

# Alexander Elementary



## Parents Make A Difference!

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A note from:  
**Mr. Wade**  
Elementary Principal

Wow! The 2010-2011 school year is wrapping up (quickly)! I can not believe how fast this school year has gone. We have many activities scheduled in the month of May. I will list details regarding these activities in this newsletter. Please make sure to look at the back of this letter as well as the monthly calendar. If you are unclear or have any questions, please feel free to call.

I would like to pose a Principal's Challenge to our students. Students who are in PreK -2<sup>nd</sup> grade are challenged to read 25 books over the summer. Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grade are challenged to read 1,000 pages over the summer. Students who meet this challenge will receive a special reward in August. Students must keep a log with the dates when each book was read, the name of the book and the number of pages of the book. Commit to meeting this challenge this summer!

To help meet this challenge, I encourage you to use the Miami Public Library as a source for a wide selection of books to read.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, and administration, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for allowing the team at Alexander Elementary the privilege of working with your child this year. It's been a fantastic year! We hope you have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Teacher Appreciation Week- Begins Monday, May 2.

Special Assembly- Author Visit, Wed. May 4  
PK-2<sup>nd</sup> Begins at 1:00 PM  
3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Begins at 2:00 PM

Cinco De Mayo Celebration Assembly- Thursday, May 5 beginning at 10:00 AM in the gym.

Testing Reward Trip- Students that worked hard on the State Test over the past several days will go skating at Silver Wheels in Joplin on Monday, May 9. The bus will depart at 10:00 AM.

Child Safety Program- Tuesday, May 10, Marie McKenny 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the gym

Gifted and Talented Field Trip- Wednesday, May 11 to Greenbush, KS. Bus leaves at 8:00 AM.

Tiger Track Meet- Friday, May 13.

AR 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Trip- Tuesday, May 17, Miami, River View Park.

PK Track Day- Tuesday, May 17.

School Carnival- Thursday, May 19.  
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Awards Assembly- Tuesday, May 24.  
K and 1st 8:20 AM  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 AM  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM

PK Graduation- Wednesday, May 25 starting at 10:00 AM.

Talent Show- Wednesday, May 25, starting at 1:00 PM.

Last Day of School- Wednesday, May 25.

First Day of 2011-2012 School Year- Wednesday, August 10.

**“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 begins Wednesday, June 8 and runs through July 21. The theme for this year is “One World, Many Stories!” Look for the blue flyer from the library coming home with your child in the near future. For more information contact Children’s Librarian, Connie Bradley at 541-2292.

Project Comet Summer Program will run during the morning throughout the month of June. Students will have the opportunity to eat both breakfast and lunch. Parents can contact program director, Stacy Moss at 675-4336 for more information.



Alexander Elementary will also provide a special summer program for students entering the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The program will run during the afternoon throughout the month of June. Students selected for the program will focus on Reading, Math and Technology. If your child qualifies, you will be contacted.

Church Camps & Bible Schools- Many churches provide an opportunity for children to attend fun and exciting camps and 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:

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/collection.jsp?id=98>

**Congratulations Mrs. Mahurin**

**Commerce Public School  
2011 District**

**Teacher of the Year!**



**If You Can Read  
This...Thank A Teacher!**



**Teacher  
Appreciation  
Week  
May 2-6**

**Our Teachers  
Rock!**

