

## Scenic Elementary

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## August 2021

### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Scenic Elementary. I hope all of our students and families had a wonderful summer! We have a few new staff members this year, and Mrs. Sand moved from 1st grade to become our school's Special Education teacher. Below are our new staff members:

School Psychologist - McKenzie Shawcroft

First Grade - Stephanie Lynch

First Grade Aide/Intervention - Laura Lewis

Second Grade - Jackie Stapher

### COVID Guidelines

As all of you know, the pandemic is a fluid situation and some of the guidelines that our district created in conjunction with the Mesa County Health Department has changed since they were released two weeks ago, and I expect they will change as the year continues. Below are some of the big items for our current guidelines:

- **All indoor visitors to Scenic must wear face coverings.** Staff members do not need to wear face coverings. Students do not need to wear face coverings.
- Students who show symptoms of COVID will be sent home and cannot return to school for 10 days unless they receive a negative COVID test or receive an alternative diagnosis from a medical doctor.
- If a student in a particular classroom tests positive, the other students in the classroom will have to wear face coverings indoors for 14 days. Parents will receive an exposure letter if a student in their child's class tests positive.
- If three or more students test positive in a classroom within two weeks the classroom will be quarantined for 14 days.

For more information please click [here](#).

### August Calendar

August 9th - First day of school for Grades 1-5

August 9th - Kindergarten Testing

August 11th - Kindergarten Orientation with parents and students from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

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August 16th - PTO Meeting 4:30 - 5:30 PM in Scenic Library

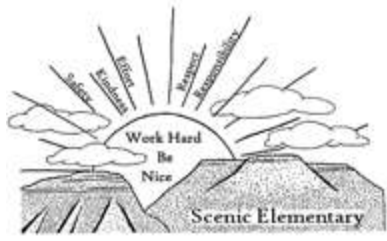
August 27th - T-Shirt Orders Due

### PTO

Welcome Back! Our PTO President is Alicia Mabrey, Vice President is Marlenes Ballard, Treasurer is Kelsey Teske, and Secretary is Karen DeRose. We are always looking for new members for our School Parent Organization. We are fortunate to have strong parent and family support at our school, however, without our PTO we would not be the great school that we are. Our PTO helps to organize events such as our Walk-a-Thon and our Back-to-School BBQ. The PTO uses the money from these events to help pay for our reading intervention aides and other projects and field trips that make learning at our school fun and exciting. Please join us for the next PTO meeting on Monday, August 16th at 4:30 p.m. in our library.

### School Advisory Council

For the first time in my nine years as a school administrator I was contacted by a grandmother to be on our school's Student Advisory Council. Our Fall School Advisory Council will be meeting on **Monday, September 13th at 6:30 pm** in the library. Anyone is welcome to the meeting. The SAC is independent of the PTO, and Colorado Law states that every public school must have a



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SAC. The council meets once every quarter. The role of the SAC is to provide recommendations for school improvement and planning, the school environment, prioritization of school funds, and safety issues.

### Online Registration

If you have not registered your child/children for the 2021-2022 school year, would you please do so this week. This is something that you will need to do through your ParentVue account every year for every child that you have attending school in the district. If you need help with this or have any questions, please contact Kris in the office at 254-6370. Thank you!

### Lunch with Parents

We are fortunate to have a large field to not only play in but also to eat in. Parents are allowed to eat lunch with their child/children outside, but we ask that you check-in at our front office and we will radio your child to meet you to eat under our trees at the top of the hill. Unfortunately, your child can't bring their friends with them to eat with their parents. All adults in our building have had their symptoms tracked in our online system, and we can't allow visitors near other people's children without having their symptoms tracked. At this time parents are not allowed to eat lunch in the cafeteria because of the mask guidelines for visitors.

### Morning Drop Off

Drop off times are as follows:

**8:20 am** - Only if your child is eating breakfast at school, students walk in the front office door and go to the cafeteria

**8:35 am** - Earliest students who are not eating breakfast at school can be dropped off

at school, students will stay outside on the playground.

**8:50 am** - Bell rings/school starts

Thank you for bringing your child/children at the appropriate times listed above. If you are in need of before or after school care, please go to [www.extendedhoursprogram.com](http://www.extendedhoursprogram.com) for more information.

### Introduction to Gifted and Talented

Ever notice a child who seems to go above and beyond? Parents, teachers, and students can refer a child to be identified as gifted and talented. The student will be given a cognitive ability test. Students who test high on CogAT tests need extra support to dive deeper into their learning. That's where I come in. I am the Gifted and Talented teacher. I teach a class called enrichment. The district has a curriculum for each grade. Students are challenged to solve puzzles and think creatively.

Kinder- Convergent vs Divergent thinking. Visual & Evaluative thinking.

1st - More of the above, plus role-playing detectives, scientists, and inventors.

2nd - More of the above with a big emphasis on analogies, which prepares us to take the CogAT test in October/November.

3rd - Deductive thinking to solve complex problems. Being autonomous learners, doing our own research and investigations.

4th - Learning to serve our community. Studying different cultures of family, school, city, country.

5th - Choosing self-driven projects at the edge of our competence. Being productive, flexible, and original.

Enrichment classes meet for 40 minutes once or twice per week depending on the needs of the school. Refer any questions or comments you may have to:

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