

October, 2017

"Work Hard Every Day...Every Day Work Hard"

Upcoming Events

10/4–10/6

No School

10/23–10/26

Red Ribbon
Week

10/24

Picture Retakes



10/25

Citizen/Student
of the Month
Luncheon

10/25 & 10/26

Parent-Teacher
Conferences

10/27

No School

10/31

Happy

Halloween



Coyote Courier



From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

We are off to a wonderful start this year even amidst several changes that we are working through. We are finding our new math curriculum to be challenging and that is exactly what we wanted. Our students are hardworking and very capable so we are pushing them to achieve their very best. Our staff is working diligently to master the Ready Math program and we are constantly analyzing this curriculum as a district wide team to determine what else we may need to support our teachers and students. I am seeing a high level of collaboration that is necessary for a successful school year.

October 9th marks the day of our next school board meeting and this meeting will be held right here at PSE in the gym.

Our 5th grade native plant garden is rounding into shape. Our fence looks wonderful and we will be adding some much needed natural mulch very soon. Once planting season begins again, our 5th grade students and teachers will be adding even more plants and features.

Thank you for all of the support that you have shown this staff and myself as well, it is because of involved parents that we have such a wonderful elementary school. I very much appreciate visiting with you all and am always open to suggestions for improvement. Please take the time to enjoy the changing of the seasons and to enjoy autumn for all it has to offer.

Have a wonderful October!

Red Ribbon Week 2017

Purple Sage will be observing Red Ribbon Week October 23 – 26. Our theme this year will be, "Your future is key, so stay drug free." 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 jeans and a red shirt: "Be a jean-ius, don't do drugs"

Tuesday - Wear beach attire: "Catch the wave of a drug free life" (school appropriate please)

Wednesday - Wear crazy/mis-matched socks: "Sock it to drugs"

Thursday - Wear black: "Blackout drugs"

Friday - No school



Counselor's Den

During the month of October we will celebrate the character trait of Cooperation. October is also Bullying Prevention Awareness Month and at the end of the month we will celebrate Red Ribbon Week.

As we head into autumn, we will remind our students of the importance of cooperation - working together for the benefit of all. We want to teach our students several things through cooperation, such as:

- ◆ Listening to others, without interrupting
- ◆ The ability to consider others' opinions and ideas
- ◆ Being willing to lead or follow
- ◆ Being respectful of others
- ◆ Working out disagreements calmly
- ◆ Following through on the work they agree to do



These are not easy lessons to learn, but the good news is they can practice these skills both at school and at home. The earlier we introduce the idea of cooperation to our children, the sooner they can begin practicing it. Teaching siblings to share, or working together to accomplish a common goal, such as housework are two ways to introduce the idea at home.

At school many teachers utilize the idea of cooperative learning. They adopt rules and set classroom expectations to encourage their students to work together. Doing so opens the door for students to learn such values as excellence, fairness, honesty and responsibility. It also allows them opportunities to work through problems together and learn the concept of compromise. It can also teach them to value other opinions as well as respect others' property and space.

In schools, group dynamics play an important role in developing the social skills of students. When working with others, students are able to share their ideas and mingle with different personalities. By sharing a common goal, each member of a group contributes toward achieving it. And when members work together, the results come faster and more efficiently.

During my classroom lessons in October, I will be reinforcing the idea of cooperation. We will be utilizing teamwork requiring cooperation in order to achieve a common goal. While it's not always easy, learning cooperation can greatly benefit children and be of great value as they grow and transition into adults.

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—Gloria Moritz, Justin Caballero, Lucy Coombs

2nd Grade—Taryn Murrey, Grace Davis, Dawson Beutler

3rd Grade—Olivia Blackwell, John Fenske, Jason Caballero,
Remington Wright

4th Grade—Lauren Lilienthal, Clayton Troxel, Nicholas
Pancheri

5th Grade—Brodie Erickson, Michael Martinez, Genevieve
Keliinoi

Citizens of the Month

1st Grade—Kelton Harrison, Violet Gibbens, Vincent Rojas

2nd Grade—Connor Escujuri, Mason Ward, Hattie Royce

3rd Grade—James Moore, Madison Lieber, Heidi Landeros,
Patricio Paz

4th Grade—Cristofer Sotelo Arizmendi, Lily-Rose Gibbens,
Kinley Wrigley

5th Grade—Zoe Fleck, Taylor Dickens, Carter Harrison