

Upcoming Events

10/6 & 10/7

No School

10/20

Last Day of First
Quarter

10/21

No School

10/24–10/27

Red Ribbon
Week

10/26 & 10/27

Parent-Teacher
Conferences

10/27

Picture Retakes

10/28

No School

10/31

Happy
Halloween



Coyote Courier



From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

First of all, thank you for your patience regarding this newsletter. It was my goal to have this out much earlier but I found a number of more urgent issues to tackle first. Communication with the school community is very important to me and I am happy to be able to send this out now. If you have something that you feel our community should know about, pass it along to our office and we will try to fit it into the newsletter.

Currently our team is focusing on improving our math instruction by focusing on vertical alignment between grade levels and even with the middle school. We are also focusing on adopting common language pertaining to problem solving and are looking at various programs to improve student math fact fluency. I am excited to watch our students grow and am also very confident in our teachers.

Look for information soon regarding conferences and please pay attention to due dates so we can properly schedule everyone. Thank you for all that you do for our school, this is a very special place and I am proud to be here. Take care and have an awesome October!

“Today I will run what you will not so that tomorrow I will run what you cannot.”

-Author Unknown

Teacher Highlights

Congratulations to several of our teachers for obtaining grants from Donor's Choose! Mrs. Koehler has funded six projects with five of those geared towards health and wellness. She has acquired water bottles, playground equipment, healthy snacks, kinesthetic seating (which I have tried and they are awesome) an Xbox 360 with active

games for indoor recess and a listening center for literacy intervention. In total she has been awarded around \$5,600! Mrs. Widner's class received two stand-up desks and four exercise balls to sit on. Students will benefit tremendously by having a choice of seating that best fits their learning style. I particularly love the standing

desks! Finally, Mrs. Craw received three laptops and solar system supplies such as nonfiction books, rockets and materials to build a dome planetarium. She is also up for another grant so cross your fingers that she is awarded that one. Way to go teachers!

Red Ribbon Week 2016

Purple Sage will be observing Red Ribbon Week October 24 - 27. Our theme this year will be, "Catch the Wave of a Drug Free Life." The Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation. Students will engage in activities that promote a drug free and healthy lifestyle. Please partner with us by discussing and promoting this message at home. To learn more and for tips about talking to your kids about drugs, visit www.redribbon.org.

Dress up days for Red Ribbon Week:

Monday - Wear black - "Black out drugs."

Tuesday - Wear sunglasses - "Shade out drugs."

Wednesday - Wear neon - "We are too bright for drugs."

Thursday - Wear beach attire - "Catch the wave of a drug free life."

Friday - No school



Counselor's Den

Character Trait of the Month: Citizenship

Citizenship is being a member of a community. To be a good citizen is to give back to the community and make it a better place by respecting people, property and the rules. "Citizenship is the chance to make a difference to the place where you belong."

Charles Handy

Instructional Focus: Bully Prevention

The students will learn how to handle a bullying situation whether it is: verbal, physical, social or electronic. They will be taught to ask the bully to **stop**, **walk** away if the problem continues, and **talk** to an adult. They will also understand the importance of standing up for others who are being bullied.



Students and Citizens of the Month – September

The following students were recognized in a special lunch given in their honor:

Students of the Month

1st Grade—Van Batt, Ryan Arnold, Anne Mayberry, Julian Garcia Rosales

2nd Grade—Heidi Landeros, John Fenske, Jaiden Logan, Kolten Hess

3rd Grade—Avery Kershaw, Ruger Mills, Elazae Flores, Josiah Alvarez, Thomas Davis

4th Grade—Kiley Berends, Carter Harrison, Danni Wilcox

5th Grade—Kiley Craig, Berkley Royce, Kyle Landis

Citizens of the Month

1st Grade—Lilliana Ireland, Daylie Fried, Crystal Davila Hernandez, Hilario Landeros Gamino Jr.

2nd Grade—Daniel Correa Hernandez, Beau Buckner, Kamea Keliinoi, Jordyn Tatum, Emily Nevarez

3rd Grade—Baylee Smith, Emily Keetch, Zoey Blackwell

4th Grade—Alyssa Clayborn, Gavin Young, Yasmin Flores

5th Grade—Yuri Landeros, Aaron Keetch, Nathan Munson

6th Grade—Dakota Fielding

Honoring Our Veterans

Purple Sage will be honoring our Veterans at a special assembly on Friday, November 11th, at 8:30 a.m. Veterans and current service members who are relatives and friends of our students are invited to attend the assembly to be recognized and honored. We are asking that

all students wear red, white and blue on that day.

We will also be doing a "Wall of Honor" displaying pictures of family members or others who have served or are currently serving in the military. Please look for more

detailed information coming home in the next couple of weeks.

