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Elementary

# Lion' Mane

An important message from Gary K. King, New Mexico Attorney General...

R U Next?




Cyberbullying: Protecting yourself and your personal information

**Cyberbullying:** is intentionally causing harm through the use of computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices: usually practiced by teens and pre-teens.

For more information on cyberbullying, visit [www.stopcyberbullying.org](http://www.stopcyberbullying.org)

To report cyberbullying, visit the CyberTipline at [www.cybertipline.com](http://www.cybertipline.com) or call 1-800-843-5678

## October 2009 at a Glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 No School Teacher In-service	8	9 	10
				Fall Break		
11	12	13	14 PTSA Twisters Night	15	16 Picture Retakes	17
					Read-A-Thon	
18 	19 Dentist Visit	20 Dentist Visit	21	22	23	24
Read-A-Thon all this week						
25	26	27	28	29 No School	30 No School	31 
Parent-Teacher Conferences– Please schedule with your child's teacher						

PARENTS...PLEASE HELP!!!

If you pick your child up by the playground equipment after school, please help MLKE staff by keeping them off that equipment until all busses are off campus. This rule applies to siblings as well. Children who ride the bus tend to want to play on the equipment if they see other children playing on it. We really need bus riders to get on in a timely manner. Thanks so much for your understanding and cooperation.

**Looking Ahead**

- November 11th– PTSA general membership meeting
- November 17th– Thanksgiving Luncheon.
- November 25th-27th– No school, Thanksgiving break
- December 9th– PTSA Chili's Evening
- December 15th– 2nd-3rd grade winter holiday performance
- December 21st-January 1st– Holiday Break

## Monthly Math Game

October's game is **Beat the Calculator**. This game is great at building mental math skills.

**Materials:** Playing cards 2-10 (remove the face cards) and a calculator

**Players:** 3 (this would be a great game to play with a parent and 2 siblings, or 2 parents and a child)

**Object:** To add or multiply numbers faster than the player with the calculator

**Directions:**

1. One player is the "Caller". A second player is the "Calculator". The third player is the "Brain".
2. Shuffle the cards and place them number-side down on the table
3. The caller draws 2 cards from the number deck and asks for the sum (addition) or product (multiplication) of the 2 numbers.
4. The calculator solves the problem with the calculator. The brain solves it without a calculator. The caller decides who is correct first. That is 1 round.
5. The caller continues this for 10 rounds.
6. The person who won the most rounds out of 10 is the winner! Play again and switch roles.

### Enjoy a great meal while helping our school!

The PTSA is sponsoring another Family Dinner Night, only this one lasts all day long! On Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> eat any meal at Twisters and the school earns 20% of the sales. Make sure you bring in the coupon found below so we get credit for the food you purchased.



Wednesday, October 14, 2009

2435 Southern Blvd ♦ Rio Rancho, NM

Present this coupon Wednesday October 14, 2009 at the Twisters located on Southern and Golf Course and 20% of sales will be donated to MLK PTSA

### Ice Cream for Books

Did your child get some good books to read during the book fair?  
 We hope so, because then they are ready for the Read-A-Thon!

The RAT takes place from Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>-Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our theme this year is ICE CREAM FOR BOOKS (get it? I scream for books).  
 Get ready to gather your pledges, read lots of minutes, and have tons of fun!



### Communicating With the School Year-Round

- ▶ Stay attuned to your child's academic accomplishments on a weekly basis. Praise those accomplishments appropriately.
- ▶ Communicate with the school regularly. When you have a concern or question, write a note, or email or phone the teacher. *We need you on our team!*
- ▶ Think ahead: at the end of the school year, schedule a meeting to discuss with the teacher your child's successes and challenges.

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## We want to hear from you!

We just completed 2 evening events and would like your feedback or suggestions about these activities. On Sept. 22, we held our traditional Kindergarten Curriculum Night, "Fall into Kindergarten." On Sept. 24, we held Family Math Games Night for grades 1 – 5. Please complete the information below and send it back to your child's teacher as soon as possible. We will use this information to help plan and improve future parent involvement.

- I did attend Kindergarten Curriculum Night.  
 I did not attend Kindergarten Curriculum Night.

Comments/suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- I did attend Family Math Games Night.  
 I did not attend Family Math Games Night.

Comments/suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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