



Decker Prairie Elementary School

We Can, We Will!

Cougar Tales

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It is a priority to provide you with accurate and valuable communication throughout the school year. Details about upcoming events in the school will be included in this newsletter each month. Cougar Tales can be found on the DPES Website.

Keeping Informed

There are a number of ways to keep up with what's happening at Decker Prairie Elementary. You may visit our webpage <http://dpes.tomballisd.net/>, follow us on Twitter @TISDDPES, check your child(ren)'s teacher Edlio page and read Cougar Tales. Be sure to check your child's Wednesday folder for updates as well.



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Home Access Center

The ability to access your child's course schedule, assignments, grades and registration data can be securely viewed from Internet Explorer at home. Tomball ISD is providing this access through our Home Access Center (HAC) feature. This secure access requires an internet connection and a confidential user name and password issued to the primary guardian by the campus. Your login username and password is confidential. This information was mailed to your home over the summer. Please keep this information with other important documents for future reference.

Principal
Dr. Jo Ann Colson

Assistant Principal
Gigi Ragan

Assistant Principal
Mary Endress

Counselor
Jody Luedde

Librarian
Mandy Watson

Grandparents Week September 11-15



Grandparents are invited to enjoy lunch with their grand-student. Grandparents are welcome to bring lunch for themselves and their grand-student (from Sonic, Chick-Fil-A or somewhere similar) or purchase lunch through the lunch line. A photo opportunity will be available for you to take a picture with your student on your smartphone or camera.



Due to the recent weather event, Parent Orientation has been postponed. Check your child(ren)'s teacher Edlio page and the DPES Website for updated information.



Volunteers

Interested in volunteering? Please visit to the Tomball ISD website and go to Quick Links. Choose the option "Apply to Volunteer/Classroom Observation". Fill out the information in order to be approved to volunteer. It takes approximately seven days for the approval process to be completed.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) - September 19th

This is an innovative program being used by school across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life. The goal is to have these men spend at one day a year at the school to be an extra set of eyes and ears as a positive male role model. Sound interesting? Please come to our Watch D.O.G.S. Kick off Tuesday, September 19th. An invitation will be coming home in the near future.



Fall Student Pictures—September 23rd



Individual pictures will be taken Friday, September 22nd. Everyone will have their picture taken. You must fill out the picture envelope and return it with payment if you would like to purchase the pictures. Please return the envelope and payment by Wednesday, September 20th.

PTO Membership Drive

The annual PTO Membership Drive is underway! The PTO is an important part of our school and we invite you to join. The PTO has funded major campus improvements and financially supports all student field trips. The drive ends September 22nd. Information will be coming home in your child's Wednesday folder.



A Note from Mrs. French

Visit Mrs. French's website or use the QR to see all the exciting plans in store for this school year. There is information on gifted and talented testing, Robotics, Chess Club, UIL and Destination Imagination. A pamphlet with information on these academic opportunities and other clubs will be coming home in student Wednesday folders.



We  our Decker Prairie Kids!



September Grade Level Learning Focus

PreK/Kindergarten

ELA-letter/sounds, building good reading & writing habits

Math- 2D/3D Shapes

Science– Physical Properties- Color, Texture, Shape

Social Studies- My School and Community

Reminders:

Cougar folders go home on Wednesdays. Send back empty folder on Thursday.

Mother Goose will be visiting!

1st Grade

Reading

- Short vowel CVC word patterns
- Establishing expectations for Reader's Workshop
- Establishing expectations for Writer's Workshop
- Guided Reading Levels for 1st 9 weeks - Level D/E meeting expectations

Math

- Addition to ten -Friends of ten.($5+5=10$, $3+7=10$)
- Using a part -part whole chart

Science

- Safety in class and lab
- Properties of Matter (size, shape, texture, color, taste,)

Social Studies

- Great Expectations
- Rules, law, and authority figures @ home, school and community.

2nd Grade

Reading and writing

Establishing expectations for Reader's Workshop.

Establishing expectations for Writer's Workshop.

Guided Reading Levels for 1st 9 weeks.

Math

Review addition and subtraction facts.

Place Value.

Science

Safety/ Rules.

Properties of matter.

Social Studies

Great Expectations.

Rules, law, and authority figures @ home, school and community.

3rd Grade

ELA

- Launching readers and writers workshop
- Building good reading habits and stamina

Math:

- Compose and decompose 6 digit numbers in many ways
- Compare and order 6 digit numbers

Science:

- Scientific process
- Demonstrating safe practices in various labs

Social Studies:

- Communities
- Freedom Week

4th Grade

Reading: Reading habits and goals

Writing: Personal narratives

Math: Place Value through billions

Science: States of Matter

Social Studies: Regions of Texas

Library Notes

We have lots of fun things that will be going on in the library this year!

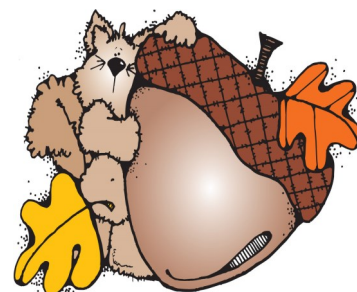
To be notified of it all, subscribe to my website at: <https://goo.gl/1DX8pg>

September Dates:

Week of September 11th - all classes start coming to the library for lesson and checkouts

September 15th - wear polka dots to celebrate International Dot Day

Mother Goose visits Pre-K and K (date to be determined and note will go home)



September Calendar

September 4—Labor Day Holiday

September 8—PTO Meeting/Fall GT Testing Applications due

September 11-15-Grandparents Week

September 11-First Responder's Day

September 13-THS Homecoming Parade & Community Pep Rally

September 14-Robotics applications due/UII Parent Nominations due

September 15-National Dot Day/THS Homecoming

September 18-Constitution Day

September 18-21-Choir Auditions

September 19-Watch D.O.G. Kickoff

September 20-3rd Grade Ropers Tryouts

September 21-4th Grade Ropers Tryouts/3rd-4th Grade Destination Imagination applications due

September 22-Fall Individual Portraits

September 25-Choir First Practice

September 27-Ropers First Practice

September 28-Ropers/Chess Club applications due