



Deretchin Elementary

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Counselor (K-3rd)

Lunch Schedule:

Kinder- 12:10-12:40

1st- 11:15-11:45

2nd- 12:40-1:10

3rd- 11:50-12:20

4th- 11:15-11:45

5th- 10:40- 11:10

6th- 10:40-11:10

Fine Arts Schedule:

Kinder- 9:40-10:30

1st- 9:40-10:30

2nd- 8:50-9:40

3rd- 10:30-11:20

4th- 11:50-12:40

5th- 12:40-1:30

6th- 1:30-2:20

Check out our NEW Deretchin Website!

We are pleased to announce that we have launched our new campus website. The new website provides all the same information as before, but with a streamlined, updated appearance as well as additional features and functions.

<http://deretchin.conroeisd.net/>

2017-2018 Placement:

It's hard to believe it is getting so close to the end of the school year. We have truly enjoyed working with your children this year. As we begin to look at placement for next school year, we want to assure you that each individual child's needs are discussed. Your child's teacher, along with the administrators and counselors review the placement many times before it is finalized. As you can see over the past several years our teachers work as a professional learning community. Working as a professional learning community means several teachers will be working with your child throughout the school year to ensure their success (not just the assigned teacher). If you have specific concerns related to your child's placement, you can contact Tisha Smith in K-3 at tlsmith@conroeisd.net or Angie McGhee in Gr. 4-6 amcghee@conroeisd.net. We ask that you refrain from requesting a specific teacher for your child as we will not be honoring those requests. Thank you for continued support of our school. We look forward to another successful year. The deadline for feedback is Friday, May 19th 2017.

Are You Moving?

If you are aware that you will be moving over the summer and will not be attending Deretchin or McCullough next year, please notify the registrar, Cory Ognisty at 832 592-8700 or email her at cognsity@conroeisd.net. We have Summer Movers forms that need to be completed and returned before June 1st, 2017. If you become aware over the summer that you will be moving, please stop by the front office during our summer office hours to complete the Summer Mover forms.

News from the Nurse!

To the parent of students with medications in the clinic:

This letter is to remind you that if your student has medication in the clinic that must be picked up by the end of the school year. All medication must be picked up by a parent/guardian or designated adult. No medication can be sent home with the student on the school bus. No medication is stored in the clinic over the summer. Any medication not picked up by May 31, 2017 will be discarded.

Thank you,

Colleen Magee RN
(832)592-8770

Cyber Safety Assemblies

Victoria Walker from the National Center of Missing and Exploited Children will be holding three age-appropriate assemblies for all of our Deretchin students on Monday, May 22. She will be discussing Internet safety using the Netsmartz platform. Please continue this discussion at home as most of our students have access to and use the Internet frequently.

Student Council

Our last STUCO meeting for the year will be on Wednesday, May 17th from 3:30 to 4:15. We will be celebrating the end of a great year with a pizza party.

Dragon Store

Our last Dragon Store for the year will be Tuesday, May 23rd and we have lots of new items. This will be the last opportunity for students to spend their dragon dollars this year. If you would like to volunteer, please use the link to sign up to help. This is our busiest store of the year and we need lots of volunteers, especially for the afternoon shift.
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080845afab2ea64-dragon3>

Librarian News:

The George & Cynthia Woods Mitchell Library in The Woodlands, in cooperation with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the rest of the Montgomery County Library System, is sponsoring the 2017 Texas Reading Club: titled, "Build A Better World."

The Purpose of the Texas Reading Club is to promote reading, stimulate curiosity, and attract children to the library. The emphasis is on letting children read for fun and helping them retain viable reading skills during their summer vacations. The Texas Reading Club is a self-paced reading program in which children keep track of the books they read.

The attached document can be printed two sided and is a half sheet flyer. Also, all of our summer Reading information will be on the library's website:

www.countylibrary.org

Counselor's Corner K – 3rd Grade

Counselor's Corner

Summer School 2017 information is on our district webpage. This information will also be on Deretchin's webpage as well. If you have any questions pertaining to Summer School, you can contact Ms. Tisha Smith (Counselor)

Counselor's Corner 4th - 6th Grade

Lunch Bunch

We completed our lunch bunch lessons talking about Desire, Time & Effort from the "Why Try?" curriculum. Students learned that anything worthwhile in life requires desire, time and effort. There are no shortcuts to achieving success. We often encounter challenges in life, it's important not to give up but instead focus on what we learned from that challenge.

WHAT WE ARE DOING IN MRS. PARRA'S P.E. CLASS

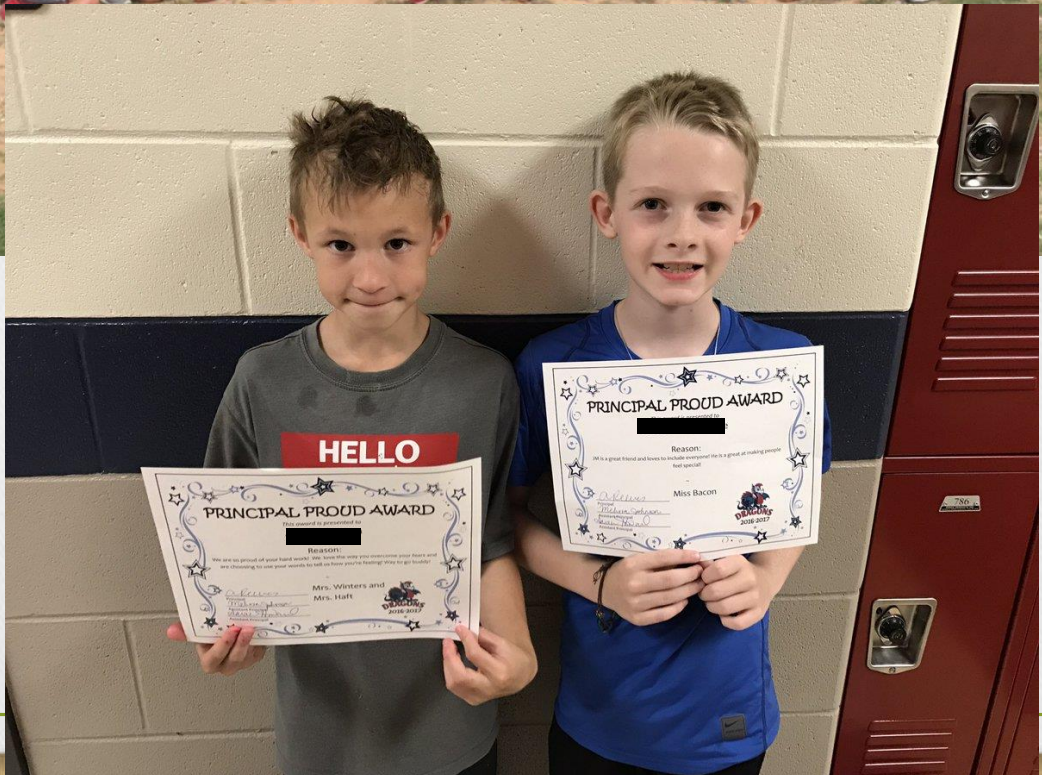
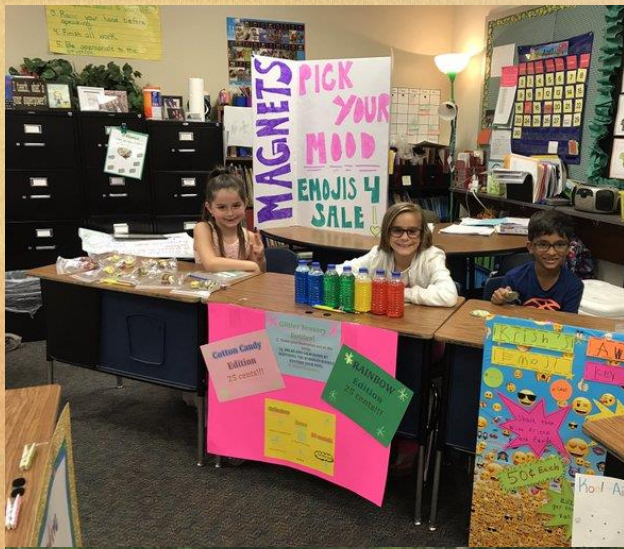
Students in Kindergarten-Sixth grade recently participated in the Heart Adventure Challenge Course that took them on a journey through the four chambers of the heart.

New games for the playground...Switch 5 & Hoop Ball.

The students have also been learning about the skeletal system. Do you know how many bones are in the human body? (Answer: the skeleton of an adult human consists of 206 bones)

WHAT WE ARE DOING IN COACH WEBB'S P.E. CLASS

Over the next 2 weeks we will go over the field day stations, have co-op games, and tumbling.



Upcoming Events:

May

- 16 - Volunteer Thank You Desserts in Room 206
- 16-6th Grade Social Studies Benchmark
- 16-Author Visit (K-3rd)
- 16-Chipotle Night for Spirit Night
- 17-2nd & 3rd Science DCC test
- 17-STUCO Meeting (3:30)
- 17-18-Pride of Music Choir Competition
- 18-PTO Meeting
- 18-4th & 6th Science Benchmark
- 19-Rodeo Day w/Houston Livestock show and rodeo
- 19-2nd Grade Writing Restaurant
- 23-Band/Orchestra Concert (9:00 & 6:15)
- 23-Choir Concert (8:15 & 5:30)
- 23-Dragon Store during lunches
- 24-Principal Proud (8:15)
- 24-Boy/Girl Talk 5th & 6th Grade during Fine Arts/PE
- 25-Field Day K-2
- 26-Field Day 3-6
- 29-NO SCHOOL
- 30-Celebration w/Counselors
- 31-6th Grade Talent Show & Celebration Day

June

- 1-Last day of school-HALF DAY for student-Dismissal at 12:10
- 1-6th Grade Clapout (10:45)
- 1-Kindergarten Graduation (8:30)

Parent Information

Absences:

Please remember Absences are documented as "Unexcused". If you would like to change your child's unexcused to an Excuse please do one of the procures below. Please note that this is not removing the absence it is simply changing the title of the absence. When reporting an absence make sure you provide the child's: first and last name, grade, homeroom teacher and the reason for the absence.

Report an Absence by phone: Please call the Front Office at 832.592.8700.

Report an absence by handwritten note or a doctor's letterhead: Give to student and they can give the to the teacher or drop it off with the Front Office.

Report an absence by email: Cory at cognisty@conroeisd.net and/or the student's homeroom teacher.

Report an absence by fax: 832.592.8780

It is the school's discretion to decide what reason is considered for an excused absence if the child is not ill. If the school feels it is not excused the unexcused will be changed to a UPC "unexcused with parent contact".

By Texas state law, if your child has 16 or more excused, unexcused, and/or UPC absences your child's attendance records will be reviewed by an attendance community to determine if your child will advance to the next grade level.

Cell Phones

Please refrain from using your cellphone in the front office.

Morning Hours:

School begins at 8:05am. Students should not arrive before 7:30am. When they arrive before 8:05 students go to active start on the dragon playground or the gym.

Arriving to school after 8:05:

Students arriving after the tardy bell (8:05) are considered tardy. Students must stop at the front desk for a tardy pass.

Medication at School:

Students may not bring medication to school. A parent or guardian must bring medication and sign it into the clinic. All medication must be in the original container and properly labeled.

Illness at School:

Your child will be sent home from school if: they have a fever 100 degrees or greater, diarrhea, vomiting, suspicion of having a contagious illness, or are too ill to function in the classroom. Your child should not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication.

Transportation Changes:

All transportation changes must be received in writing by 2:30pm. We are unable to accept an email or phone call. You may send a note to your child's teacher, fill out a form in the front office or send us a fax (832) 592-8780 with your signature.

Notes from the Nurse:

Parents/ Guardians: Please make sure that your student has an extra change of clothing in their backpack for ALL emergencies requiring a clean set of clothing! If your student has borrowed clothing from the clinic please make sure that it is washed and returned.



Future Highlander Night



Parents and ALL Future Highlanders!

**Join us Wednesday, May 17th beginning at 5pm as
The Woodlands JV plays their Spring Game,
followed by TWHS Varsity Spring Game at
7pm. Games will take place at Weldon Willig Field
at The Woodlands High School on Research Forest
Drive.**

**Parents bring your future Highlander wearing their
school shirt. Future Highlanders and their schools
will be introduced between the JV and Varsity
Games, about 6:30pm.**

**There will also be Highlander merchandise for sale,
a burger, chips and drink combo for \$6 and Orange
Leaf! Players in 9th – 11th grades will receive a free
combo. Cash is encouraged.**

**So Come cheer on the Highlander football teams as
we get ready for another GREAT season.**

GO HIGHLANDERS!

ROTARY CLUB PROJECT

CHILDREN OF THE DUMP

Dear Parents,

I would like to make you aware of an opportunity to share school supplies with Nicaragua's "Children of the Dump". The Rotary Club of The Woodlands is sponsoring the collection of school supplies to help them learn. We are so fortunate to be able to live in our district and attend the schools we have. However, the reality is that many children just don't have that opportunity. You can help by donating any used or left over school supplies from this school year in the containers provided by Rotary in our hallways. The containers will be in place the last week of school and if you would like to participate, please drop off any supplies that you won't be taking home for the summer. Used pencils and partial crayons are sometimes thrown away and these children could really benefit. The Rotary Club will package your donations and ship them to the school in Nicaragua. Thank you for your support and generosity in helping these children.

Auxiliary Job Fair

The District will host a Job Fair for Auxiliary Departments again this year. We are in need of personnel in Transportation, Child Nutrition, Natatorium, Police, Custodial and Maintenance Departments.

Auxiliary Job Fair

Thursday, June 22, 2017

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The Woodlands College Park High School

We are hoping to get some great candidates for employment.