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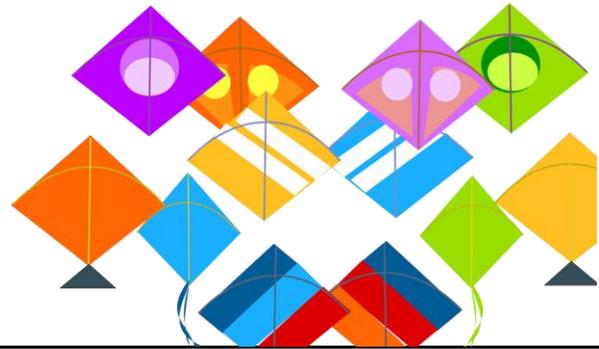
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April 2018

Student Agency & a Growth Mindset

This month there is not a Social and Emotional Learning focus for our school District. However, it gives me the opportunity to share with you why we have a focus on SEL and Growth Mindset. These initiatives lead to the development of student agency. When students have agency, they are actively learning. Instead of the teacher being in the driver's seat, the student becomes the driver of their learning. They are the ones who are making, doing, creating, sharing, collaborating, and publishing in meaningful ways using real-world tools. Creating student agency is not only something that is developed at school, but it also requires support and encouragement at home too. The opportunities to build student agency at home are probably better than they are at school. For example, in the grocery store ask your child which check out lane would be faster; the express lane with five people with a few items, or one person in a regular lane with a cart full of groceries. Giving your child opportunities to cook using a recipe or the opportunity to plan a meal. Inspiring curiosity, wonder, and supporting children to create and solve real-world problems are strategies that anyone can help to instill in children. By encouraging children to be curious, creative, critical and collaborative, we will have graduates who are empowered and filled with tenacity, resilience, and grit to find creative solutions to the complex challenges of our modern world.



April Calendar & Upcoming Events

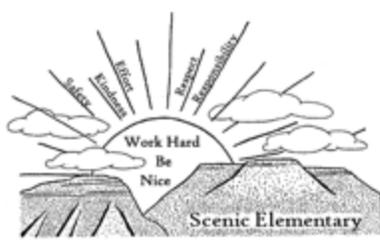
- April 2nd - Student led conference request letters go home
- April 4th - All School Art Center Field Trip
- April 4th - Box Top Pizza Party for Kinders
- April 6th - Kelli Lakin Scholarship applications due
- April 9th - PTO Meeting 4:15
- April 9th - Flyer about Class Picture Day
- April 9th - Student led conference requests due
- April 16th - Class picture envelopes go home
- April 16th- April 20th - Volunteer Appreciation Week
- April 17th - Class Pictures
- April 16th - Student led conference times sent home
- April 18th - Mrs. Reed's American Icon
- April 19th - Coleman's American Icon
- April 23rd - 5th Grade Orientation @ RMS
- April 25th - 5th grade Instrument Try It Night at RMS 5-8 pm

Kindergarten Wednesdays

- April 4 - AM
- April 11 - PM
- April 18 -AM
- April 25 PM

A or B Week?

- April 2 B Week
- April 9 A Week
- April 16 B Week
- April 23 A Week
- April 30 B Week



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2018-19 Class Placement Information

It is the time of the year when everyone begins thinking and planning for the following school year-including parents. Creating class rosters for the following school year is a complicated process. Our ultimate goal is to create a balanced and harmonious class, so that each student has the opportunity to learn not only from an amazing teacher but also from a diverse group of classmates. As educators we try and balance the needs of individual students with the need of a balanced class. The formal process of developing class lists for the 2018-19 school year will take place at the end of April and throughout May. Teachers work collaboratively to place children into classes based on a variety of factors. They include, but are not limited to:

- **The educational needs and learning style of each child**
- **Special education, speech and related services**
- **An academically balanced classroom**
- **Peer & social factors**
- **Medical needs**
- **Boy/Girl ratio**
- **Ethnic and Racial Diversity**
- **The overall makeup of the class as a cohesive community of learners**

If you would like to provide input, please write an Email or deliver a letter no later than Friday, April 20th. Please do not ask to be placed with a specific teacher and with another student. Your input will be shared with the teachers who are involved in the formation of that

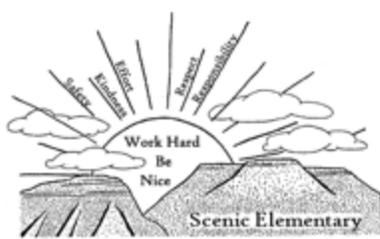
particular class list. I am confident that all of our teachers are qualified to provide your child with the best possible education. You can be assured that careful consideration will be given when planning for the educational experiences of your child.

School Advisory Council

Our Spring School Advisory Council will be meeting Wednesday, April 25th, at 5:30. Anyone is welcome to the meeting. We will reflect on this year and discuss changes for the next school year. The SAC is independent of the PTO. The role of the SAC is to provide specific recommendations for school improvement planning and implementation to the principal. Some of the responsibilities of the SAC include recommendations and prioritization of school funds, recommendations of the school environment and safety issues. Also, being involved in the development of our schools, School Improvement Plan.

Code.org & Robots

Our school was one of 10 elementary schools that were selected to receive a free robotics kit from Code.org. The purpose of Code.org is to teach computer science and computer code literacy to students. Code Org is a free web-based program to anyone. All they need is internet access. Today technology is one of the most important sectors of our economy, and technology touches every aspect of our lives from healthcare, agriculture, to the arts and entertainment. Learning how to code teaches students critical thinking, problem-solving and will be more likely to have a well-paying career than a student who does not know how to code. Every student in grades 1 - 5 has an account at



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Code.org, which they can work on at home. To access their account students need to go to the Scenic homepage > Student tab > Library Links > Code.org Links.

Read -a- Thon Thank You

Thank you to our Scenic PTO and Mrs. Prall for organizing our 2nd annual Scenic Read-a-Thon. We also want to thank all of the volunteers who stopped by to share their love of reading with our students. Finally, thank you to all of the students and families who helped raise money for Scenic by donating to this year's Read-a-thon. We raised \$6,262.00. NICE WORK!

Swim Day and Graduation

In order to give parents ample time to make plans for the end of the year events, please note the following times and dates if you would like to join us:

5th Grade Graduation - May 16th, 2:30-3:30

Kindergarten Graduation - May 17th, 6:00

Swim Day - May 24th, 9:00-12:00

Chipotle Fundraiser

Thank you to all those who came out to eat dinner at Chipotle last month. Scenic raised \$997.60. Great Job!

Counselor's Corner

3/27/2018

April: Child Abuse Prevention Month

Each year, hundreds of kids in Mesa County are exposed to violence, abuse, and neglect. The good news about child abuse is that it is 100% preventable. Nobody wants to believe it can happen in our community, but it does. Do your part to prevent it.

In Mesa County Valley School District 51, elementary school counselors address prevention strategies with students in

classroom lessons each year, as well as in individual counseling sessions when needed. Children who feel good about themselves and know how to ask for help when they need it, are much less vulnerable to bullies and abusive behavior. I will be presenting personal safety lessons in each classroom during the month of April. The focus of the lesson is to encourage children to talk to trusted adults (parents, teachers, etc.) if they have concerns about safety.

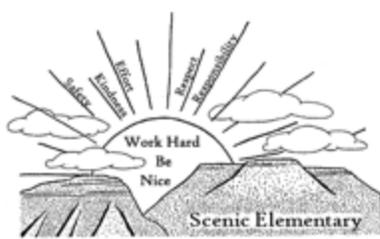
Sometimes, this topic has special significance to a family. **If you have concerns about your child that I should be sensitive to, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

Check out this article on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/Preventing%20Child%20Sexual%20Abuse.pdf>

If you suspect child abuse - or if a child tells you about abuse - making a report is very important! You cannot get into trouble or lose your job for making a report that turns out to be unfounded if you had good intentions when you made the report.

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***Remember: You can
help protect your
children from sexual
abuse by being active in
their lives and teaching
them safety skills.***

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