



LUFF TIMES



Live, Learn, Lead ~ Leave a Legacy

John W. Luff Elementary

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Week of September 7 – September 11, 2015

Mon. Sept. 7: NO SCHOOL ~ LABOR DAY

Tues. Sept. 8: K - 1st Grades (C Day) / 2nd – 5th Grades (A Day)

Wed. Sept. 9: K - 1st Grades (D Day) / 2nd – 5th Grades (B Day)

Thu. Sept. 10: K - 1st Grades (A Day) / 2nd – 5th Grades (C Day)

Fri. Sept. 11: K - 1st Grades (B Day) / 2nd – 5th Grades (A Day)

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High Achiever or Gifted?

Sometimes it is hard to distinguish a student who is a high achiever from one who is gifted. While it is true that gifted students can also appear to be high achievers, often the student who is truly a high achiever is doing a wonderful job in class and does not need support outside of the classroom environment.

The first question a teacher or parent needs to ask is, “How much effort is the student putting into his/her work?” High achievers have an admirable work ethic that allows them to finish their classwork (sometimes even ahead of time) and they also turn in quality work. A gifted student often does not have to put much effort into his/her work because most of it comes so easily to him/her.

Many gifted students (not all) have unique traits that set them apart from other students. They often see themselves as equals with adults, can be difficult if they don’t agree, strong willed, they may think they know more than the teacher or parent, they don’t always have to apply themselves, they may ask annoying questions or challenge the teacher and can appear to be arrogant.

Remember that not all gifted students display these traits. None of them fit into a “gifted mold”. If you have a child or student that displays many of these characteristics – you may want to consider referring that child for IMPACT testing in the spring. Be sure to talk to the counselor or the student’s classroom teacher about the possibility.

Important Upcoming Dates!

Sept. 14: PTA Trash Bag sales begin and runs thru Sept. 25th

Sept. 14: 1st Grade Field Trips to the 1859 Old Jail, Marshal's Home and Museum

Sept. 16: Boy Scout informational talk during lunch for Grades 1 – 5

Sept. 17: Boy Scout Recruitment Night

Sept. 18: Constitution Day / Sing at flag pole

Sept. 28: NO SCHOOL for students

Oct. 2: Picture Day

Oct. 2: Custodian Appreciation Day

Oct. 6: McTeacher Night / 4 – 8pm

Oct. 9: Trash Bag Delivery

Oct. 16: Chuck E. Cheese Night / 3 – 9pm

Oct. 23: Fall Parties

Oct. 26 – 29: Parent / Teacher Conferences

Oct. 30: NO SCHOOL



