

Upcoming Events

12/5—12/16

**Canned Food
Drive**

12/6

**Citizen/
Student of
the Month
Luncheon**

12/8

**Reflections
Contest
Winner Night
6:30 PM**

12/10

**Middleton
Christmas
Parade
4:30 PM**

12/21

**2nd Qtr / 1st
Semester
Ends**

**12/22/16—
1/3/17**

**No School—
Holiday
Break**



Coyote Courier



From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

Purple Sage Elementary was very proud to have had the opportunity to honor our nation's veterans with an assembly and a celebration of their service. This was a fantastic opportunity to teach our children the importance of serving your country in a variety of ways. We created a wall of honor where students had the chance to share pictures and stories of family members who have served in the military. It was evident that we have many generous people in this community who have served our nation in so many ways and in so many places. It was wonderful to walk out of the office every day and to see students

and visitors looking at this wall of honor and I could see appreciation in their eyes and hear gratitude in their voices.

The assembly itself was moving and the engagement level of the students was truly amazing. In a time where displaying pride in America seems to be an option and not the norm, I was reassured that our children here understand the significance of service and understand what so many have done to preserve freedom and to defend not only this great nation but anyone who is oppressed and in need of aid. Thank you to the many veterans who at-

tended this celebration, it was an honor to be able to thank you in person and to share the gift of song with you.

Although our job as educators is complicated and at times daunting, if we can relay this message of gratitude and we can see evidence that our students understand the need to serve others, we have done an honorable thing. Purple Sage wishes to thank everyone who has served and who is currently serving this great nation in any capacity.

With Gratitude,

Mark Hopkins

Safety and Security Concerns

I would like to take a moment to address a few safety and security concerns that I have noticed since my arrival. We were also fortunate enough to have had a safety audit completed recently and although we have a number of things to address that will take time and resources, here are a few simple items that we can address right away.

PARKING LOT:

- ◆ If you would like to pick up your students and walk them to your car, please park in the front lot so that we can avoid students and parents walking across the pick-up lane traffic.
- ◆ Please stay in the pick-up lane all the way through so we have one continuous line of traffic.
- ◆ Students are not allowed to walk to a vehicle without an adult accompanying them. Please share this information with everyone who picks up your child.

VISITORS:

- ◆ All visitors must check in with the front office and must receive a visitor's badge. Please do not head directly to a classroom or to the playground. It is important that we know who is in the building or on the property.
- ◆ If you have an item that needs to be delivered to your child, please leave it with the office and we will see that it gets there.
- ◆ If you have a visitor's badge at home or in your vehicle, please return it to the office, we can issue you one upon each visit to the school.

I realize that these procedures can be cumbersome and that they may seem constrictive but the reality of today's world requires additional vigilance on all of our parts. With everyone's cooperation we can ensure the safety of the children, staff and of all of our visitors every day. I also encourage everyone to provide suggestions and to let me know if you observe something that is concerning or unsafe. If we do not know about a concern we cannot address it and we have many sets of eyes and many different perspectives that can serve to keep everyone healthy and safe. Thank you for your cooperation and thank you for all that you do as parents to make Purple Sage such an amazing school.

Counselor's Den

Character Trait of the Month: Respectfulness

Respect means:

- * Treating others the way you want to be treated
- * Showing kindness & consideration
- * Liking yourself enough to be yourself
- * Accepting others for who they are



Instructional Focus: Individuality

Students will learn the importance of respecting themselves and others. They will recognize that everyone is different and this is what makes each of us special. They will learn to appreciate people for who they are as well as appreciate the things about themselves that make them a unique individual.

Students and Citizens of the Month – November

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

Students of the Month

1st Grade—Johanna Bedolla, Weston Miller, Hattie Royce, Shawn Easton

2nd Grade—Joceline Avalos, Marcos Gonzalez, Joshua Garcia Rosales, Megan Stewart

3rd Grade—Gracie Coombs, Carson Landis, Mariana Mateja

4th Grade—Hannah Strebe, Carolyn Cole, Aleesia Cox

5th Grade—Simon Costa, Lydia Murray, Emelia Sharp

6th Grade—Jackson Strickland

Citizens of the Month

1st Grade—Abaigayle Rodriguez, Clayton Costa, Delylah Flores, Desiree Robertson

2nd Grade—Abby Diaz, Keltyn Jensen, Saul Villasenor, Cooper Erickson

3rd Grade—Britany Walters, Shayne Zirnheld, Tripp LaRue, Cristofer Sotelo Arizmendi

4th Grade—Desmond Toledo, Angela Munoz Pelayo, Trevor DeCoria

5th Grade—Alyssa Shaber, Hadleigh Herzberg, Anjila Kennington

Holiday Canned Food Drive

Purple Sage will be doing their annual Holiday Canned Food Drive, from December 5th - 16th.

Students are encouraged to bring in canned or non-perishable food as well as dish/laundry soap, toiletries and other household items. Collected items will go to the Middleton Food Pantry.

There will be a competition by grade level. The grade level which brings in the most canned food will earn a pajama day. Also, each time a student brings in 5 items, their name will be added to a drawing. Winners of the drawing will be invited to a hot chocolate and donut party.

Please Donate:

- * Canned fruits & veggies
- * Cereal
- * Pasta & rice
- * Peanut Butter
- * Canned meats & beans
- * Soups, chili & stews
- * Condiments
- * Laundry/dish soap
- * Diapers
- * Shampoo & toiletries



Let's make a positive impact on our community and help families in need!