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Growth Mindset

Having a growth mindset is one of the most important concepts that we teach students at Scenic. The idea of Growth Mindset comes from the decades of research from Carolyn Dweck at Columbia University. In her research, she noticed that she could divide people into two different categories: those that had a fixed mindset and those that had a growth mindset. People who had a fixed mindset believe that intelligence and talent were innate characteristics that could not change. People with a fixed mindset also would avoid challenges because of a fear of failure. People with a growth mindset believed that intelligence and talent could be improved over time with hard work. Those with a growth mindset also embraced challenges because they thought that it was important to stretch their minds so they could be improved. People with a growth mindset also understood the positive side of failure and that they could learn from failure and improve. By helping students to embrace a growth mindset, we can help them to develop persistence in the face of adversity and to create students who become lifelong learners. If you would like more information about using the growth mindset at home visit the website <https://biglifejournal.com/> or read Dweck's book Mindset.

September Calendar & Upcoming Events

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September 3 - No School

September 4 - WHBN Flag Contest Begins

September 10 - Walk-A-Thon packets go home

September 10 - PTO Meeting 4:15 library

September 10 - SAC Meeting 5:30 library

September 11 - Patriot Day Ceremony

September 13 - GT Info Night, 6:00-6:45, daycare provided

September 17 - No School

September 19 - Walk-A-Thon packets due

September 21 - Scenic Family BBQ

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October 2 - Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser

This Month's WHBN Theme:

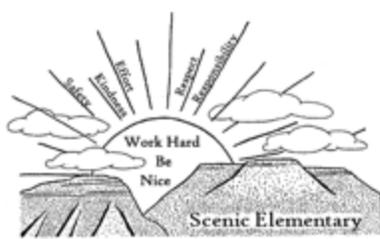
Kindness & Empathy

PTO Walk-a-thon

On Monday, September 10th., we will have our PTO president go classroom to classroom to discuss with students the PTO Walk-A-Thon fundraiser. Students will also receive their Walk-A-Thon packets that day. The Walk-A-Thon is on October 2nd at Connected Lakes State Park. This fundraiser is one of the primary fundraising events for our school and helps support our reading aides in the classroom. Last year we raised \$16,000.

Pick up and Drop off

I want to thank parents and families for their patience in picking up and dropping off their children. In the morning, please do not park in our bus parking zone outside our Gym. The District 51 building and maintenance department is aware of our congestion. They are considering different options to improve the traffic flow to and from our school. As you can imagine this is a lengthy process and



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takes planning, cooperation with various local agencies, and time. In the meantime, I want to thank you for your patience in driving mindfully to and from our school. All our children's safety is our primary concern.

Patriot Day

On September 11th we will have a special flag ceremony honoring our first responders and active military and veterans. Also, we honor those Americans who died on September 11, 2001. If you are a veteran or a first responder, please join us for this special occasion. Our flag ceremony is open to everyone and is one of our great traditions at Scenic. It starts at 8:50 AM in front of our school.

Back-to-School BBQ

Don't miss our annual Scenic BBQ to celebrate the start of the school year! This year's BBQ will be Friday, September 21st from 5-7 pm. There will be free family activities such as bump-n-jump, yard games, and face painting. Special Events include teacher raffle and the 5th-grade cakewalk. Food will be available for purchase. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Erica Ridgley at 970-210-7830.

Safety and Security

We recently had four security cameras installed outside our building, and we have staff members monitoring the cameras throughout the day. The funding for the cameras came from the bond and mill levy that voters approved last fall. Soon we will also have a buzzer system installed on our

front door and a keyless lock system installed on several exterior doors.

PTO

Come one, come all! Please come to join us on Monday, September 10th, @ 4:15 for our PTO meeting. We would love to get as many parents as possible involved in our Parent/Teacher Organization. If this is not a good time for you, please e-mail Jami Fletcher, PTO President, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns.

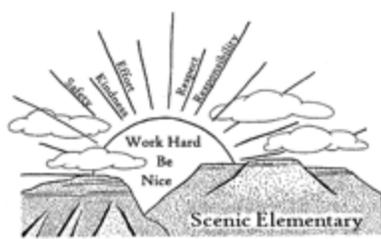
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Lexia Lab in the Morning

We have started our morning Lexia lab in our computer lab. If your child was on a READ plan last year we are encouraging students to join us in the mornings between 8:00 am - 8:50 am every morning to work on Lexia, the online reading program. We will also have the computer lab open on Wednesday afternoons from 1:50 pm- 3:00 pm.

School Advisory Council

Please Join us and be a part of our School Advisory Council (SAC). The SAC advises the principal on topics relating to the school. The council meets once a quarter, and our first meeting is scheduled for 5:30 pm on Sept. 10th, which is right after our PTO meeting. We are hoping to have increased participation in our SAC, and by holding it after our PTO meeting, we are hoping to have a larger turnout.



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Box Tops

Our PTO is always collecting Box Tops. The Box Tops are on certain boxes, bags, and packages in the grocery store. Box Tops are due February 1st. Thank you for your help!

