PRINCIPAL’S CORNER:

Greetings Mustang Parents! Our first NINE weeks instructional period is at the halfway mark! This means that our students only have FOUR instructional weeks remaining before our first grading cycle of the semester ends. I know that the beginning of this year has been a real challenge and I thank you for all your efforts to ensure your child(ren) have been ready physically and mentally for school. I know it has not been easy. However, there are just a few reminders that I’d like to share so that your child and our campus can keep moving in the right direction. Here are my updates and tips for the month of October:

- Whether your child is coming to school in-person or remote, ensure that they are present and ready to work! On-campus should be arriving to school no later than 7:45 a.m. to ensure they get breakfast and are ready for their class morning meeting. Remote students should be checking their technology and be logged in by 8:15 a.m.

- Send your child with a school backpack and CHECK it everyday. Please know that every item that is sent home is for your child’s educational benefit and your way of knowing what is going on at your child’s school. Also, make sure that if your child brings home their school laptop, it is to be kept in the plastic bag that it was distributed in and returned daily for classroom use. We are asking for you to partner with us to help your child grow as a student.

- Make sure you send an excuse note to your child’s teacher and/or attendance office any time your child is absent. This will ensure that your child is not marked for truancy. If remote students DO NOT log in to their classes, they are considered an unexcused absence.

- Our uniform colors are hunter green, gold and white polo shirts with khaki bottoms only. This is our official campus uniform. We will be contacting parents of students who are continually out of dress code. Navy shirts and t-shirts of any kind are NOT the designated school uniform.

October is here and it’s time for Student Council to begin. The Student Council campus committee is finalizing selections for student representatives for this year and preparing for this year’s officer elections. Stay tuned for Student Council’s upcoming community service projects and leadership opportunities.

Parents, please continue to assist us with keeping our staff and students safe by:

- Self-checking your child at home before coming to school. If they are not feeling well and have a temperature or any other symptoms, please keep them at home and contact your doctor.

- Making sure they have their masks on when they enter the building in the morning.

- Talking with them about the importance of social distancing and keeping safe.

**Schoolwide Picture Day October 22nd**

Students will wear their school uniforms for pictures.

**MARSALIS IS A NEW STEAM SCHOOL OF CHOICE!!!**

We are super-excited that our campus has been selected as a Dallas ISD School of Choice. While our STEAM calendar is beginning later than we planned due to our updated district calendar start dates, we can wait for your child(ren) to show you how they will be growing in STEAM learning this year. Be on the lookout for innovation, exploration, artistic endeavors, and creativity in our classrooms.

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Dear Parents...

PROMOTE EFFECTIVE STUDY HABITS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR!

Greetings Mustang Parents! Helping your child strengthen his/her homework and study skills is one of the most important ways you can help them do better in school. And the start of a new school year is the perfect time to get started. Here’s how:

• Choose a regular time and place for homework. It should be a quiet, comfortable location free from distractions. Stock it with necessities like paper and pencils.

• Allow for some free time first: Many kids need to blow off steam after-school by exercising or talking about their days. Many also head straight for a snack. Keep healthy options available that will energize your child for work and plan.

• Postpone Screen Time: Watching TV and playing video games are privileges that often take away from priorities, including reading, homework and chores. Save all screen time for after homework and studying.

• Encourage organization: Productive studying starts with a to-do list. Older elementary school students should make one each day.

• Pay attention. Homework time is a chance for you to learn about your child. Does he excel at reading? Have trouble with spelling? Struggle with multiplication?

• Be supportive. Don’t ever do your child’s homework for him/her. But do stay nearby to supervise. It’s okay to answer questions and guide your child through problems. However, if he/she needs too much help, talk with the teacher.

CLASSROOM VISITATION PROCEDURES: Due to COVID-19 safety procedures, campus visits will be unavailable until further notice from district officials. You are welcomed to continue to conference with your child’s teachers virtually. Should you desire a face-to-face conference, it will need to be approved by a campus administrator and all safety procedures will be followed. These are challenging times and we are working extremely hard to keep everyone safe.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES / EXIT: We are utilizing a staggered dismissal schedule to limit the number of students exiting the building together after the bell rings. Please pick up your child as quickly as possible and head to your cars so that we can keep our school areas socially distanced and safe.

LUNCHROOM VISITS: Our cafeteria is closed to visitors at this time. We are using all space available to socially distance our students during the lunch periods and appreciate your understanding.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Are you interested in volunteering at our school this year? We are always looking for parent and community volunteers to assist us with field trips, help out with schoolwide activities, and join us in school beautification activities. If you are interested, please visit DISD’s website for directions on how to sign up for volunteering. The link is: https://dallasisd.voly.org/.

DISD’s Parent Portal system, POWERSCHOOL, is a valuable resource available in English and Spanish for parents/guardians to use to become more involved in their children’s education. Parent Portal provides parents/guardians with three key benefits:

1. Secure on-line access to their children’s grades, assignments and attendance.
2. Email alerts of absences and grade average changes.
3. A two-way communication tool for parents and teachers.

Register today for a PowerSchool Parent Portal account and become a partner in your child’s education.

New and Returning Users: If this is your first time signing up for a PowerSchool account, use the link below. Then select “Parent Sign In” followed by “Create an Account Here” to get started.

https://dallasisd.powerschool.com/public