LEAPing to Success

Eldon R-1 Schools Learning Enriched Afterschool Program

September 2017

Afterschool Works by providing a safe and healthy place for kids to assist working families and inspire learning.

Upper Home Living Club practices public speaking skills during LEAP Dinner.

Communicate for Success

Engagement with our families is one of the goals of LEAP and 21st Century Community Learning Centers, the federal grant which supports LEAP. There are a variety of ways we will communicate about what your child is involved with at LEAP. Our monthly newsletter, quarterly teacher progress reports, and event invitations are just a few of the tools we use to communicate about our events. Parents can also check our the Eldon LEAP Facebook page or our website: eldonleap.weebly.com

If parents need to contact LEAP staff about a student issue or a change of transportation or after regular day school hours, please call the LEAP office, located at Upper Elementary, at 573-392-6364 ext. 7.

Mark Your Calendars!!

September 11—Upper LEAP Career Day

September 14—Spotlight on Afterschool

September 14—Archery Family Night 5pm-7pm

September 16—Art in the Park

September 22—No PM LEAP—Homecoming Parade with LEAP Robotics Float

September 28—Upper LEAP Fall Fest

October 6—LEAP Family Night at Mustang Football

October 31—No LEAP—Be safe Trick or Treating!

Student Choice for Quality Afterschool Time

LEAP strives to improve programming and provide the highest afterschool experience for our students. One of the quality indicators our sites continue to improve upon is student choice. When students are able to chose what they want to learn, there is an empowerment for the students. We have witnessed fewer behavior issues and an increase in engagement by our students as we provide more student choice.

This choice looks different at each site. South Elementary provide students the choice of their Fun Friday clubs, which include cooking, Makerspace, robotics, and art. At Upper Elementary, students can chose to participate in our intramural program, Mustangs in Motion, or select a club for the quarter. Upper LEAP Clubs include activities like gardening, STEM, writing, drama, and home living. LEAP at Eldon Middle School provides student group service projects and individual student choice activities. Some of their individual enrichment projects include learning a musical instrument, a foreign language, or constructing a project. We look forward to sharing these experiences with our families at upcoming family nights. Check the newsletter for future dates!

Upper Gardening maintains garden beds located beside Upper Elementary. Planted during summer school enrichment, students are growing tomatoes, squash, cucumbers, eggplant and herbs. This produce will be used by South and Upper Cooking clubs and excess is used on the Upper salad bar.

For more information check out the Eldon LEAP Afterschool Facebook page or contact the Program Director Colleen.Abbott@EldonMustangs.org