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# January 2022

# **Problem Solving**

This month, our school wide theme is problem solving. In our morning announcements and in our classrooms we'll be reminding students to use the *Second Step* Problem-Solving Steps:

S: Say the problem

T: Think of solutions

E: Explore consequences

P: Pick the best solution

As you can see, the first letter of each step spells the word "step." Remembering "step" helps students solve problems with each other in safe and respectful ways.

Second Step lessons specifically teach students to use each step and reinforce the message that solutions need to be safe and respectful. You might be receiving Home Links about the steps that describe why solving problems is important and including fun activities to do with your child to help him or her learn and practice the steps. We hope the steps will be helpful for you and your child when there are problems at home.

Please tell your child's teacher if you would like more suggestions about how to use the Problem-Solving Steps at home.

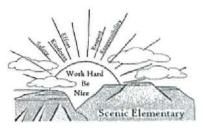
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# January Calendar & Upcoming Events

January 3 - No School, Teacher Work Day January 4 - First Day Back for Students January 7 - 8:50 a.m., Raising of New WHBN Flag at the Flagpole Ceremony January 10 - Report cards sent home with students and downloaded to ParentVue January 10 - PTO Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Library January 17 - No School, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day January 18 - No School, Elementary Planning Day January 19 - 20 - Parent/Teacher Conferences by Teacher Invitation Only from 4:00-8:00 p.m. each day January 24 - Last T-Shirt Order goes out, Orders due February 4th January 24-25 - East Middle School Challenge Program Informational Meetings for interested 5th grade parents and students - 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. each day in the East Middle School Cafeteria January 28 - 8:50 a.m., WHBN Flagpole Ceremony January 28 - 100th Day of School

### **Canned Food Drive**

A HUGE thank you goes out to all of the students and families who donated for this year's canned food drive. Scenic collected 1,751 food items for our community! The class that collected the most items was Mrs. Eatwell's 3rd grade class with 255 items. Mrs. Smardo's Kindergarten class came in 2nd place with 236 items, and Ms. Jackie's 2nd grade class came in 3rd place with 197 items. Every single class participated in the food drive! We also want to thank Marlenes Ballard and Autumn Sorensen for organizing and managing the food drive.



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### **PTO Meeting**

Come one, come all! Please come join us on Monday, January 10th @ 4:30 PM for our PTO meeting in the library. We would love to get as many parents as possible involved in our Parent/Teacher Organization. If this is not a good time for you, please e-mail Alicia Mabrey, PTO President, if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns.

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The Challenge Program at East Middle School for Interested 5th Grade Parents and Students for the 2022-2023 School Year



# Information Meetings

2022-2023 School Year

The Challenge Program at East Middle School is a district-wide program for academically gifted middle school students. After giving an overview of the program, students and staff will be available for questions. Check out <a href="The Challenge Program">The Challenge Program</a> website for more information. We highly recommend all parents and students attend a meeting as the application process has changed slightly.

Where: East Middle School Cafeteria

830 Gunnison Ave

When: Monday, January 24th at 4:30 and 6 pm

Tuesday, January 25th at 4:30 and 6 pm

Who: Students interested in applying and parents

Applications will be available starting January 24. Applications will be accepted until 3 pm on February 28, 2022

"Some students require the climate, interaction, and independence found in a program designed especially for gifted students." -Autonomous Learner Model

Contact Tina Sleigh at tina sleigh@d51schools org with questions

## **New WHBN Flag Celebration**

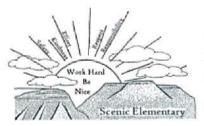
Please join us for a special flag ceremony on Friday, January 7th. We will raise our 2022 WHBN flag for the first time. We will recognize this year's flag winner and designer, Anna Coleman.

### 10th Annual White Iced Celebration

The D51 Foundation is gearing up to host the 10th Annual White Iced Celebration. This year it will be held in the CMU Ballroom on Saturday, February 5 from 7:00-10:30 pm. Each year the White Iced Celebration is a time to honor White Iced Award Recipients and celebrate Outstanding Academic Growth Schools. You can purchase tickets at: www.d51 foundation.org. We appreciate your support as it helps fund our priorities of technology for students and professional learning for teachers.

## Calling all 3rd -5th grade girls!!

Girls on the Run is almost here!!! It is that time of year again. My name is Mrs. Idler, I am a mother of four (two boys and two girls) and also a 7 month old granddaughter. All four of my kids came to Scenic, both of my girls went through the GOTR program. I have worked at Scenic for nine years now. This year will be my sixth year coaching and my fourth year being site liaison. We are running the GOTR program at Scenic for the Spring season starting the week of February 20th, 2022. We would love for your daughters between grades 3-5 who want to be a part of an AWESOME group who work together to learn about their emotions, as well as self help tools to help manage emotions, and a



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great group of girls who become friends/family. It is led by myself Coach Idler, Coach Regina (a past parent who has coached with me for the last 4 years), as well as some other volunteer coaches. If you as a parent are interested in becoming a coach or running buddy, please let me know, or you can find information on the gotrwesterncolorado.org website. Registration for coaches is open. Our team size depends on our number of coaches and girls.

#### Participant Registration

Online registration opens January 17th and closes February 11th (or when the site fills - whichever comes first). The fee is \$65 (increases to \$75 after the first two weeks). They have a scholarship program that gives a fee option of \$20.

If you have any further questions, please contact Courtney Idler at Scenic (970) 254-6370 Ext. 61103 or my personal cell phone (970) 985-2629, as well as my email Courtney.idler@d51schools.org
Looking forward to another great season!



Kids Aid is here to help you with extra food over the weekends so our Grand Valley kids can be kids! We serve 70 sites from preschool through college and provide up to 2,000 food bags per week. We give bags to any child, no qualifications necessary. Be sure to ask your school site coordinator, administrator, or teacher to get you signed up! (All requests are anonymous.)

Food bags contain breakfast, lunch\dinner, and snack options to cover the weekend meals for one child. We do our best to offer a variety of items based on availability and cost. Families with multiple children can request a bag for each child in the household. Started in the Fall of 2021, Kids Aid has partnered with Food Bank of the Rockies to include kid friendly, easy to cook recipes to encourage creative and nutritious meal preparation with items included in our weekly food bags.

If you have any questions, please visit our website for more information: www.kidsaidcolorado.org

This is a program we offer at Scenic Elementary. If you are interested in it or have any questions, please feel free to contact Courtney Idler at Scenic Elementary at (970) 254-6370, Ext. 61103 or email me at Courtney.idler@d51schools.org