

April, 2018

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



Upcoming Events

4/1

Happy
Easter



4/2

Roaring Reader
Logs Due

4/10

Fourth Grade
Music Program

4/12



2018-19 Kdg
Pre-Registration
1-4 pm & 5-7 pm
(call for appt.)

4/24

Citizen/Student
of the Month
Luncheon

4/24



Third Grade
Music Program

4/27

Second Grade
Field Trip



Coyote Courier

From the Desk of Mr. Hopkins

I trust that everyone had a wonderful Spring Break and I hope that you were able to take a deep breath and prepare for the end of another awesome school year. It is getting closer, but we are not there just yet and we still have work to do.

We will begin our ISAT state testing on April 18th and will wrap up in early May. Please remember to help your student(s) get a full night's sleep and plenty of healthy food. We always have a well-balanced breakfast available here at Purple Sage and if there is anything else that you need to help your child be successful, do not hesitate to contact us. On the days that your student has a test, please make sure to get them here on time as our schedule is set and it is

packed. I understand that there is controversy surrounding these types of assessments, so if you have concerns or questions please ask me. I would be happy to sit down with you and discuss why we do this and what it means to everyone involved. We do our best to make this time of the year fun for the students and we constantly remind them that all we want from them is their best effort. We will provide plenty of breaks, treats and encouragement along the way.

Please look for our Spring flower sale as we are getting ready to start our native plant seeds. Our native plant garden hardscape has come along nicely so now we get to plant and begin to enjoy the garden. One of our goals is to finish up with some edging along the pathways, if

you have an idea for this please let me know.

Lastly, I want to thank all of you for your patience as we tighten up security here at school. Student safety is our number one priority and with your cooperation I feel that we have made some great changes. One thing I have learned in attending various workshops and trainings is that school security is ever evolving. Each tragedy teaches us additional lessons and we must respond by making changes to our security measures. I have had a number of conversations with parents who have had some great ideas, if you have something to share with me you can always stop in or email. Thank you all for your continued support of Purple Sage Elementary, a truly special place!

2018 - 19 Kindergarten Pre-Registration -Thursday, April 12, 2018 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

This time is set aside for all children who will be five years old by September 1st, please contact our school office at (208) 455-1148 to setup an appointment for your child's screening & registration. Parents will fill out paperwork for the upcoming school year and will have a chance to ask questions if needed.

Please bring the following documents with you to register your child:

1. Certified Birth Certificate
2. Updated Immunization Record
3. Proof of Residency (utility bill, lease agreement, etc.)

Students and Citizens of the Month – March

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

Citizens of the Month

- 1st Grade—Alejandra Salazar, Madison Dean, Kaydence Leavitt
- 2nd Grade—Guilliana Sanguinetti, Nancy Sotelo, Macy Duckett
- 3rd Grade—Jocelyn Boshaw, Persaya Carlock, Emma Biggs, Saul Villasenor
- 4th Grade—Braylin Beutler, Luke Ellsworth, Madison Lobato
- 5th Grade—Trustin Standlee, Ian Hill, Yasmin Flores

Students of the Month

- 1st Grade—Blake Dickson, Caleb Dickson, Isaac Avenius
- 2nd Grade—Finnegan Hutchins, Jacob Switter, Colton Vincent
- 3rd Grade—Payzlei Serpa, Jesse Alvarado, Nicholy Logan, Samantha Hensley
- 4th Grade—Luke Eager, Shayne Zirnheld, Trey Apple
- 5th Grade—Kyle Sheets, Juan Reyes, Liam Spoor



Counselor's Den

The Importance of School Attendance

Regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success, both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you are teaching them the lifetime habit of responsibility. It's important for parents to model the value of education, including the importance of regular attendance. Students with low absentee rates are shown to have higher academic achievement, better grades and enjoy school more. On the other hand, students with high absenteeism rates often fall behind. This can lead to lower grades in school and ultimately higher dropout rates. Elementary students who miss an average of just two school days per month often have difficulty keeping up with their peers academically and tend to fall behind.

Some ways that parents can help make school attendance a priority:

- * Schedule doctor and dental appointments so they interfere as little as possible with the school day.
- * Communicate the importance of good attendance to your student.
- * Arrange vacations during school holidays.
- * Teach your child how to set and use an alarm clock.
- * Keep the television turned off in the morning.
- * Plan ahead. Encourage your child to prepare for the next school day by laying out clothes the night before and helping to fix lunches.
- * Take an interest in school work and be involved as much as possible in your child's learning.
- * Establish a routine for bedtime as well as the morning.

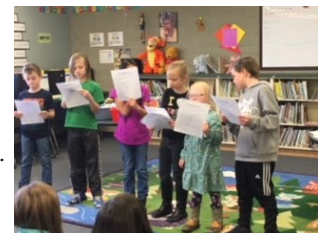


Regular school attendance patterns encourage the development of other responsible patterns of behavior and habits they will carry through life.

Cover to Cover—by Mrs. Solomon, Librarian

We have had such a fun year in our library! We started out learning, or being reminded of, how to care for our books and we learned more about our online catalog (OPAC - Online Public Access Catalog). If you would like to search our library catalog, please start by going to the Purple Sage Elementary homepage. You will find Library/Media under the Programs tab. From there just look on the right hand side to find the link to the library catalog. Or, you may click here: [PSE Catalog](#).

We've learned about genres, library information, safe, reliable online resources and so much more. We have participated in three readers theaters this year, with the most recent one being Dr. Seuss books. Dr. Seuss Readers Theater is probably the favorite of all. Each student is assigned a part and we break up into groups to practice. After two practices, the students perform for their classmates. Everyone participates in an accepting environment. There is a lot of growth between the first and last readers theater performances.



The library hosted two book fairs this year. Thank you for your purchases! All profit from the book fairs go right back into the library for book purchases.

I am excited to say that the library received a grant from Modern Woodmen this year. The money was used to purchase a book for each student in K-5th grades. The books will be given to the students just before summer to encourage summer reading. Summer reading is so very important to maintain the growth a student has made during the school year.



The large tan and brown bears that belonged to my children and disappeared during the Winter Carnival have yet to be returned. However, a very generous and thoughtful family donated their giant grey bear to the library. Their kindness has made the situation "bearable" and is a gift I appreciate and treasure very much. Thank you again.

Finally, please help your student remember to turn in their Roaring Reader's chart on the Monday after spring break, April 2. Late returns will not be accepted due to the deadline I need to meet.



Thank you for having such amazing kids, I enjoy them every day. Keep reading!