



CALENDAR

February 2023

3rd: School of Choice Window Closes

4th: White Iced Celebration 7:00 pm

6th: 10th - Kindness Week

14th: Valentines Day

15th: PTO - 4:15

15th: 4th Grade Music Program 6:00

16th: Parent Teacher Conference
4:00pm-8:00pm

19th: Lion's Club Parade-1:00

20th: **NO SCHOOL**-President's Day

21st: Girls on the Run Begins

22nd: 2nd Grade to Safety Fair

23rd: 3rd Grade to Eureka

23rd: Parent Teacher Conference
4:00pm-8:00pm

March 2023

2nd: Dr. Seuss' Birthday

9th: 3rd Grade Music Program

12th: Daylight Savings Time

15th: 3rd Quarter Ends

15th: One Book, One School

16th: **No School** - Teacher In-service

17th: **No School** - Teacher Workday

20th-24th: Spring Break

27th: School back in session

Dear Chipeta Family,

Happy February! With Valentine's Day falling in this month, I want to share some things I **love** about our school and community.

1. The amazing students. They are excited, kind and full of life. I enjoy greeting and catching up with them everyday.

2. The loving families. I see parents on a daily basis coming in for lunch, talking with office staff and teachers about their child and volunteering.

3. The incredible staff. Our staff is relentless in creating effective lesson plans, building a strong culture in our building and working together to create the most effective and engaging environment for our students.

I feel fortunate and thankful everyday that I come in and get to serve all of you. What a special place Chipeta Elementary is.

A couple reminders that I would like to touch on:

Winter Clothing

We are still in the middle of winter. We are asking all students to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather (pants and coats). Students will still have outdoor recess throughout this season. We only move recess indoors for severe rain and/or cold. Please talk with our office staff if you need assistance in getting appropriate apparel for the weather.

Parent Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Now that we are past the halfway mark for the year, I would like to remind parents to move as far up the drop-off/pick-up line as possible before loading or unloading your student. This prevents traffic from stacking up in the street.

If you are unable to pull into the drop-off/pick-up line, please circle around the block. The police department has asked our staff to remind drivers to not stop in the middle of the street or block crosswalks.

Thank you for being the amazing families that you are everyday.

Scott Spoele
Assistant Principal

A message from Kim in the health office:

This is a friendly reminder to please keep your children at home when they are sick. A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to put other students and staff at risk of becoming ill. Please review the District 51 illness policy which will be going home in Tuesday's folders. Feel free to contact the health office with any questions or concerns.

Are you having trouble covering the cost of your winter utility bills? The LEAP Program (Low-income Energy Assistance Program) may be able to help! Go to cdhs.colorado.gov/leap to check your eligibility and complete an application. We also have the applications in the school lobby.



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~Vision: At Chipeta - We Care. We Learn. We Grow~

Si usted desea una explicación en español, favor de llamar 970-254-6825



Congratulations to January's Students of the Month!

Theme of the Month:

"I can ADVOCATE for myself"

Kindergarten:

Hamilton: Henry R. & Rhett T.
Martinez: Desmend B. & Juin B.
Orehek: Cora M. & Ezekio H.

1st Grade:

Bertrand: Finn H. & Giovonnie C.
Leist: Draven G. & Neveya R.
Luke: Armias E. & Fio S.

2nd Grade:

Kalenian: Grace G. & Loren R.
Luna: Alaina H. & Jameson S.
McLaughlin: Adrian V. & Maleya M.

3rd Grade:

Davis: Madison B. & Samuel H.
Tapia: Absedee V. & Thomas K.
Walters: Magnolia L. & Marisol C.

4th Grade:

Bell: Maks D. & Piper B.
Henson: Madelyn B.
Wells; Aidan M. & Jacelynn B.

5th Grade:

Garcia: Lucas L. & Sequoia B.
Hernandez: Elliot P. & Julian G.
Weagant: Clarissa H. & Lydia F.

Celebrating Black History Month

Please feel free to stop by and check out the "Freedom Quilt" that is on display in the main hallway. The Freedom Quilt was a way for the runaway slaves to know where to go and what houses were safe to go in. The houses would hang their one pattern quilts outside on the clothes line and the slaves would have their quilts with the different patterns on them, a map to freedom.

We are also celebrating Black History Month with a display of prominent African American men, women and children who have changed the world.

If you get the chance, come and see this powerful display.

Our **5th grade ambassadors** will be supporting a handful of kindness activities in February. Some of these activities include spirit week, cup messages on the playground fence and candy grams.

Valentine's Spirit Week activities include:

Monday, February 13th:

Wear a colorful outfit to brighten someone's day

Tuesday, February 14th:

Wear pink, red, white, purple or your favorite Valentines Day outfit

Wednesday, February 15th:

Wear a heart or Valentine accessory

Thursday, February 16th:

Write a kind message on the playground with chalk

Friday, February 17th:

Wear a shirt with words or pictures about kindness

Candy Grams are back!

Parents and students will be able to buy Candy Grams **February 7th to February 10th** for 50 cents each. Students will be able to purchase them in the morning before class. Parents can buy Candy Grams in the office from 9:30-3:00. Please be on the lookout for more information and an *order form* to help with this process this year.

National School Counselor Week February 6th - February 10

Chipeta is so thankful to have two wonderful school counselors, **Mrs. Blackmon** and **Mrs. Schreiner**. These ladies have a tremendous impact in helping students achieve school success, both academically and socially, as well as teaching our students important lessons in compassion, empathy and respecting others.

THANK YOU

Mrs. Blackmon and Mrs. Schreiner!