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May 2018

Time to Reflect

This month's Social Emotional Focus is to have students reflect on their year and the effort towards their goals. This last weekend I watched the documentary "The Brain that Changes Itself." The documentary is based on a book by the same title. You can watch the documentary for free on YouTube. The video supports the concept of a growth mindset, and that our brains can continue to learn and grow even in our "golden years." In one section the documentary uncovers how stroke patients can learn how to walk, talk, and reuse their limbs. If an 80-year-old stroke patient can learn to tie their shoes again, imagine the possibilities for what a ten-year-old can learn. I bring this up because I heard about a parent that told their child that the reason why they struggled with math was that they were not good at math when they were a child. This was based on a belief that there was some genetic disposition to learning math. However, this is just not true. Our most significant barrier to mastery is not our genes or lack of talent, but the effort we put into our work. I believe that any of the students here at Scenic can learn and do well at anything as long as they are willing to put forth the effort. This summer your child will still have access to DreamBox and Lexia. If you have any questions about how your child can access these programs at home, please call the front office. It has been a pleasure to watch your child learn and grow this year. I hope that all of you have a safe and wonderful summer.

May

Calendar & Upcoming Events

- May 1** - 4th grade Chautauqua 6:00 PM
Museum of the West
- May 3** - NO SCHOOL Student Led Conferences
4:00 - 8:00
- May 3** - Book Fair open 4:00 - 8:00
- May 4** - NO SCHOOL Student Led Conferences
8:00 - 2:00
- May 4** - Book Fair open 8:00 - 2:00
- May 7** - 4th grade Ft. Uncompahgre, Delta
- May 7-11** - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9** - Bike to School Day, Duck Pond, 7:30 AM
- May 11** - Bring in river rocks to paint
- May 15** - 5th grade Ute Water Festival CMU
- May 16** - 5th grade graduation ceremony 2:30 - 3:30
- May 16** - 2nd Grade Animal Research Open House 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- May 17** - Kindergarten continuation ceremony 6:00 PM with Ice Cream Social to follow
- May 18** - 2nd Grade Poetry Reading 3:00
Library
- May 18** - 4th Grade Math & Science Center
- May 18** - 1st Grade Mesa County Library
- May 22** - 5th Grade Ropes, Canyon View Vineyards Church 9 - 2:30 Parent dropoff and pickup
- May 22 & 23** - Scenic special specials
- May 24** - Kindergarten Kidz Plex, Depart Scenic at 9:10, Parents pick up at Kidzplex 11:00 AM.
- May 24** - 1st grade Bump N Jump (at Scenic)
- May 24** - Swim Day, OM Pool, 10-12, 2nd-5th
- May 24** - 5th Grade Egg Drop & Rockets PM

Kindergarten Wednesdays

May 2 - AM

May 9 - PM

May 16 -AM

May 23 AM/ PM KidzPlex

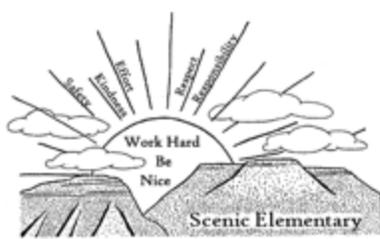
A or B Week?

April 30 B Week

May 7 A Week

May 14 B Week

May 21 A Week



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Young Chautauqua

Fourth graders have been participating in the Young Chautauqua program through the Colorado Humanities. Young Chautauqua is a nationally recognized youth program in which young scholars portray historical figures. Through monologues and question-and-answer sessions, young scholars--in and out of character--engage the audience in lively discussions with people from the past, and then provide insight into historical study. 4th graders will be performing their monologues on Tuesday, May 1st at 6:00 pm at the Museum of the West. All are welcome to attend!

Kelly Lakin Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Tal Atkins for being awarded the Kelly Lakin Scholarship. Tal will receive a \$500 scholarship to use towards furthering his education.

5th Grade Ropes

Canyon View Vineyards

Fifth graders will be participating in the Ropes Course at Canyon View Vineyards church. Parents will be doing the dropoff and pickup. Drop off will be at 9:00 and parents need to pick-up their child up at 2:30 at Canyon View Vineyards Church.

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 Continuation - May 17th, 6:00

Swim Day 2nd-5th - May 24th, 9:00-12:00

WHBN Celebrations

Swim Day at Orchard Mesa Pool for 2nd - 5th grades, Thursday, May 24th 9:30-12:30 (swim time from 10-12)

Kindergarten – May 24th, Celebration at Kidzplex. Depart Scenic 9:10
Parents pick up at Kidzplex 11:00

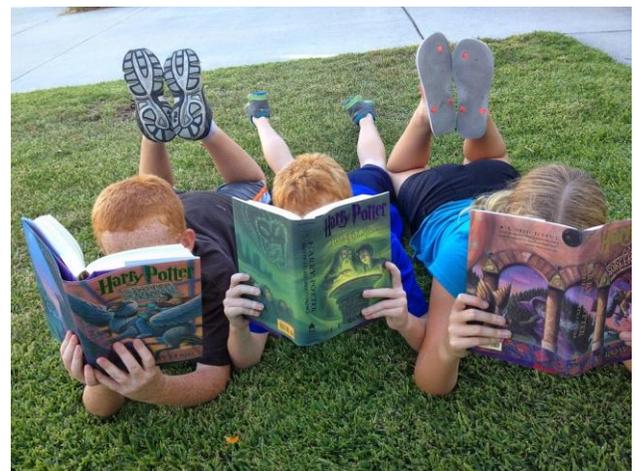
1st grade – Bump and Jumps at Scenic 10:30-12:30 Thursday, May 24th

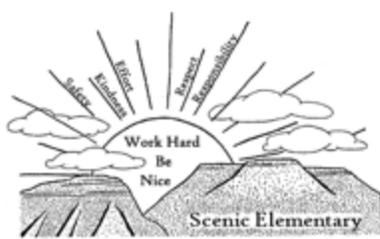
5th grade - Thursday, May 24th, afternoon, Egg Drop and Rocket Launch. More information to come.

The cafeteria will be serving sack lunches on the last day of school. As always, students are welcome to bring their own lunches.

Scenic Book Fair

Please join us in the library before or after you child's conference for our spring book fair. The spring book fair is "Buy One, Get One Free!" This is a great opportunity to stock up on summer reading material!





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Teacher Appreciation Week

We want everyone to know that next week is teacher appreciation week (May 7-11). The PTO is providing food for the teachers during parent teacher conferences this Thursday in honor of this great week.

Additionally, if you would let your child's teacher know that you appreciate him or her in some form, I know they would greatly appreciate it. Even just a quick note or email would let them feel as though you truly appreciate all their hard work. I know that we all do appreciate the great work that is going on at our school.

It's great to have the awesome teachers at Scenic! Let's let them know how much we appreciate them!

Bike to School Day

Wednesday, May 9th is Bike to School Day. We will meet at the Ridges Duck Pond at 7:30 AM and ride our bikes underneath Broadway and over to Scenic. If you would like to join us, remember to wear your helmet. If you don't have a helmet or can't afford one, please let our office know. Parents, remember June 27th is your turn. That day is Bike to Work Day.

Rocks to Paint

Our Artist in Residence is asking for students to bring in a couple of round and smooth river rocks this month. Students will paint the rocks during their art class. These rocks will be used to create a river that will be added to each year by students. The fish and river will be used to celebrate the uniqueness of each

student. The river will look similar to the one below. Have your child write their

name on their rocks and bring them in by Friday, May 11th.



PTO Thank You

Thank you so much to our incredible PTO! They worked incredibly hard this year on organizing fundraisers and special events. Their work is invaluable to the Scenic community. The PTO consists of: Jami Fletcher, Adrianne Wagner, Karen DeRose and Natalie Whitesides.