Upcoming Events

11/11

Veteran's Day Assembly 8:30—9:00 am

11/13

End of First Trimester

11/25—11/29

No School— Thanksgiving Break

Coyote Courier

From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

I would like to thank you all for your tremendous support during our recent fundraiser. Thanks to your efforts we raised nearly $10,000 for the second year in a row! This money will directly help our teachers to better support your students.

I also want to thank you for coming out to parent-teacher conferences, we had a wonderful turnout. If you are the parent of a 4th or 5th grade student, I have included a link (below) to a brief survey regarding some changes that we made this year. Last year we received feedback from both parents and teachers that having one ten minute conference with just the home room teacher was not enough time to review student progress across all subjects. If you will recall, our 4th and 5th grade teams have created a schedule that allows for students to be in a math class that best fits their academic needs. This mastery based approach means that students can see several teachers throughout the course of the school day. In order to allow for parents to visit with these various teachers we attempted to have "arena" style conferences. This was a team decision and we knew that there would be a few bugs to work out. Our first evening we held these conferences in the gym. After feedback and seeing with our own eyes that is was a bit chaotic, we moved conferences back to the classrooms the next evening. Although this did help, I noticed long lines and some frustration. I want to know your thoughts on this new approach and am asking you to please take a moment to complete the survey so we can further refine our approach. I believe in trying new things that can benefit our students, painful or not. I also value community feedback and am not easily offended so please be honest. https://forms.gle/Lhqk4GNwQ9o5PqmLA

Lastly, please join us on November 11th at 8:30 in the gym for our annual Veteran's Day assembly. Our students and staff have worked hard to put this together and I am so proud of how seriously they take this and how strong their support of this great nation is.

VETERANS DAY

In honor of those who have served our country, Purple Sage will have a "Wall of Honor" where students can display copies of pictures of family members, ancestors, or others they know well, who have served or are currently serving in the military. Please feel free to visit the school to view the wall. Parents and family, those who are Veterans and Current Service Members, as well as members of the community are invited to attend.

Veterans Day Assembly

Monday, November 11th

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Our students look forward to the opportunity to recognize and honor the attending Veterans and current Service Members at this assembly. The Purple Sage Leadership Group will host a short reception in the cafeteria following the assembly. All Veterans and family members are welcome to attend.

All students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue on November 11th to help us honor our Veterans on this day. Students who belong to Scouts or military auxiliary organizations are welcome to wear their uniforms.

Counselor's Den—Mrs. Schmelzenbach

Hello Purple Sage Families! I cannot believe it is already November. The school year is already flying by so quickly! I have been enjoying getting to know your amazing students this year. They continue to impress me on a daily basis.

In our *Kindness in the Classroom curriculum during October, we discussed different aspects of "***Caring***". We talked about* **compassion** *(the feeling we get when we want to help someone in need),* **helpfulness** *(the act of helping),* **empathy** *(the ability to share another's feelings), and* **gratitude** *(being thankful when others show care and helpfulness for us). These all make up ways that we show feel and show concern for others. What are ways that your family cares for each other? How can you model caring and kindness in your home? What about in our community? As the holiday season draws near, what are ways your family can extend caring through compassion, empathy, helpfulness, and gratitude to those in your circles of influence?*

The focus of November's classroom lessons will be ***"Inclusiveness".*** We will explore how each person is unique and special. We'll discuss how we can include others even when they are different than us or we don't know them very well. We'll discuss teamwork and the importance of giving other people a chance during games and activities. We may even look at how including ourselves can be challenging.

How can you help promote inclusiveness at home? Talk with your child about what makes them and your family special. How can you embrace things that are "different"? Discuss the connection between inclusiveness and kindness. Emphasize how including others requires kindness. We use our kind words and actions to make them feel welcome! Brainstorm ways you can work together as a team at home...work on a house project, cook together, solve a puzzle. Talk with them about how teamwork takes many different types of people and perspectives to accomplish a common goal.

As always, if you have any questions about our *Kindness in the Classroom lessons, please feel free to contact me at anytime. We are on this kindness path together!*

Box Tops for Education News—Ms. Berry

Just a reminder that our school collects Box Tops and there are 2 ways you can participate!

♦ If your packages have a traditional Box Tops clip, cut them off and send them into your child's classroom. You can still find them on lots of items and each regular one turned in is worth 10 cents for our school. (***Please note: traditional Box Tops are being phased out in order to make way for the new Box Tops app)***

♦ If you see the new Box Tops label on packages download and use the new Box tops app to scan your store receipt. There's no need to clip or send them to school!

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