



Council Traditional School

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October IB Word of the Month: Inquirers

Students and adults that are **Inquirers** develop their natural curiosity. They acquire the skills necessary to conduct inquiry and research and show independence in learning. They actively enjoy learning, and this love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives. Remember to strive to be **Inquirers** throughout the month.

Academic Focus:

Mathematics. The world of mathematics is very exciting to our students. Elementary mathematics consist of mathematics topics, such as number sense, place value, geometry, time, and money. Students are focused on learning to identify their numbers, basic facts, and hands-on methods for solving algorithms. Beginning in the last decades of the 20th century, there has been an increased emphasis on problem-solving.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Mrs. Heather Hartmann on receiving the LAMP Award on September 18th for her outstanding service as Library Media Specialist for Mobile County!

Council's Theme for State Parenting Day 2017 "Math is all Around Us"

The Alabama State Parenting Day Program for Council School is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017. Council will host two sessions for parents. The first session will start at 8:30 a.m., followed by the second session starting at 12:30 p.m. The sessions will be in room 222 on the second floor of Council School. Mrs. Langham, math coach, and Mrs. Sirmans, counselor will lead the whole group sessions. Following the opening session, parents will be invited to observe/participate in math lessons in their children's classrooms. The times for the classroom math lessons are: Grades 2-5 lessons will last from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Grades K and 1 lessons will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The students and teachers are looking forward to seeing all the parents as they show off their impeccable math skills. There will be door prizes and refreshments for your enjoyment. Here are just a few of the vocabulary words that you will hear and see: number bonds, algorithm, part-part whole, and turn and talk. This event will be both informative and memorable.

End of Quarter

The end of the 1st quarter is Friday, October 6, 2017. Monday, October 9th is a teacher work day, therefore there will be no school for the students.

Honors Assembly: First Quarter Honors Assembly will be held on Friday, October 20, 2017.

Grades 1 & 2: 8:15 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Grades 3-5: 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

This year our featured speakers will be outstanding former Council Students.

Tutoring

Tutoring is being funded by discretionary funds that we have received from Mobile County Commissioner Ludgood. The program will begin on October 10th. Tutoring will be held weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday. The time for tutoring is 3:15-4:15 p.m. The students will have one hour of reading and one hour of math each week. The tutoring teacher will work with the student's regular classroom teacher to make sure that the student's specific needs are addressed each week.

Lemonade Stand & Face Painting: On Friday, October 6th, Council will host a Lemonade Stand & Face painting activity in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All proceeds will benefit "Breast Friends Forever"- Mitchell Cancer Institute. Each activity will cost \$1.00. Let us support our community by showing that we are "Caring" students.

Student Council

Student Council Officers will be elected for the 2017-2018 school year on October 13, 2017. This is a wonderful learning experience for students. We will have voting booths for the students to use.

Council's Red Ribbon Nominee

Congratulations to Marley Davis for being selected as this year's Red Ribbon nominee. Marley will represent Council at the Red Ribbon Leadership Awards on Tuesday, October 10th.

Jump Rope for Heart

Council was recognized by the American Heart Association for our outstanding fundraising efforts. Council was #3 in the county and raised \$5,429.50.

College Counts Smart Art Contest

Council's fourth grade students will be participating in the College Counts Smart Art Contest. Winners from each school system will be awarded a \$100 College Counts 529 direct-sold account.

Heads-Up:

During the month of October, Council will kick-off its fall fundraiser. Parents are asked to participate by allowing your child to take home one box of the World's Finest Chocolate. We do not recommend that students go door to door to sell candy. Perhaps they can call their friends and relatives to support them by buying a bar of chocolate. The funds made from this project will be used to offset the cost of the copier bill, lamination film, and bulletin board paper. These funds were cut at the start of this school year. Closer to the time for the kick-off, a permission form and letter with more details will be given to each student. Prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place highest sellers.

Magnet School Informational Meetings

The supervisor of MCPSS Magnet Program will be here at Council to host an informational session about the new procedures with the magnet program on October 24th. She will have two sessions, the first session will start at 9 a.m. and the second session at 5:30 p.m. in the school's gym. Many parents have had questions about their student's return placement for next year. Mrs. Jordan's goal is to answer any questions from the present magnet school parents, as well as future parents.

Dates to Remember:

- ✓ October 3rd: Reading EQTs for Grades K-5
- ✓ October 4th: Math EQTs for Grades K-5 / Science 4-5 (Date change for Science)
- ✓ October 5th: Fourth Grade Field Trip
- ✓ October 5th-6th: Lighthouse Visitors
- ✓ October 5th- 6th: Make-up EQTs
- ✓ October 6th: Last day of 1st Quarter
- ✓ October 9th: Teacher Work Day- No School
- ✓ October 9th – 13th: Anti-Bullying Week

- ✓ October 10th: Tutoring Starts
- ✓ October 11th: Student Council candidates will record their speeches.
- ✓ October 13th: Unity Day (Students may wear their anti-bullying t-shirts with their school uniforms: khaki pants & red belt.)
- ✓ October 13th: Student Council Election
- ✓ October 16th: Report Cards- Sent home by student
- ✓ October 16th: State Parenting Day
- ✓ October 20th: First Quarter Honors Day
 - Gr. 1-2 at 8:15 AM
 - Gr. 3-5 at 9:15 AM
- ✓ October 23rd – 31st: Red Ribbon Week
- ✓ October 23rd: “Put a Tie on Drugs” (Students may wear a tie with their school uniforms.)
- ✓ October 24th: “Sock it to Drugs” (Students may wear outrageous socks with their school uniforms.)
- ✓ October 25th: “Kick the Habit” (Students may wear tennis shoes with their school uniforms.)
- ✓ October 26th: “Put a Cap on Drugs” (Students may wear caps/hats with their school uniforms.)
- ✓ October 27th: “Band Together against Drugs” (Students may wear bandanas with their school uniforms.)
- ✓ October 30th: “Give Drugs the Boot” (Students may wear boots with their school uniforms.)
- ✓ October 31st: “Be on a Drug Free Team” (Students may wear college t-shirts or jerseys with their school uniforms and khaki pants.)
- ✓ October 27th: First Graders will go trick or treating at Allen Memorial.