

Scenic Elementary

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December 2017



Personal Responsibility: Honesty and Integrity

This month's D51 Social Emotional Learning theme is "Personal Responsibility: Honesty and Integrity." This fits Scenic's new five core values which are Safety, Kindness, Effort, Respect, and Responsibility. These five core values help students to understand what WHBN looks like. Personal responsibility, along with honesty and integrity, are important character traits; but they are not easily learned. Many adults struggle with these same lessons. Unfortunately, they are only learned through trial and error. We need to find ways both at school and home to give children opportunities to practice responsibility in a way that, if they fail, the consequences would not be too great. An example is keeping a pet goldfish. It provides an opportunity for the child to practice responsibility by feeding the fish and changing the water. If the child doesn't care for the fish and it dies, it is not the end of world. This provides a valuable lesson about responsibility. In teaching children about honesty, I have always relied on the story of the Boy Who Cried Wolf. Stories are a great way to teach children both at home and school. There are many examples in the real world about the importance of being honest and telling the truth, Sharing some of these can help children understand why it is important to be honest.

December Calendar & Upcoming Events

Dec. 4 or 5th - \$\$\$ due for Alternative Holiday Giving Fair

Dec. 7 - Name that Tune Contest Begins

Dec. 8 - Last day for Canned Food Drive

Fri. Dec. 22 - WHBN Celebrations

Holiday Parties:

Kindergarten AM 9:00

Kindergarten PM 1:00

1st - 3rd Grade - 9:00-10:00 am

4th - 5th Grade - Get Air 9-12

Fri. Dec. 22 All School Movie 1:30- 3:00

Sing A Long in Gym 3:30

A or B Week?

Dec. 4 B Week

Dec. 11: A Week

Dec 18: B Week

Grandparents Day Thank You

Grandparents Day was a huge success! Thanks to all of our special guests! We loved sharing our school with you! Also a HUGE thanks to Heather Williams, Kris Biggs, Heidi Lawrence, Brinn Smardo, Raul Mendoza, Michelle Prall, Courtney Idler, Robin Millard, Heather Mixon, Nick Brenholtz, Andres Sanchez, Rita Lauck, Erica Ridgley, Natalie Whitesides, Trisha Solberg,, Teresa Perkins, Laura Campbell, Marlenes Ballard, Debbie Carol, Nutrition Services, Custodial Services, and all those who brought goodies. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication to our school!

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Food Drive

Scenic Elementary is holding a canned food drive that started November 1st and will go through December 8th. Last year, the Scenic community collected 1,714 food items! As of the end of November, we have collected 973 items. All collected food items this year will be split between Junction Community Church, in partnership with Food Bank of the Rockies, and Salvation Army. The Junction Community Church is new to our donation, as our own Mr. Sanchez helps organize this charity. The church food bank serves about 185 people each Saturday that they are open. Canned food & other non-perishable food items can be brought to school at any time & placed in boxes in each classroom. The class that collects the most food items will get a special celebration. Let's see if we can beat that record this year!

4th Grade Bowls/No Loafing Around/Pablo Pizza

Thank you to our Scenic Community who made our fundraisers an amazing success. Fourth grade made \$510 selling their bowls. Proceeds will go to buying a huge Colorado map. Our Pablo Pizza night raised over \$300, and No Loafing Around made \$350. Thanks to all who made it possible!

Google Expeditions

Google Expeditions is a free tool where students can take virtual field trips around the world, and even in space! The tool uses a tablet, smartphones, and Virtual Reality viewers. We are currently limited to taking four students at a time as we only have four donated smartphones. We would like to have six more. If you have an old iPhone, Samsung, or other smartphone that you would like to donate, please bring it to our office. It does not need a SIM card inside it, and D51 will wipe all the data from the phone. If you would like to try an expedition yourself, stop by the front office and take a tour.

City Market Community Rewards

Did you know that everytime you shop at City Market, they will donate money to our PTO? You need to add our PTO to your Value Card by going to <https://www.citymarket.com/topic/city-market-community-rewards>. You will need to set up your card for Scenic PTO every year.

Alternative Holiday Fair

Hello Scenic Parents! Instead of our traditional holiday gift market where kids were shopping for presents in the library, we have decided to do an Alternative Holiday Gift Fair to help benefit local organizations in our community. During library time on November 27th and 28th, students learned about several charities that Scenic has chosen to receive donations. Coming up, we will then have our "Giving Fair", allowing kids to make donations in the

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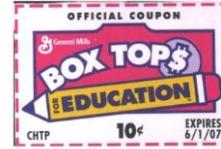
name of a loved one as their Christmas gift. There is no minimum donation required, and the charities themselves will receive 100% of the donations. We are very excited to help kids understand the importance of giving back to their local communities in the names of the ones they love most. Please ask your child which charity resonated most with them, as this helps facilitate the dialogue we are working on with community building. We will be sending out reminders as we have done in years past that kids should be finding extra ways to earn money to save for their gift fund. They will need to bring money with them December 4th and 5th to do their “shopping.” We greatly appreciate your support in this activity!

Want Affordable Internet and/or Computer?

Internet Essentials is a program from Comcast that provides internet for \$9.95 a month and/or a laptop computer for \$149.99 for students who receive a free or reduced lunch. The program also provides free internet training online, in person or in-print. To apply call 1-855-8-INTERNET or internetessentials.com.

Box Tops

Our PTO is always collecting Box Tops. The Box Tops are on certain boxes, bags, and packages in the grocery store. Please, keep them at home until January when we will ask students to bring them to school.

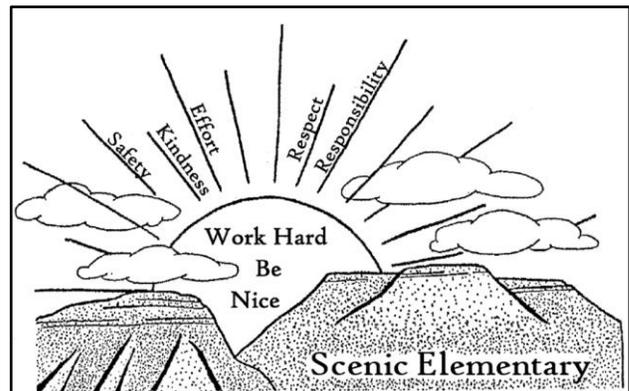


Kindergarten iPad Campaign.

We are grateful to have been able to purchase two iPads and are close to being able to purchase one more. Our goal is to purchase six iPads for our kindergarten classroom. If you can help us, please go to our Go Fund Me site at <https://goo.gl/r4QST2>

Traffic and Idling

Please remember to drive slowly and mindfully during pick-up and drop-off. This is especially important when turning left or right onto Scenic Drive from Broadway. We are also asking parents to turn off their car (when it's not too cold) when they are waiting for the bell to ring. We have students who play after school and others who walk home. We would like to avoid having them breathe exhaust fumes.



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