of qualified students will be notified.

Church Camp-Bible School- Many churches provide an opportunity for children to attend fun and exciting camps and/or Bible School during the summer months. Contact your local church for more information.

Summer break is also a great time to have fun as a family. Be sure and find plenty of time to get out and enjoy each other's company.

You can also find lots of ideas on-line regarding summer activities for children. To get you started checkout:

[www.childparenting.about.com/cs/summer/a/summerart1.htm](http://www.childparenting.about.com/cs/summer/a/summerart1.htm)

### More Ways To Spend The Summer-

\*Read with your child everyday. Read aloud. Have your child read to you.

\*Plant a garden. See how seeds develop into plants.

\*Start a neighborhood newsletter. Or have your child interview older family members and write a family history.

\*Read newspapers together. Talk about what's going on in your town or in the world.

\*Look for everyday ways you use math. Ask your child to figure out how much your grocery order should cost. Get him to keep track of how many miles your car runs on a gallon of gas. Here is a fun website to practice math skills playing a game called Math Baseball

<http://www.funbrain.com/math/>

\*Read maps and make maps of your own. Have your child make a map of your neighborhood.

\*Try an ethnic restaurant. Visit new countries on the internet.

We hope all of our students and their families have a wonderful and safe Summer Break!



**Teacher Appreciation  
Week May 7-11**

***Alexander Elementary Teacher's  
Have Class***

**We Appreciate You!**

# MAY

Cinco De Mayo Assembly- Friday, May 4 at 1:00 PM in the gym.

Teacher Appreciation Week Begins- Monday, May 7.

Mexican Dancers Travel to Area Schools- Monday, May 7.

Testing Reward Trip for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Tuesday, May 8. Laser City in Joplin. Bus leaves at 10:00 AM

Gilcrease Museum Assembly- Tuesday, May 8.

Mexican Dancers Travel to Area Schools- Wednesday, May 9.

Jay Track Meet- Friday, May 11.

First Grade to Tulsa Zoo- Friday, May 11.

Testing Reward Trip for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades- Monday, May 14. Roller Skating in Joplin. Bus leaves at 10:00 AM.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Fun Day- May 14

Second Grade Trip to Tulsa Zoo- Tuesday, May 15.

Fifth Grade Orientation at the Middle School- Tuesday, May 15. The bus leaves at 9:00 AM.

No Theft Party- Wednesday, May 16.

Fifth Grade Assembly- The dangers of Smoking. 1:30 PM in the gym.

Career Day- Thursday, May 17.

Elementary Track Meet at the High School- Friday, May 18.

Talent Show- Monday, May 21.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Payday Program- Tuesday, May 22.

Homework Club Party- Wednesday, May 23.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Picnic- Wednesday, May 23.

Pre-K Graduation- Thursday, May 24.

No Cheaters Club Celebration- Friday, May 25.

Awards Assembly- Friday, May 25, in the gym.

K, 1st 8:30 AM  
2nd, 3rd 10:00 AM  
4th, 5th 1:30 PM

Memorial Day- Monday, May 28.

Beach Day- Tuesday, May 29.

Last Day of School- Tuesday, May 29.

2007-2008 School Year Starts- August 16.



## They Are Butterflies

It is said that the butterfly goes wherever it pleases and pleases wherever it goes. What a tribute to pay a creature otherwise known as an insect!

Why do we find butterflies so pleasing?

Aside from their obvious beauty and benefit, probably the most gratifying trait of butterflies is their modest personality. While other insects buzz ferociously or rustle leaves fiercely to announce their might, butterflies quietly perform the miracle of pollination without ever making a sound and without ever disturbing anything. Their contribution rises to hero proportions as they help make life possible yet ask for nothing extra in return.

Some people are like butterflies. They go through life performing miracles daily without ever boasting and without ever purposely drawing attention to themselves. They are the reason those around them find work easier or life better. Just like butterflies, their contribution rises to hero proportions as they tirelessly help others yet ask for nothing extra in return.

These tireless wonders go wherever they please and please wherever they go. They are beautiful. They are beneficial. They are modest. Indeed...they are butterflies.

--Elizabeth Andrew

