

March, 2018

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

Upcoming Events

3/7
3rd Grade
Field Trip

3/11
Daylight
Savings
Begins—Set
Clocks Ahead
1 hour



3/12—3/13
Graduation/
Promotion
Pictures

3/17
Happy St.
Patrick's Day!



3/20
5th Grade
Music
Program 7PM

3/21
Citizen/
Student of
the Month
Luncheon

3/26—3/30
No School-
Spring Break



Coyote Courier



From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

Amazingly, Spring is almost upon us. It has been a strange winter but I am glad that we did not see a repeat of last year's snowpocalypse. Our final trimester will fly right by so having your students here every day and on time is vital to their success, please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help out with this.

I am pleased to see all of the academic progress that our students have made to date and I am very proud of everyone, staff and students, for putting in long hours and working so hard every day. In addition to working hard academically, we have been working hard to maintain a positive and healthy environment. Our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) program has really taken off and everyone has invested in it. Our focus has been on preventing behavioral issues and in recognizing positive choices by our students. I am pleased to report that I am seeing a decrease in office referrals in several of the areas that we have focused on this year and I credit our PBIS efforts for this.

Safety remains a high priority here at PSE and we are constantly reviewing and improving current procedures and looking to implement whatever is necessary to ensure we are as proactive as we can be. I work very closely with district staff members and our resource officer from the Canyon County Sheriff's Department whenever there is a security or safety concern. Recently we have increased our recess duty coverage and have been revising recess procedures. I have also asked that our staff be even more vigilant and to let me know of any concerns they have. If there is an area of concern that you would like me to address, please contact me as soon as possible. Additional safety precautions for the entire district can be found on our website.

I need to remind everyone that the only way to access our building is through the front door. Once inside, please check in, sign in and receive a visitor's badge or sticker. When leaving the building, please check out at the office and exit through the front door.

Lastly, a very generous parent has donated a large bear for our library to replace the bears that were stolen. This is a real bright spot and it helps to remind me that our school can bring so much joy to so many. I am very happy to be your principal and I hope that you are pleased with Purple Sage and your experience here. Have a wonderful March!



Music Program Updates—from Mrs. Adams



5th Grade—March 20th "Jazz"

4th Grade—April 10th "Idaho History"

3rd Grade—April 24th "How Does Your Garden Grow"



Students should arrive at 6:30 pm—show starts at 7 pm

This is your child's chance to shine for you!

There will be singing, dancing, narrative parts and instruments.

Theme attire is more than welcome!

Counselor's Den—by Mrs. Fogg

As we move into March, our character trait will shift from Integrity to Friendliness. My goal with all of the character traits throughout the year is to build on them, not leave them behind. As I teach my lessons regarding friendliness, I will emphasize being a good friend and what that looks like. We share. We take turns. We use friendly words. We follow the rules. It's also important to teach children that we don't always have to agree with our friends, but also how to disagree respectfully and how to solve disagreements. It's not uncommon for a student to come to me and say "So-and-so isn't my friend anymore. Naturally I ask them what happened. The answer to this varies. Sometimes it's something like they didn't want to play my game or they weren't following the rules. We talk through it and more often than not they are able to work through the problem. Other times, however, it can be more complex. When this is the case I will often get the parties together to try and work through whatever has come up. I want to teach our students that although we don't necessarily have to "like" everybody, we do need to find a way to coexist peacefully and respect one another's differences.



Students and Citizens of the Month — January



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



Citizens of the Month

Students of the Month

1st Grade— Chloe Kelly, William Treadaway, Nora Short

1st Grade— Cole Garner, Grace Davis, Metzli Rodriguez

2nd Grade— Anthony Martinez, Colton Topping

2nd Grade— Bridger Waltman, Bodee Wallace

3rd Grade— Ethan Meyer, Talyn Kaminski, Joceline Avalos,
Emily Nevarez

3rd Grade— Yecenia Eubanks, Allysa Nye, Natalee Berends,
Chloe Wiesner

4th Grade— Emily Keetch, Brianna Lucas, Ainsleigh Nye

4th Grade— Aysha Fried, Hayden Wingett, Josiah Alvarez

5th Grade— Hunter Wightman, Juan Reyes,
Piper Hansen

5th Grade— Trysten Sheets-Moad, Alexandra Vargas,
Natalia Tapia



Box Tops Update—by Sandy Berry

I am pleased to announce that our Box Tops collection this year has been great! We participate in Box Tops for Education in order to raise money to fund computers and other programs in our school. Each box top is worth \$0.10 and they add up fast. If we all contribute together, there is so much potential.

Thank you for your support of our school!



What you can do to help:

- Look for products with the Box Tops for Education coupons on them as you shop.
- Make sure to check the expiration date.
- Clip them! (along the dotted lines please)
- Turn them into your child's teacher in a baggie with the teacher's name on it.
- Ask friends, family and even co-workers to save their box tops for our school too!