EAGLE CLIFFS ELEMENTARY

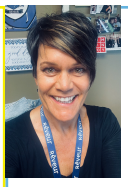
Mission: To foster Successful Open-Minded Achieving Respectful learners
Vision: Soar With Us Towards Lifelong Learning

PARENT NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2024

March

1st	Light the way!
4th	Read My Shirt!
5th	Reading is better with a buddy! Report Cards Go Home T2 Soaring Eagle Parent Celebration 7:45
6th	Wrap a with a book! Early Out
7th	Hats off to Reading-wear a hat! PTA Sucker PreSale $1
8th	Red Lantern Day! Readathon Ends
10th	Daylight Savings-Spring Forward One Hour!
13th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Out PTA Meeting 6:30
17th	St. Patrick's Day
20th	Eagle Cliffs Spirit Day Early Out
21st	World Down Syndrome Day Get Air Family Fun Night
22nd	Hat Day $1
25th-29th.	SPRING BREAK!!!
31st	Easter



A Note from the Principal

Can you believe we're already in the final trimester of the 2023-2024 school year? Time really does fly when you're having fun, and what a super year it has been!

March is shaping up to be an exciting and busy month for our students and staff. We recently wrapped up the 2nd Trimester and started the Iditaread Readathon. We will acknowledge the incredible reading achievements of our students with an assembly. We will also recognize. our outstanding Soaring Eagles who continue to soar to new heights.

Now, as we look ahead, we're gearing up for Spring Break, district and state assessments, and more. Our students from Kindergarten to 5th grade will be participating in assessments such as Fastbridge, NWEA, and SBAC. We believe in the importance of these assessments as they not only reflect on the strengths and opportunities for improvement in our instruction but also help us tailor our approach to meet the unique needs of each student. Please stay tuned for specific testing dates from your child's teacher and ensure your child comes to school well-rested and with a full belly, ready to give their best. And speaking of giving their best, let's also check the Lost and Found for any missing items. It's amazing what treasures can be found there!

As we approach Spring Break from March 25-29, we hope you and your family have a joyful and relaxing time. If you need anything from us, remember that our doors are always open. Your partnership and support make our school community truly special.Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Here's to a happy spring and a fantastic end to the school year!
Mrs. Julie Hornby



World Down Syndrome Day

3/21 is World Down Syndrome Day (WDSD)! Wear blue and yellow and/or silly socks!

What is the Amazing Shake?

Many might be wondering what the Amazing Shake is. The Amazing Shake is something our 5th graders do each year. They start by writing and presenting a 3-5 minute passion speech in the classroom. There are three judges who use a rubric to score the presentations. From there, 20 students are chosen to move forward to Work the Room. 10 community members, parents, business partners and staff have a rubric that score the students on eye contact, poise, ability to carry on a conversation and a few other things. Five students are selected from this round to move on to another round at Rocky Mountain College. At this time, the students give a 2 minute passion speech to professors and students, then meet with them to answer a series of questions. Next, one student is chosen to move on to the Regional competition which is held in Billings with nine other schools within Yellowstone County. These individuals have a day of activities where each gets to show their ability to shine. Two years ago, an Eagle Cliffs student won Regionals and was able to move forward to the National completion in Atlanta, Georgia! The Amazing Shake is a really great way for students to show their leadership skills and their ability to be present in a conversation.This year's winner for Eagle Cliffs is Shay! She will compete in the Regional competition sometime in April. Good luck, Shay!



March Birthdays

Shay Skai Steven Bo Lexi Calan Kyeanna Jackson Conrad Genna Harper Madison Bjorn. Aubrey Bailey Sawyer Easton Finnley Jayson Eyrie Khyzer Kiley Treyton Mia Haddie Jack Izzabella Taiah Syniyah Kinley Nico Zeke Xander Jackson Kinsleigh Mrs. Rademaker

Kindergarten Registration

REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1, 2024
WELCOME TO BILLINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

We are excited to help you register your new Kindergartener for school. This process is completed fully online.

Locate the enrollment page by logging onto www.billingsschools.org. Choose **ENROLL TODAY!** at the top of the homepage, then click on the teal box **"Click Here for Pre-Registering grades K-5"**

The information you fill out is an enrollment request. **Please be sure to select the 2024-2025 school year.** After you submit this brief form, you will receive an email that contains instructions on how to set up a PowerSchool for Parents account and then proceed with the online enrollment forms.

Next, you will need to provide the school office with the following prior to the first day of school:

- A copy of your child's **BIRTH CERTIFICATE**
- Your child's **IMMUNIZATION RECORDS** from a healthcare provider
- A **PROOF OF ADDRESS** for your residence, where you and your child reside (A utility bill dated within the last 30 days or a rental/lease/purchase agreement in a parent or guardian's name only)
- If applicable, any pertinent legal documents re: parenting plans

A Kindergarten Screening will be offered in May. More information coming soon!

Eagle Cliffs Elementary School office hours:

Monday-Friday 7:30 am-3:30 pm through June 5, 2024.

The office is closed for the summer and reopens in mid-August.

2024-2025 school year: September 3-June 13

2023-2024 Yearbook.

Just a reminder, you can personalize and order your yearbook for $28.00 until March 31, 2024! Order with the link below!

https://www.treering.com/purchase?PassCode=1016355170111279

*5th Grade Parents - Take a look at the flyer below on how to purchase a congratulatory recognition ad for your student's last elementary year. The recognition ad is where you can upload a baby picture or any other picture of your choosing!

Questions? Email our PTA at eaglecliffspta@gmail.com!



Update Student Information

It is imperative we have updated contact information for your child. Please make sure phone numbers and contact information is current in our system. We need to be able to get ahold of you as the parent or emergency contact at all times. Thank you!!

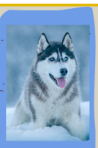
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Calendar and Spirit Days



Monday, Feb 26th Get signed up on the app and get sponsors.	**Tuesday, Feb. 27th** Get ready to read!	**Wednesday, Feb. 28th** "Knock our socks off with reading!" Wear silly socks.	**Thursday, Feb. 29th** "Warm up to reading" Wear sweats.	**Friday, Mar. 1st** "Light the way with a good book" Bring a flashlight.
Monday, Mar. 4th "Read my Shirt" wear a shirt with a positive message.	**Tuesday, Mar. 5th** "Reading is bettter with a buddy." Students may bring a stuffed animal.	**Wednesday, Mar. 6th** "Wrap up with a book"- Students may bring a blanket.	**Thursday, Mar. 7th** "Hats off to reading" Wear a hat.	**Friday, Mar. 8th** "Red Lantern day" Students should wear red...to celebrate all they "read."

Readathon

Thank you to Scheels, PTA, Target, Oasis and Get Air for the donations for the Readathon. Students will have an opportunity to have his/her name drawn for a prize by getting tickets for so many minutes read!

Teachers use the money raised to support purchases in the classroom.

Readathon ends on Friday, March 8th. Thanks for your donations and commitment to reading.

From the Counselor

This month the focus in counseling was being kind to ourselves and others. In the primary classrooms. Lessons taught were concentrating on staying positive and using kind words. One lesson was that we must be a good friend to ourselves so we can be a good friend to others.

In the intermediate classrooms, topics addressed were perseverance and encouraging ourselves to do our best. In order for us to be successful, we must fail first. Failure is a crucial part of learning and growing. Another area discussed was being an UPSTANDER, which is one of the most powerful ways to show kindness. An Upstander is when we stand up for ourselves and others. We don't want to be a bystander that stands by and watches it happen. This gives the student doing the harassing more power. Also discussed was how extremely important it is to get help if we are being targeted or if we see others being targeted.

In March, I will be going over conflict resolution strategies as well as listening and following the Golden Rule. :)

PTA Update

Here is what PTA has going on for March…!

March 8th
Sucker Sale (Presale on the 7th)

March 13th
PTA Meeting - 6:30pm

March 28th
Get Air Family Fun Night5:00pm-8:00pm

Come jump and our PTA receives a percentage back!