

# Michael Elementary Parent Newsletter

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Dear Parents:

The weeks are flying by and as we continue to work towards our goal of end of year promotions, we encourage you to reinforce the skills your child has been working on daily. We need your help to make sure your child is continuously prepared for curriculum benchmark diagnostic tests (CDBs) and promotion standards assessments. Your daily support and involvement truly makes a difference and helps your child learn that education is important to you!!



**Literacy and Math Family Night** – Our family night held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> was a huge success! Thank you to Gabriela Garcia, Lynne Musk, our family night coordinators, and our teachers who presented that evening. Many parents and students attended sessions which provided ideas to help their children with math and reading at home. Mark your calendars for our next Science and Technology Family Night on Thursday, January 21, 2010.



## Fire Prevention Poster Contest

### Winners-

**Kinder- Jaylynn Batts**

**Second Grade- Bryan Ledesma**

**Third Grade- Jasmine Vargas**

**Fourth Grade- Jennifer Batts & Jamarco Mascorro**



**Veterans Day Ceremony** – We invite you to our Veterans Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the gym. Thanks to all of the veterans, parents, volunteers, community members, faculty, support staff and students who will be joining us. I would like to extend a special thank you to the Social Studies Committee, Facilitator, Stephanie Wise, and music teacher, Debbie Lozano, for all of their planning and hard work. It will be a meaningful tribute to our veterans.



## Cafeteria Federal Breakfast And Lunch Program

– Please help your child follow the guidelines in the cafeteria by reminding them not to remove items from their trays to place in backpacks for snacks. This is against the federal lunch program guidelines and is not allowed. Breakfast is served each day from 7:00 – 7:35 AM.



## ALPHA GT Program Nominations:

GT nominations for Kinder will be due on November 20, 2009. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade nominations are due on February 12, 2010. Please see Lisa Moran if you have any questions.



## EARLY RELEASE DAY

– We will be having an Early Release Day on November 6, 2009. Teachers will be attending a staff development session on E-child. Our next Early Release Day will be on Friday, February 5, 2010.



**Parking Lot**- Do not create your own parking spaces because it blocks other cars. Enter the parking lot correctly and refrain from entering through the exit.



**Fall PTA Fundraiser** – Thank you, parents, for your incredible support of our Fall PTA fundraiser. The PTA fundraiser committee is still tallying the results, but the school will receive approximately \$6000, which will be used for instructional materials and campus events. Thank you for making this possible.



**Bike Rodeo Winners** – The following students were winners in our Bike Rodeo from each grade level. First Place winners will be invited to the city wide Bike Rodeo in May.  
**Kinder – Jaylynn Batts, Nadia Maldonado, Salma Gonzalez, and Thomas Kielawa.**

**First – Melissa Martinez-Morales, Aaliyah Batts, Laura Bara, Matthew Hunnicutt, Enrique Luna, and Ja'heim Fuller.**

**Second – Ebony Batts, Summer Kielawa, Jacqueline Salas, Marcus Castaneda, Michael Babb, and Tyrell Bolden.**

**Third – Star Parra, Kendra Jackson, Sienna Gonzalez, Levi Rick, Jerene Batts, and Terrance Bolden.**

**Fourth – Jennifer Batts, Lauren Landin, I'mani Fuller, Ivan Martinez-Morales, Dezmen Camacho, and Brian Lopez.**

**Fifth – Gevonya Hilton, Genesis Portillo, Alicia Rick, Dylan Deman, Omar Martinez, and Valentin Lopez.**



**School Advisory Team (SAT)** – We currently are in need of a business member and a community member to complete our SAT committee. Thank you to each of you for your continued interest and support. Please submit your name and phone number to the office if interested in serving on our team.



## Upcoming Events-

Tues., 11/3	<b>Election Day!!!</b> <b>McNay Field Trip- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade</b>
Wed., 11/4	Tutoring 3:05-4:05
Thurs., 11/5	<b>4<sup>th</sup> grade Science CDB</b> Tutoring/Tech Club 3:05-4:05
Fri., 11/6	<b>Parent Cafecito 8:00-9:00</b> <b>Little Star Storytime 9:00</b> <b>Early Release 11:45 a.m.</b>
Sat., 11/7	<b>Los Leones Art Show 8:30-2:00</b> <b>in Leon Valley</b>
Tues., 11/10	<b>4<sup>th</sup> grade Writing Release Test</b>
Wed., 11/11	<b>Veterans Day Ceremony 8:00</b> <b>SAT Mtg. 2:00 p.m.</b> Tutoring 3:05-4:05
Thurs., 11/12	Tutoring/Tech Club 3:05-4:05
Mon, 11/17-21	American Education Week
Wed., 11/18	Tutoring 3:05-4:05
Thurs., 11/19	Pictures Retakes-Dress your best! Tutoring/Tech Club 3:05-4:05
Fri., 11/20	<b>Classroom Spelling Bee</b> Kinder GT nominations due
Mon. – Fri., 11/23 – 27	<b>Thanksgiving Holidays</b>

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- **Compliments! Questions? Comments? Concerns?**

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