

# THE COMMUNICATOR

## “Destination...World Class Education”

### Principally Speaking...

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**Sale Elementary  
International  
Studies Magnet  
School**

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We want to thank you for your support during the “Success Days”. Our staff feels that this special scheduled time greatly benefited all of our students. The data we have collected since the conclusion of our first set of days truly supports the work that was done for our students. We are always excited when we can show growth in the skill levels of our students. To remind you once again, the second set of days will be held from March 22nd-April 1st. To go along with this, remember that our last day of school for this year’s special calendar will be June 17th. We will continuously remind you of these important dates since this is our first year with our new calendar.

We need your assistance on a few important issues regarding our students:

- Please make sure your child arrives at school to be in their classroom by 7:45 a.m. each morning so they will not be counted tardy. We have too many students who are reporting to school late. We need your effort in making sure our students are getting to school on time. If getting them here on time is a hardship on you, please contact us and we will be glad to place them on a bus. This will certainly keep them from receiving unexcused tardies and keep you from receiving a letter from our attendance officer.
- Students are to be picked up by 2:25 p.m. each day for dismissal.
- Students are having to call home too frequently for a belt. Students are to be dressed in complete uniform each day. Their uniform is to consist of a white or navy top, khaki or navy bottoms, and a belt if their bottoms have belt loops. Undershirts also need to be navy or white. If a child needs to wear a jacket in the classroom, it must be navy or white as well. Jackets that will be taken off during the day may be any color. Thanks for your help in these issues. Your assistance will certainly help us to avoid additional concerns in these matters.

**“Never lose a chance of saying a kind word.”**

**Thackeray**

*Getting “Connected” with  
International Studies*  
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### Primary Years Programme (PYP) Progress

Great News! Since we last “connected”, Sale International Studies Magnet School has been named an International Baccalaureate (IB) Candidate School!!!

For the past two years, Sale has worked toward putting the Primary Years Programme (PYP) into action. This involved sending teachers to IB workshops, planning collaboratively and writing an entire programme of inquiry unique to our school. An IB consultant has been assigned and she will be visiting in December to provide feedback and advice about the implementation of the PYP.

As we begin our second nine weeks, we are excited about new units of inquiry. Kindergarten’s “Marvelous Me” inquiry is allowing students to not only explore the concept of self, but the similarities and differences among people. First graders are learning that directional tools can connect people locally and globally and those tools are changing with emerging technology through their unit “Can you find Me Now?” Flat Stanley is “In the mail” in second grade as they learn the various means of communication. Third graders “Show Me the Money” inquiry is encouraging students to look at how people can express themselves through their careers. “Writer’s Digest” is allowing our 4<sup>th</sup> graders to sharpen their writing skills along with opening their imagination.

Take a few minutes to ask your child, “What is the **Central Idea** of your current **Unit of Inquiry**?” While younger children may not be able to articulate this information concisely yet, as they progress through the grades, this will become common language. The “Central Idea” is the “big idea” or “big concept” that we would like each child to walk away from a unit knowing. It is a concept that has meaning and importance to students, teachers, and others as we learn and grow in understanding how the world works.

Our IB words for the month are:

Appreciation--to be thankful

Knowledgeable--I have learned many things that I can tell you about.



## Important Dates to Remember

- **Nov. 1**—Set your clocks back 1 hour (before retiring for the evening)—Daylight Saving Time ends
- **Nov. 2**—4th grade Hearing Screening
- **Nov. 3**—Kindergarten Parent Workshop @ 6:00p
- **Nov. 4**—1st grade Hearing/Speech Screening
- **Nov. 9**—CMSD Board Meeting @ 6:00p
- **Nov. 11**—Progress Reports
- **Nov. 17**—PTA Parent Meeting @ 6:00p
- **Nov. 18**—Sale 4th grade Spelling Bee
- **Nov. 19**—Kindergarten trip to Arrington @ 9:00a  
Kindergarten Vision Screening @ 12:30p
- **Nov. 23-27**—Thanksgiving Holidays



## For Your Information

### H1N1

The 2009 H1N1 vaccine will soon be given at Sale for all of our students who wish to participate. It will be administered by a medical group from our community. The administration of the vaccine will be strictly voluntary with parental consent. All participants must have paperwork completed by their parent. Complete details will be coming to you as soon as possible.

### PTA Parent Meeting

Please make plans to attend our PTA Parent Meeting on Tuesday, November 17th, at 6:00 p.m. We will be discussing updates with IB, Success Days, and future school plans. We will also take nominations for new PTA officers.

### School Messenger—Falcon Blast

We now have the capability to send phone messages to Sale parents about special events that will be occurring. You simply answer the phone and receive the message. This is another reason to keep contact information up to date with us.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO SALE'S HONOR ROLL STUDENTS First Nine Weeks

### Superintendent's List (All A's)

**First Grade:** Jazmyne Banks, Alyssia Brewer, Jordan Demba, Ashlyn Fuller, Makyah Lee, William Li, Madison McGrew, Kyla Norwood, Jemeya Orr, Zachary Suber, Jabari Talley, Tahj Talley, Keidrick Wooten

**Second Grade:** Shannon Hicks, Essence Hughes, Zachary Wilson

**Third Grade:** Alex Carter, Tikorrian Chandler, Tijah McCrary, Trinity Reeves, Taylee Williams

**Fourth Grade:** Stephanie Fuller

### Principal's List (All A's & B's)

**First Grade:** Kathleene Blaylock, Kaely Fenton, Ayana Gillard, Asia Jackson, Jada Johnson, James Peter Johnston, Santeuana Miller, Braeon Murray, David Sloan, Zachary Wilson

**Second Grade:** D'Angelo Ashford, Jakiya Brewer, Darrius Bullock, Daysha Bush, Deairys Conner, TeeAndre Crummie, Diamond Fisher, Abrianna Gillard, Ah'shunti Hayden, Antonio Hill, Simas Johnson, Jeremiah Lang, Keana LeGrone, Marzett Lowe, Braxton McKinney, Joseph Merideth, Ethan Perrigan, Kody Rickert, Marion Shumaker, Onree Walker, Anayia Weatherspoon, Angela Williams

**Third Grade:** Ja'Quavis Ashford, Shaylon Barr, Tyler Beck, Myles Howard, Czarya Lee-Bigbee, Chelsey Little, Zoe Jones, Makayla Merchant, Christopher Miller

**Fourth Grade:** Alex Braddock, Jacobi Brewer, Quinn Chapman, Sean Graham, Lauren Hairston, Christian Harris, Denijay Harris, Hunter Hicks, Reyona Henry, Brittany Jackson, Morgan Jones, Gregory King, Lakiya Lash, Ashton Meyers, Kelvin Mitchell, Jalen Robinson, Venecia Robinson, Justin Saulsberry