

Upcoming**Events**

4/3

Hawks Reading Program Starts



4/6

Citizen/Student of the Month Luncheon

4/11

Fourth Grade Music Program

4/13

2017-18 Kdg Pre-Registration 1-4 pm & 5-7 pm (call for appt.)



4/16

Happy Easter



4/21

No School/Teacher Work Day

4/25

Third Grade Music Program



4/28

Hawks Reading Program Ends



Coyote Courier



From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

As we approach the end of our school year, yes we are getting close, I wanted to take some time to provide a few reminders regarding school procedures as they pertain to student safety. Please review the following and as always, let us know if you have questions or concerns.

-Parents must notify the office if there is a change in plans regarding how students will be getting home. Bus duties or pick-up duties cannot release students unless we have parent notification from the office.

-Please refrain from dropping your students off early without working out a plan with the office. We are seeing an increase in students who are being dropped off before 7:45 and we do not have enough staff members here to supervise this group.

-Thank you for checking into the office when visiting our school, you all do a wonderful job with this and it is appreciated. You may have noticed that we have our hallway doors locked prior to the end of the day. We do this so that our teachers can focus on getting students packed up and can ensure that

they have what they need and get where they need to be. Please help us by not being in the hallways at this particular time and please do not pick up your students directly from their classroom.

-When you enter the pick-up line with your vehicle, please stay in the pick-up line. When cars exit the line early it is very dangerous to students and parents who are returning to their cars in the parking lot.

Thank you, everyone for all that you do to make Purple Sage a special place, take care.

Book Nook News—by Mrs. Solomon

Fun things are happening in the Library! During March we were excited to celebrate Dr. Seuss' 113th birthday! We dressed up, learned about Dr. Seuss and his books, read Dr. Seuss books and performed Dr. Seuss readers theater scripts. We had a nice night March 2 listening to some of our wonderful teachers read Dr. Seuss stories on Read Across America Day, which is celebrated on the day Dr. Seuss was born. I also heard the Cat in the Hat decided not to cause mischief, but read a favorite book to happy listeners instead. A special thank you to our Purple Sage family that helped out that night: Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Forrester, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. Allsberry, Miss Burnham, Mrs. Seidel, Miss Rodriguez and Mrs. Berry. Also, thank you to the PTA for providing cookies and milk!

April is National Poetry Month! We will be listening to poems and learning about them. If your student would like to write a poem, I have some space where I can hang up some poems in the hall. Please make sure the paper is no larger than a regular 8x10 piece of paper.

Roaring Reader student charts are due on Monday, April 3. This is the Monday after

spring break. It is important to get them in on time. Roaring Springs has a very strict deadline to turn in the forms.

Would your student like to earn a ticket to a Boise Hawks game? All they have to do is read! We have been given the opportunity this year to participate in the Boise Hawks Reading Program. It will run from April 3- April 28th. Students read their way through all the bases to make a home run for a ticket to a game. Additional discount tickets for family or friends will be available. Teachers will be sending home a packet with information soon. Be on the lookout for it!

Both Roaring Readers and the Boise Hawks Reading Program are limited to students who are enrolled in our school, as per program specifications. We appreciate both organizations for supporting our readers here at Purple Sage. Let them know you appreciate them.

Just like the public library, you are

financially responsible for books checked out by your child. To help keep our books safe from damage and to always have them at school ready to check in, we use this saying, "Books and backpacks are buddies." If your child puts their books right back in their backpack when they are through reading them, they will never forget them on Library day. Some parents find it helpful to keep a Ziploc bag or plastic grocery bag (recycle!) in the backpack to help keep the book safe as well.

Finally, we have many new books being added to the Library this month. Your support of our fall and spring book fairs helps to purchase books for our school library. Thank you so much for your part in helping put new books in the hands of your children and all the children in our school.

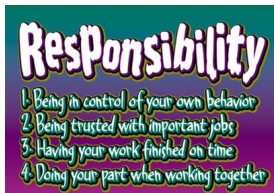
Keep reading!



Counselor's Den

Character Trait of the Month: Responsibility

"The price of greatness is responsibility."
Winston Churchill



Instructional Focus: Career Awareness

Counselor lessons in the classroom in April will focus on career awareness. Studies show that "the elementary school years are not too early to begin to achieve a vision of what one desires to do in life contributing to the world of work" (Ediger, 2000). Students may also be more motivated in the classroom when they connect their efforts to success in the future. Students will not be asked to make premature decisions about their careers, but rather gain an understanding of themselves, their strengths and interests and possible options for their futures.

In these lessons, the "8 kinds of smart" will be presented. Students will see that in addition to being "word smart" and "number smart," people can also be smart in other areas including: nature, picture, body, music, people, and self. By identifying where their areas of interest lie, students begin to view a career as not just a means to earn money, but as an opportunity to utilize their own unique talents and abilities.

Ediger, Marlow. (2000, July). Vocational Education in the Elementary School. (ED442979) Opinion Papers

Students and Citizens of the Month – March

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

Students of the Month

1st Grade—Blake Morris, Breyden Vincent, Noah Marchesi-Lewis, Addison Cogburn

2nd Grade—Marcos Gonzalez, Cherie Harrison, Brooklyn Timothy, Nolan Ortega Smith

3rd Grade—David Houdek, Aria Clark, Brayen Villasenor

4th Grade—Natalia Tapia, Cade Dean, Hope Sevy

5th Grade—Garrett Nye, Claire Ellsworth, Lydia Corder

6th Grade—Zachery Rozier

Citizens of the Month

1st Grade—Colton Topping, Weston Woodruff, Kyra Moore, Wyatt Hartley

2nd Grade—Dante Sanguinetti, Justin Kraupp, Madison Lieber, Kylee Dempsey

3rd Grade—Owen Blandford, Aysha Fried, Reece Frederick

4th Grade—Jesse Armstrong, Luis Duran, Dylan Garrett Wilson, Annie Cleverley

5th Grade—Brendon Reyes, Joshua Montoya, Julianna Porterfield



Nurse's Notes—by Marisela Munoz, RN

There are days when we question if we should send our student to school or not. If your student isn't slowing down because of a minor cough or congestion it is usually okay for them to attend school.

Please keep your student home if they have any signs/symptoms listed below:

- ◆ Fever- if student has fever its best to keep them home until they are fever free for at least 24 hours
- ◆ Pinkeye
- ◆ Diarrhea
- ◆ Nausea/Vomiting
- ◆ Any other contagious illnesses



Please remind your child the importance of hand washing. Hand washing is one of the best ways to protect yourself and family from illnesses. Also, remind them that with a cough or sneeze it is better to sneeze/cough into a tissue, or into a bent arm rather than into their hands.