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August 2019

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Scenic Elementary. I hope all of our students and families had a wonderful summer! As you might have noticed we are still waiting for a few summer projects to be completed. Also, we have some new faces this year. Katrina Gallagher is our new 4th grade teacher. She came to us from Nisley Elementary. We also have a familiar face to a new role, and that is Rose Willett. She is our new half-time special education teacher. She was our music teacher many years ago. Kris Biggs is also in a new role at our school. She is our new secretary. Christena Nelson is our new Gifted and Talented teacher. Dee Grammer is our new kindergarten paraprofessional in Mrs. Smardo's class.

Growth Mindset and Respect

For the month of August our focus is going to be on having a growth mindset and learning about respect. A growth mindset is the foundation for Social and Emotional Learning, and to quote the renowned educators Frey, Fisher and Smith, "all learning is social and emotional." A growth mindset is the belief that you can learn anything. It is a belief that no matter how young or old you are you can learn new things. The opposite of a growth mindset is a fixed mindset, which believes that intelligence is fixed and that you are either born smart or not and that there is nothing that can be done to change it. We want all of our students to embrace a growth mindset and what is called the power of "Yet". So, when you hear your child say I'm not good at math, or art, or any other skill, remind them that they are not good at it yet; but they can always get better at everything. This year your child will also learn more about key components of social and emotional learning

August

Calendar & Upcoming Events

August 14th - 1st day of Kindergarten

August 14th - Kinder Camp 9:00 - 10:15 AM

August 19th - PTO Meeting 4:15 - 5:15 PM in Scenic Library

August 20th - 1st Grade Parent Orientation 6:00 - 7:00 PM

August 20th - 4th & 5th Grade Parent Orientation 7:00 - 8:00 PM

August 21st - 2nd Grade Parent Orientation 6:00 - 7:00 PM

August 21st - 3rd Grade Parent Orientation 7:00 - 8:00 PM

August 26th - Walk-a-thon packets sent home

August 30th - T-Shirt Orders Due

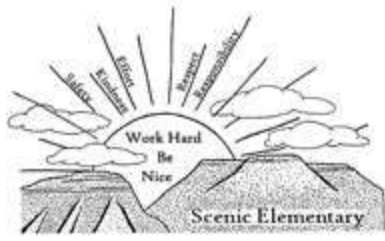
September 9th - PTO Meeting 4:15 - 5:15 PM in Scenic Library

September 11th - Patriot Day Ceremony during flag ceremony 8:50 - 9:10 AM

including: identity and agency, emotional regulation, cognitive regulation, public spirit, and other social skills. Our hope is that when your child leaves Scenic for middle school they will not only have academic skills, but they will also be ready to deal with the social and emotional challenges that all of us have to deal with.

PTO

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 aids 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 19th at 4:15 p.m. in our library.



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Safety and Security

We recently installed a door bell to our front door, so we can now keep our front door locked. This is an extra layer of protection to help keep everyone safe. Once you ring the doorbell please wait for a clicking sound and then pull the door open. Also, for the safety of everyone please drive slowly on our campus even if it is during the middle of the day. It is all of our responsibility to keep our kids safe.

Furniture Donation

Last year was a particularly difficult cold season. There were a few days where we had twenty percent of our students absent due to being sick. This is why we are replacing our cloth covered pieces of furniture in our school. By replacing cloth with leather or faux leather, it makes cleaning the furniture easier for our custodians and keeps germs from spreading. Unfortunately, our old coffee table in our lobby doesn't match our new furniture. We are looking for a donated coffee table. If you know or see one please let us know.

Online Registration

If you have not registered your child/children for the 2019-2020 school year, would you please do that sometime 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. One thing to note is that you are not able to register on your phone, only your tablet, computer or chromebook. If you need help with this or have any questions, please contact Kris at 254-6370. Thank you!

Snack Donations

Sometimes kids forget to bring snacks from home for their morning or afternoon snack, so if you are able or willing to donate snacks to the office, we would really appreciate it. Please drop them off to Kris or Courtney in the office. Thank you so much!