

## Scenic Elementary

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## September 2020



### Skills for Learning & External Supports

This month our SEL focus is on Skills for Learning. One of the most important of these skills is listening. The Chinese Character for listening includes symbols for the ear, eye and a heart. These symbols when combined create the character for listening. It also symbolizes what listening truly means. When we listen, we not only hear sound waves, but we are also reading a person's body language, and connecting with our own heart, which turns into empathy. The more that we can help all children to listen deeply to others, the better they will be able to solve problems, develop friendships, work with others, and develop empathy. Also, they will do better academically by being able to listen to their teacher.

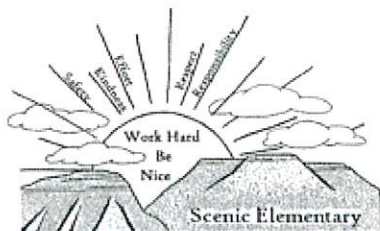


### September Calendar & Upcoming Events

- August 31 - Parent/Teacher Conference Letters and Walk-A-Thon packets sent home
- September 7 - No School/Labor Day
- September 8 - No School/Elementary Planning
- September 11 - Patriot Day Ceremony 8:50 am at flagpole (All students encouraged to wear red, white and blue)
- September 14 - Walk-A-Thon packets due
- September 14 - WHBN Flag Contest Begins
- September 14 - PTO Meeting 4:30 pm library
- September 14 - Parent/Teacher Confirmation Letters sent home
- September 15 - Kindergarten and 1st grade Vision and Hearing
- September 21 - No School/Teacher Furlough Day
- September 22 - No School/Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
- September 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences from 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
- September 23 - Picture Day Fliers Go Home
- September 25 - WHBN Award Names Announced
- September 28 - Picture Day Envelopes Go Home
- September 29 - Teacher Raffle tickets go on sale at lunch
- September 30 - Picture Day beginning at 9:00 am
- October 2 - Teacher Raffle ticket sales end. Raffle winners will be announced at the end of the day.
- October 2 - WHBN Flag Contest Ends
- October 7 - Walk-A-Thon at Scenic

### Morning Drop Off

Please remember that children cannot be dropped off at school in the morning until 8:35 am, as we do not have adult supervision until then. If your child is eating breakfast at the school, they can be dropped off at 8:20 am when breakfast starts. Also, if your child is tardy or late in the morning, please walk with them into the office and sign them in. School starts at 8:50 a.m. Thank you for your help and cooperation in keeping our children at Scenic safe.



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### PTO Walk-a-Thon

The Walk-A-Thon is on October 7th and will be at Scenic this year with fun obstacle courses along the way. This fundraiser is one of the primary fundraising events for our school and helps support our office staff and reading aides in the classroom. Last year we raised \$17,000. Packets will be sent home on Monday, August 31 and are due on Monday, September 14. Thank you for your support!

### Patriot Day

On September 11th we will have a special flag ceremony honoring our first responders and active military and veterans. Also, we will 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 wearing your uniform. Also, our flag ceremony is open to everyone and is one of our great traditions at Scenic. Parents, please wear a mask and social distance and watch our Patriot Day Ceremony this year from the grass hill area. All students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue; and feel free to wear red, white and blue as well. Our Patriot Day Ceremony starts at 8:50 AM in front of our school at the flagpole.

### PTO

Come one, come all! Please come to join us on Monday, September 14th at 4:30 PM for our PTO meeting in the library. 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 Alicia Mabrey, PTO President, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns. [scenicpto@gmail.com](mailto:scenicpto@gmail.com)

### Parking Lot

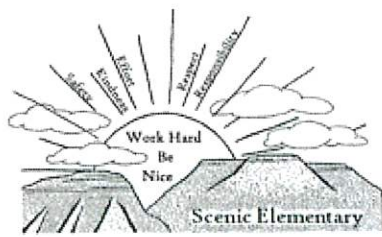
Parents/guardians, please do not use the staff parking lot by our gymnasium to drop-off or pick-up students. The parking lot is for buses and staff only. We do not have staff assigned to help students cross at the crosswalks as we have done in the past. We are trying to keep students and vehicles as far away from each other as possible.

### Teacher Raffle

Due to COVID, we are unable to have our annual PTO Scenic Family BBQ, but we still wanted the kids to have the opportunity to participate in one of the events they love so much - the Teacher Raffle. Our PTO will begin selling raffle tickets on Tuesday, September 29th through Friday, October 2nd during lunch, and they will announce the winners on Friday, October 2nd at the end of the day. For those new to Scenic, students can purchase raffle tickets and put them in any teacher's jar that they choose. Each teacher will have either a fun activity or a prize listed on the jar that has the teacher's name on it so the student will know what they may have the opportunity to win from that teacher.

### Online Registration

If you have not registered your child/children for the 2020-2021 school year, please do so as soon as possible. If you have questions or need help with this, please contact Kris at 970-254-6370 or [kris.biggs@d51schools.org](mailto:kris.biggs@d51schools.org). Thank you so much!



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### **Student Symptom Checker**

Thank you for getting into the habit of submitting your child's symptom checker every morning. Today we had our lowest number (32) of students who our health assistants had to give temperature checks and symptom screening. This is a time consuming process, and we would rather have our health assistants help with sanitizing classrooms and other duties. Please remind yourself to submit your child/children's symptom checker every day. If you need help on how to do this, please contact our front office.

### **Shade Shelters**

We are asking for donations or to borrow your family's shade shelter for our outdoor lunch area. We would really appreciate it. Talk to Ben or Kris if you have any questions. Thank you!