

R.O.A.R Report

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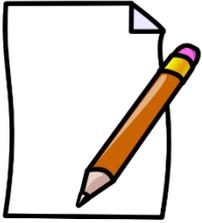
April 22, 2015

Upcoming Dates

Friday, May 1 – No School – Teacher Planning Day
Thursday, May 7 and Friday, May 8 – No School – Comp Days from Evening Winter/Spring Conferences
Wednesday, May 13 – PTO BBQ – 4:00 – 6:00

Focus on Learning:

Class Placement Information



Your thoughts and opinions about your child are important to us when making decisions regarding classroom placement for next year. Our priority is your child's academic success. Creating classrooms that facilitate

exemplary learning environments involve a process based on sound educational criteria. Factors that contribute to a balanced, dynamic and academically sound classroom are:

- assessing the teaching/learning styles of teacher and child,
- equal split between boys and girls,
- personalities of students in the classroom,
- special needs of each child, and
- academic needs of students.

Teachers spend hours determining the best placement for each child. If you would like to share your thinking and give us information to add to our process, you are welcome to complete a form at our front office. We will have placement information forms available for your input in the office April 27 through April 30. **All forms must be completely filled out and returned by 4:00 pm on April 30.**

Parents Corner

School Advisory Council Update

Our SAC met on Thursday, April 16, at 4:30 pm. We discussed changes in staff next year as well as the

information in the above article (Placement information). In addition, I shared an update on testing. It was our last meeting of the year. Please know, you are always welcome to join us at any time.

May Conferences

Just a reminder that we will only have one night of May conferences (May 6 from 4-8). These will mostly be for updating reading plans. Teachers will be notifying you very soon of times if they need to meet with you.



Students and our staff will be off on May 7 and 8 to compensate for the evening hours in February and May. You are always welcome to call or email our staff if you have any questions.

Sad Good-byes, Exciting New Faces and New Programs



It is with a heavy heart that I report after 30 years of teaching, Mrs. Moon has decided to retire. She has taught 3rd and 4th grade across the Valley. Her fondest memories were taking the children on many field trips, especially Glenwood Caverns and Dinosaur National Monument for overnight trips. She will be working at Moon Farm, traveling and substituting. In addition to Mrs. Moon's retirement, Ms. Connie Miracle has also decided to ride off into the sunset. She will miss her hugs from students and her teammates the most. She plans to spend more time with grandchildren, crafts and gardening. Both of these ladies will be dearly missed. Along with these two, Mrs. Pat Dixon has also decided to retire. She has serviced children all over the District for the past nine years. Her sense of humor and team player attitude will

be greatly missed. She plans to continue to support children through Child Find as well as helping out with Muller's Equine Therapy.

On another sad note, Mr. Bob Sorenson, has decided it is time for his wife and him to move to the Front Range. In addition, Mrs. Eatwell is ready for a new adventure. She will be joining the staff at Lincoln Orchard Mesa next fall. We are very sad to see both go and wish them luck in their future endeavors – we know they will continue to make a difference in the lives of the children they touch!

Although we are saying sad goodbyes, we are also excited to announce that Mrs. Reynolds is moving up to join our 3rd grade team. In addition, we are excited to welcome Mrs. Roach (who has been teaching at Wingate Elementary) to our 2nd grade team. I know you will give her a big ROAR welcome!!



Finally, we are excited to be a part of the Ecare grant next year. This grant allows us to extend the day for 20 kindergarten students based on a leveled criteria system. We were very lucky and found Mrs. Natalie Lineback to fill this ½ time position. Supporting our youngest learners is a priority for us and aligns directly with our goal of Responsive Instruction.

News from our PTO

Hope to see you all at the annual BBQ on May 13!



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April's character word is **self-confidence**. Self-confidence means believing in yourself, and trusting in your abilities, qualities, and judgment. Our first lesson focused on careers. The students identified careers that they are interested in. We also talked about qualities that will make students successful in school and in their future career. Our second lesson of the month will be on personal safety as a part of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The purpose of this lesson is to encourage

children to talk to trusted adults (parents, teachers, etc.) if they have concerns about safety.

Things parents can do to help kids develop self-confidence include:

1. Make sure your child has opportunities for success--where they can see with their own eyes how they accomplished a specific task or met a challenge. Remember that kids like tangible results.
2. Applaud your child for their efforts. Acknowledge their hard work and persistence in trying to reach their goals.
3. Intervene when your child truly needs backup, but otherwise encourage them to tackle challenges on their own.
4. Be available to brainstorm positive ways to deal with the disappointments, failures, and rejections that are an inevitable part of childhood.
5. Accept your child's individuality. Avoid comparing them to other kids!
6. Encourage your child to recognize their own unique strengths and use them well.
7. Be a role model by taking on new tasks, speaking up, and demonstrating confidence through your own actions.
8. Remind your child, again and again, that everyone makes mistakes. Self-confidence comes from learning what one can do differently next time and neither giving up or blaming circumstances.
9. Remind yourself and your kids that everyone is a work in progress. Self-confidence is like a muscle that develops with practice and experience.

(Excerpt taken from:

https://www.highlights.com/everyday_dilemmas/how_can_i_help_my_kids_develop_self_confidence)

