

To the Future and Beyond: Manatees on a Mission Volume 2, Number 5

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School Hours
 9:00 am-3:30 pm
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 www.duvalschools.org/
 enterprise
 No dismissals from the
 office after 2:45 pm



UPCOMING DATES

Oct. 27-Buffalo's Family Night
5:30-8 PM

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ARE NOT PERMITTED AT SCHOOL!

Nov. 3 REPORT CARDS HOME
Nov. 4-Early Dismissal

AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

- 11/4 9:15 Gr. 5
- 11/6 9:15 Gr. 3
- 11/6 1:45 gr. 4
- 11/9 9:15 Gr.2
- 11/9 1:45 Gr.1

PTA Fundraiser Items due by Nov. 1st-a reminder will be sent home for you to pick them up when they arrive.

Clip and save

**EARLY
RELEASE
DATES-
dismissal at
1:45 p.m.**

- Nov. 4, 18**
- Dec. 9**
- Jan. 6, 20**
- Feb. 3, 17**
- Mar. 3, 24**
- Apr. 14, 28**
- May 12**

Opening the Portal

Exciting News! The Duval County Public Schools invite you to access your child's grades online through a Parent Portal as of November 9, 2009. Parents and students can only access their own grades. You will also have quick access to the class website from this same link.

In order to receive your username, password and directions for this Internet site **YOU MUST come to the school in person with your photo identification.** EACH parent has their own username and password, but one parent could bring the other's ID to pick up this information.

Choose from one of these days and times to come to the school's front lobby:
Tuesday, November 10, 5:00-7:00 PM

Friday, November 13, 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
Friday, November 13, 5:00 pm-7:00 PM

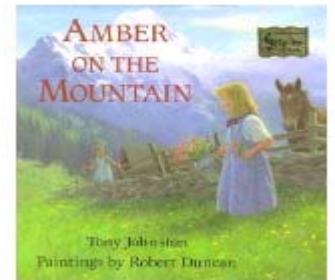
National Education Week is November 15-21. Let a teacher know how much they are appreciated.

NEA's American Education Week (AEW) spotlights the importance of providing every child in America with a quality public education from kindergarten through college, and the need for everyone to do his or her part in making public schools great. **Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility**, reflects the calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper,

and achieve in the 21st century. To the future and beyond!

INSPIRE GOOD GRADES

Helping your child do well in school isn't just about toiling over homework. Research shows it's even more critical to talk about how success in schools can lead to success in life. "Preteens and teens are making decisions based on their goals and motivations, but they need guidance to see the link between school and their aspirations," explains Nancy E. Hill, PhD., a professor in Harvard's Graduate School of Education, who analyzed 50 studies that looked at parental involvement.



Book of the Month

In **AMBER ON THE MOUNTAIN** we find a rich use of similes. Smilie key words are often: like, as, similar to and

For example, in this sentence:
 "He is as cunning as a fox",
 the word "as" is a good clue

which hints that this sentence could be a **simile**. We are comparing someone to a fox and we are saying they are **both** cunning.

How would you complete these sentences using similes?

- The track star runs like a _____.
- The back tire of the car is as flat as a _____.
- Learning similies is as easy as _____.
- She dives well and swims like a _____.



the difference
I can make.

BOXTOPS UPDATE

Mom Melissa Penn collects boxtops from classrooms on a regular basis.

The following students have brought in 100 boxtops so far: **Briana Jacobs, Travis Garner, Jesalynn Bradberry, Christopher Dul, Megan Dul, Wesley O'Brien, Dylan O'Brien, Alaina O'Brien, Jacob O'Brien and Jacob Garret.**

Student **Caleb Jackson** has contributed 200 boxtops so far!

Mrs. Goodwin's third grade classroom is in the lead for the most students who have brought in their 50 boxtops for the year so far!

For a complete list of items from which you can clip boxtops to help our school, please visit this web site: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/Image.aspx?id=2164>



(left) Problem Solving in Mr. Hamilton's fifth grade science classes:

Does mechanical energy produce heat energy?

Will the temperature of sand rise after shaking it for 10 minutes?

WE DO NOT DISMISS STUDENTS FROM THE FRONT OFFICE AFTER 2:45 PM DAILY UNLESS YOU HAVE SENT A NOTE IN WITH YOUR CHILD TO THE TEACHER TO BE RELEASED FOR A PRIOR APPOINTMENT.

Regular dismissal begins at 3:20 pm.

BE ON TIME to pick up your child on early release days.

See Student menus

www.duvalschools.org/static/students/lunch/index.asp

Parent Link is a school-to-home communication system that will leave messages about school events or emergencies at your home telephone number. It will also call your home to report daily student absences. If you ever get a new phone number, be sure to tell us so you will be included in school news. If you have NOT received a PARENT LINK call yet, then we do not have your correct phone number.

Students **Kyler and Elijah** in Mrs. Derrick's second grade class learn how to make change and count money.

Here is the State Statute:

- **Bicycle regulations.—**
3. (d) A bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap, and that meets the standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI Z 90.4 Bicycle Helmet Standards), the standards of the Snell Memorial Foundation (1984 Standard for Protective Headgear for Use in Bicycling), or any other nationally recognized standards for bicycle helmets adopted by the department.
- We do have police officers who will issue citations to parents whose children do NOT wear their helmets. We have provided conversation and information to your children and we hope you help them obey the law.



Caitlin (above) in Mrs. Goodwin's class calculates the mean, mode and median of raisins in a box in a school wide experiment October 22, 2009.

