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WHBN!

October 2020



Making Reading a Priority

The “summer slide” is a term in education that every teacher has heard. It describes the phenomenon of the dip in student learning that occurs over the course of the summer. This year the “slide” was steeper than normal due most likely to the closing of in person learning after spring break. In order to help students bounce back we need your help in making reading a priority when students are home. I know this can be challenging, but it is critical to have most of our students reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Please, make reading a daily activity like brushing your teeth or eating breakfast. If your child plays video games, have them read one minute for every minute they want to play, and have them read before playing. Another important step is to discuss what they read after they are done. If your child is still learning to read, read with them. Sitting with your child and reading with them is priceless. It also helps your child see that you prioritize reading. Reading is one of those skills that is critical for your child to be successful in middle and high school and in life. As Fredrick Douglas said, “Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.”

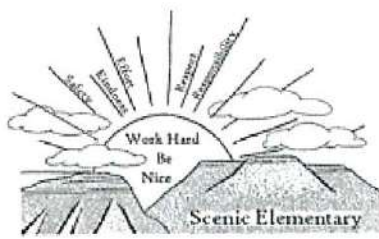
October Calendar & Upcoming Events

- October 2nd - WHBN Flag Contest Ends
- October 2nd - Teacher raffle ticket sales end, winners announced at end of day
- October 5th - Student voting for WHBN Flag Contest Begins
- October 5th - PTO Meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the Library
- October 7th - PTO Walk-A-Thon at Scenic
- October 9th - Student voting for WHBN Flag Contest Ends
- October 9th - End of First Quarter
- October 12th - No School - Teacher Workday
- October 13th - No School - Teacher In-Service
- October 14th-16th - Book Fair Online
- October 16th - WHBN Flag Contest Winner Announced at Flag Ceremony
- October 26th - Second T-shirt Order Forms Go Home (Due on November 13th)
- October 30th - WHBN Ceremony at flagpole at 8:50 a.m.
- October 30th - Pumpkin Patch in the morning and Costume/Candy Parade at 1:15 p.m.
- October 31st - Halloween - Have fun and be safe!

This Month's WHBN Theme: Kindness & Empathy

Friday Flagpole Ceremonies

This Friday, October 2nd, we will resume our outside Friday flag ceremonies out at the flagpole. These will take place right when the bell rings at 8:50 a.m. and take place each Friday. Each class will be lined up outside by cohort, and students will be wearing their masks during the ceremony. Parents are welcome to attend the flag ceremonies each Friday, but please observe these Friday flag ceremonies from the grass area, wear a mask, and social distance. Thank you!



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PTO Meeting

Come one, come all! Please come to join us on Monday, October 5th @ 4:30 PM for our PTO meeting. 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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Water Bottles

Please, if you have not already, send your child/children with a water bottle that they can use throughout the day. These will be sent home on Fridays to be cleaned. We do not have water fountains running in the school this year due to COVID. Thank you for your help with this.

Child Abuse Prevention

Each year, hundreds of kids in Mesa County are exposed to violence, abuse, and neglect. The good news about child abuse is that it is 100% preventable. Nobody wants to believe it can happen in our community, but it does. Do your part to prevent it. In Mesa County Valley School District 51, elementary school counselors address prevention strategies with students in classroom lessons each year, as well as in individual counseling sessions when needed. Children who feel good about themselves and know how to ask for help when they need it, are much less vulnerable to bullies and abusive behavior. I will be presenting personal safety lessons in each classroom during the month of October. The focus of the lesson is to encourage children to talk to trusted adults (parents, teachers, etc.) if they have concerns about safety.

Sometimes, this topic has special significance to a family. **If you have concerns about your child that I should be sensitive to, please do not hesitate to contact me.**

Check out this article on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/Preventing%20Child%20Sexual%20Abuse.pdf>

If you suspect child abuse - or if a child tells you about abuse - making a report is very important!

Remember: You can help protect your children from sexual abuse by being active in their lives and teaching them safety skills.

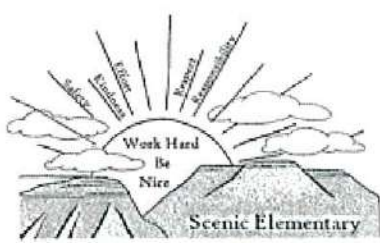


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Labeling Clothes

Please label your child's jackets, sweaters and hats. We cannot have a lost-and-found this year due to COVID regulations, so we need parents to help us. If you can label your child's clothing by writing their name on the tags of their jackets, we can make sure we get their items back to them. This will help us from having to maintain a lost-and-found bin.

PTO Walk-A-Thon

The Walk-A-Thon is on Wednesday, October 7th at Scenic Elementary. This fundraiser is one of our primary fundraising events for our school and helps support our reading aides in the classroom. This year we raised just over \$16,000. Although the Walk-A-Thon might look different this year, it will still be a lot of fun for our students. Thank you for your support of our Scenic Community!

Candle Kitchen Fundraiser

Happy October! I just wanted to let our wonderful Scenic families know that we are still planning on our 3rd Annual Candle Kitchen fundraiser in November. Be on the lookout for the information in the next month or so! Thank you, Gena Arellano

Pumpkin Patch on Friday, October 30th

Due to COVID, we are not allowed to have field trips and therefore go to Studt's Pumpkin Patch this year...so we are going to bring the pumpkin patch to Scenic. On Friday, October 30th in the morning we will be having a pumpkin patch out on the grass at Scenic. Each student will be able to pick out one pumpkin that they can then take home with them. The cost for each student will be \$5.00 for their pumpkin. Please look for an email or letter soon with more details about this and the costume/candy parade.

Costume/Candy Parade on Friday, October 30th

This year we will not have our annual Trunk-or-Treat at Scenic due to COVID. We will have a Costume/Candy Parade beginning at 1:15 PM on October, 30th. Parents are welcome to come and watch the costume parade. Please stay in the grass area, wear a mask, and social distance. During this time, students will parade around outside in their costumes one class at a time while students, staff and parents watch. Staff will be handing out candy to all of the students. We are asking each student or family to donate one bag of candy for this event. This year students will be allowed to wear costumes again. Please send your child/children to school in their costumes this year. They will wear their costumes all day. With that being said, they must be in a costume that they can sit at their desk in comfortably and wear all day (no blow up costumes). Below are some rules regarding the wearing of costumes:

- No face paint.
- Costumes MUST NOT interfere with learning throughout the day.
- Costumes must be simple and easy to wear.
- No hair spray cans or bottles.
- No gory or bloody costumes.
- No props, for example, swords or knives or wands, etc...
- **No fake weapons** (it's against D51 school board policy).