



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth S. Jaslin". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a yellow horizontal bar.

Dear Mayo Parents & Guardians: By now you have heard about release of the Oklahoma State Department of Education (SDE) A-F report cards. TPS reported that there were five "A" schools, four Bs, seven Cs, 10 Ds and 49 schools with an "F" grade. Mayo received a "C." There is no doubt there are areas in which we can improve. The area I have identified for needing the most improvement is growth of current students from one band to another—Proficient to Advanced or Limited Knowledge to Proficient, for example. Growth of students from one band to another continues to be our most significant weakness.

Let me explain this in more detail. Twenty-five percent of our A-F grade is derived from growth of our bottom 25% of student scores. The bottom 25% growth is calculated by comparing two years of student scores in math and reading for the bottom quartile. There were 23 students who were in our bottom quartile. In reading, one of those students dropped a band, 11 remained in the same band from the previous year and 11 increased one or more bands (Unsatisfactory to Limited Knowledge or Proficient, for example). In math, four of those students dropped a band, 12 remained in the same band from the previous year and seven increased one or more bands.

While 22 out of 23 of these students remained in the same performance band or increased at least one performance band in math, we received an "F" in this category. Similarly, 19 out of 23 of these students remained in the same performance band or increased at least one performance band in

reading, we also received an "F" in this category. Clearly, the expectation is that we raise the performance band.

Do I believe in the A-F report card? That's a difficult question. I believe in the data that is shared with us, which indicates areas in which we need to improve. I believe in using it as one piece of data, to be triangulated with other data. Another explanation: This year, 17 of our 4th grade students scored below Proficient (Basic or Below Basic) on a beginning of the year, state-approved reading assessment. Yet these same 17 students scored proficient or above on the state reading assessment at the end of the last year. How can they be proficient at the end of 3rd grade but be below proficient during the first few weeks of 4th grade? Hopefully, this answers the question: do I believe in the A-F report card. One assessment does not tell the entire story.

The letter below is from the TPS Office of Federal Programs and Special Projects:

The Oklahoma State Department of Education has released the A-F Report Card for the 2013-2014 school year. The Elementary and Secondary Education Act requires all states, school districts, and individual schools provide annual updates for parents or guardians about how well the schools are performing.

Report Cards for Tulsa Public Schools, as well as other districts and schools, are available on the Oklahoma State Department of Education website through the following link: <http://afreportcards.ok.gov/>

Hard copies of this report card will also be made available at Mayo. Should you have any questions regarding this report card, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school.

Sincerely, Jill Hendricks

Executive Director of Federal Programs and Special Projects

PTA UPDATE

Hello again, Mayo Families! It's been a busy September at Mayo. Our Goodalls have floated the Illinois River, stayed overnight at War Eagle Resort and visited Camp Egan in their exploration of similarities and differences. They studied pebbles, sand and silt collected from the river and also made some terrific memories. As I type, I'm taking a break from packing my Armstrong for her overnight field study. The Armstrongs will be traveling to the Oklahoma City Zoo, the Oklahoma Geological Survey in Norman, and finally to Guthrie for the Wildlife Expo in furtherance of their year of study on change and adaptation by humans, animals and the earth. Our Edisons are planning a trip to Diamond, Missouri to visit George Washington Carver's National Monument in their exploration of imaginations, inventors and inventions. And last but not least, our Einsteins have been on a neighborhood walk and soon will be traveling to a corn maze. They are learning about the neighborhoods and communities in which we all live. Mayo is truly a great place to be!

These unique and educational field studies are paid for by the PTA and are funded by the payment of your child's Mayo Way (\$200 per child) and the PTA's largest fundraiser, our annual silent and live auction – Mayo Kicks. If you have not paid your Mayo Way, please contact our PTA Treasurers, Dusti Howard and Misty Todd, at treasurermayo@gmail.com. And if you don't know about Mayo Kicks, please attend one of our auction meetings or have a chat with our fabulous auction chairs – Lisa Wakefield, Dani Bormann, Rob Baumgarten and Erin Baumgarten. The auction meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm at Charlie Mitchell's Modern Pub.

I also want to remind you about our monthly PTA meetings. We met last month, following our first Mayo 101, and we had a great crowd. The minutes of that meeting will be posted on the PTA bulletin board in the cafeteria. Take a look. And don't forget our next meeting is October 9th at 6:30pm. Again, we will meet in the library. I hope to see you there!

Bonnie Hackler

Mayo PTA President – 2014-2015

LET'S CELEBRATE: FAMILY PARENTS NEED YOUR HELP

Mayo students celebrate several holidays each year in family groups, and your child's family parent needs your help to make these parties a success. Family teachers and parents are not given a budget for these parties. All funds necessary to buy food, decorations and other supplies come from parent support.

Be on the lookout for information on the first family party, coming up on Wednesday, October 29. Your family parent will be requesting that you donate an item or money to help make the party a fun event for your child.

Don't know who your family parent is? Just ask your child's family teacher.



Don't miss the Scholastic Book Fair October 6th-15th. It will be open in the Mayo library both before and after school and during student-led conferences. This is another great fundraiser for our school, with 50% of proceeds going to buy books for the library and classroom sets. If we reach our sales goal of \$5,181 or more, Mayo will receive 65% of the sales.

If you're available to volunteer for set-up October 3rd, sales before and/or after school, or break-down October 15th, please contact Jessica Robb at tang_ed@cox.net or 918-794-3179.



FIELD STUDIES



ON THE CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Friday, 3rd

Spirit Day
(Any Mayo t-shirt may be worn with regular uniform bottoms)

Early Release
1:20pm

Monday, 6th- Wednesday, 15th

Scholastic Book Fair
Mayo Library

Tuesday, 7th

Fall Picture Day *(in uniforms)*

Thursday, 9th

PTA Meeting
Mayo Library
6:30pm

Tuesday, 14th

Student-Led Conferences
3:45-6:30pm

Wednesday, 15th

Student-Led Conferences
2:45-5:30pm

Thursday, 16th- Monday, 20th

Fall Break

Tuesday, 21st

School Resumes

Auction Meeting
Charlie Mitchell's
4848 S. Yale, Tulsa
7:30pm

Friday, 24th

Einstein Field Study
(Corn Maze)

Goodall Book Character Day

Wednesday, 29th

Fall Parties in Family
1:35pm

NOVEMBER

Friday, 7th

Spirit Day
(Any Mayo t-shirt may be worn with regular uniform bottoms)

Mayo Foundation Miles for
Mayo Jog-A-Thon

Early Release
1:20pm

Thursday, 9th

PTA Meeting
Mayo Library
6:30pm

Early Release
1:20pm

Tuesday, 18th

Auction Meeting
Charlie Mitchell's
4848 S. Yale, Tulsa
7:30pm

Tuesday, 25th

Thanksgiving Luncheon
and Community Day

*(Look for details in
November Home and Backs)*

Wednesday, 26th-

Friday, 28th

Thanksgiving Break
No School

Looking Ahead:

Winter Break
Monday, December 22nd-
Friday, January 2nd

PTA MEETINGS

Our PTA meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in the Mayo library. Come and join us! Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 9th. All are welcome!

COMING SOON TO A CLASSROOM AT MAYO...YOU!

All too often, it's hard to find dependable substitute teachers to come into our Mayo classrooms. We'd love to create our own Mayo-only sub group – Mayo parents, grandparents and friends who are available fulfill this critical need. Once you've completed the application and training, you can set up preferences in the automated system to be called only for jobs at Mayo. Visit http://www.tulsaschools.org/5_Careers/substitute_main.asp for details on the process to become a substitute as well as a list of training dates.

SAY CHEESE!

School pictures are next Tuesday, and it's a great fundraiser for our school. Mayo receives 35% of the total sales!

You should have received a Lifetouch School Pictures envelope in last week's Home and Back. All pictures must be pre-paid, preferably in advance of picture day. If you'd prefer to pay online, go to mylifetouch.com and use the picture day ID TU084522Y0. Be sure to print the receipt and turn in to the office as proof of payment.

As a reminder, fall pictures are in uniform. Students will have an opportunity to take pictures in free dress in the spring.

If you're available to volunteer on picture day to gather groups and help keep us on schedule, please contact the office at 918-925-1500.

CASH FOR TRASH

Please keep clipping those Box Tops, Labels for Education and Sunny D labels. You can turn them in by placing them in your child's Home and Back, leaving them in the collection box in the cafeteria or dropping them off in the main office. It's an easy way to help Mayo earn money and more!