

LEBLANC LIONS

LeBlanc
Elementary School
Newsletter
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"TAKING *PRIDE* IN EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE"

January Calendar

- 4 Students return to school
- 9 DARE program begins (5th Grade)
- 10 Box Tops/Labels Turn in date
- 11 Spring Fundraiser Kickoff
- 13 3rd Six Weeks Ending
- 16 Martin Luther King, Jr .Day No School
- 18 Report Cards go home
- 24 T-Shirts for Technology Day
Students pay \$1.00 to wear t-shirts
- 25 Fundraiser Deadline
- 27 DIBELS Testing
- 31 Math Connections Day - Grades K, 1st, 2nd

February Calendar

- 3 PBIS \$1.00 Jean Day
- 9 School Spelling Bee (Grades 3rd, 4th & 5th)
- 17 PBIS Mardi Gras Mambo
- 20-22 Mardi Gras Break (No School)
- 23 Students return to school
- 27-2 Jump Rope for Heart Week
- 29 iLEAP/LEAP Parent Student Night



REMINDERS

Students do not have school Monday, January 16th due to Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Students return to school on January 17th.

CONCESSIONS

Effective February 1, concessions will sell for .75. The money raised will be used for instructional materials, general operating expense, and any other expenditure not funded through other sources. *Switch* drinks will continue to cost \$1.00.

WEBSITE

Check on your child's academic progress and attendance on our website: www.vrml.k12.la.us/leblanc.

Third Grade Musical and Fifth Grade Band Concert a Huge Success

Thanks to Mrs. Marsh, Mr. Mike Vizier, third grade Students and teachers, and parents for the help with our successful third grade play and fifth grade band production. There was standing room only and it was the perfect send off to the holiday break.

T-Shirts for Technology

On January, 24, students are eligible to pay \$1.00 to wear a t-shirt in support of Technology at LeBlanc Elementary. The money raised will be used for technology based instructional materials and incentives not funded through other means.

School Wide Fundraiser to get Underway

LeBlanc Elementary will kick off the annual fundraiser on January 11, 2012 when students take home the cookie dough, pizza and magazine sales brochure. Students will compete for prizes and rewards including a Trolley Ride and lunch. All monies raised will be used for instructional materials, general operating expense, and any other expenditure not funded through other sources

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R espect Others
O bserve Good Manners
A re Responsible & Safe
R each Our Goals



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Mrs. Troy Mouton

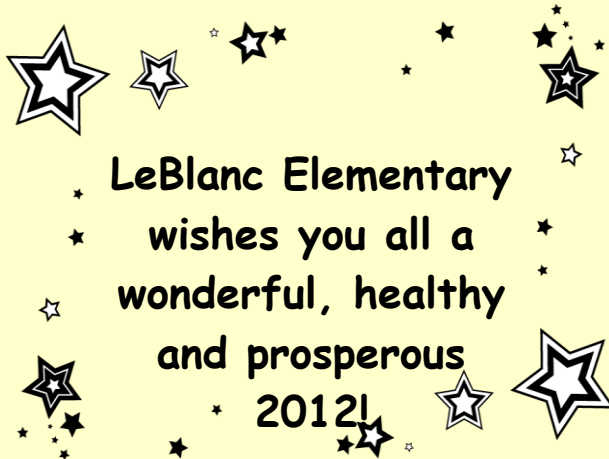
Motivation Methods That Work

"Have you finished your book report?" "When are you going to take out the trash?" Does it seem like you're constantly nagging at your youngster to get things done? Instead of nagging, try these suggestions and "can-do" tips. You'll boost your child's enthusiasm for doing what he needs to do in school and at home.

Offer praise. Never underestimate the power of a "Good job!" Children crave approval from their parents. A positive response, such as a hug or a smile, can be a great incentive. Whether it's for washing a sink full of dishes or passing a math quiz, a word of encouragement will show your youngster that you notice his hard work. His self-confidence will soar, and he will want to keep trying. Can-do tips: Let your child overhear you bragging to a friend when he cleans his room without being asked. Hang tests on the fridge, or send copies of a good report card to relatives.

Give rewards. Simple rewards, like extra privileges, can be powerful motivators. But rewards should be used sparingly. Bargaining too much can limit your child's natural motivation by putting the focus on getting something. Can-do tips: Offer your youngster a special snack or extra TV time when she finishes her homework quickly. Or surprise her with a thank-you card in her lunch bag for helping you clean the garage.

Use consequences. Experts agree that punishing kids for not doing what they're supposed to do doesn't always produce improved results. However, linking consequences to performance can provide a reason for your child to get the job done while giving him a greater sense of control over his life.



ATTENDANCE

We ask your cooperation in the matter of pupil attendance. Our teachers are anxious to have all the children benefit from the lessons they have prepared. It is difficult to have students make up work when they are frequently absent. We urge all parents to keep students at home only when it is necessary for health reasons. While we do not want students to attend school when they are ill, we do want them to come to school on all other school days. Vermilion Parish School board policy states students **cannot miss more than 12 days for the school year.**

EXCUSED/UNEXCUSED ABSENCES

Any time your child is absent from school, comes in late, or leaves early you must provide a doctor's excuse or a parent excuse to the teacher within 3 days. Excuses returned after the 3 days are unexcused. Louisiana law provides that the parent or guardian of any child who is absent or tardy (unexcused) more than 5 times in a school semester may be prosecuted in a court of law. (Act 745 of 2008)

LEBLANC STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND STAFF came together on the evening of December 19th for the first ever LeBlanc Family Movie Night held in the school gym. Mrs. Amy, as the conductor, and Mrs. Etie', as one of the cooks, greeted all who attended the special showing of *The Polar Express*. Students gained admission through their special printed train ticket which was collected at the door by Santa's helper, Mrs. Troy Mouton. Students, dressed in their pajamas, brought their pillows and sleeping bags, and then settled in for the full length feature. Hot chocolate and candy canes were served during the show and prizes of DVDs and books of the movie were awarded. Each student left the special showing with a reminder, a silver bell, of the magic of the season.