February 2022



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From the Desk of the Principal:

To reiterate the email that was sent out by the District Jan. 19th,

"We are requesting everyone's continued efforts in mitigating the effects of COVID, especially in our schools. We recognize that students benefit greatly from in-person learning, and safely staying with in-person instruction continues to be a priority of TUSD.

Please follow established guidelines and stay home/keep your student home if you or your student is ill."

We appreciate your effort in this matter. Stay well!

-Mrs. Michelle Ferrin



Print out an open enrollment form online or stop by the office. A new form <u>MUST BE COMPLETED EACH YEAR</u> for those outside district boundaries.

Please verify your child's information on ParentVUE. If you have changed your address within the past year, please provide us with a new proof of residency.



Counselors Corner: This month we are focusing on RESPECT. The dictionary defines it as the value of admiring another person for who they are and what they do. The definition we are using in class is:

Respect: seeing good in people and things (and treating them with care).

Respect is both a perspective and a practice. What does it mean to "see good" in people? Oftentimes this requires us to learn more about who they are, where they come from, and why they believe and act the way they do. Respect is about understanding people! Respect is also about action; how we speak to and treat one another (and ourselves) respectfully is a constant practice.

Respect - Knowing it is showing it, giving it is living it.

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Mark your Calendar

February 2022

- 1 6th Grd to Discovery Park (Kincaid, Leavitt, Morris)
- 8 6th Grd to Discovery Park (Skinner, Cochran, Cook)
- 8 Field Writing Test Grades 3-5
- 9 Field Writing Test Grade 6
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 18 NO SCHOOL
- 21 President's Day, NO SCHOOL

March 2022

14-18 Spring Break



Anyone who has been ill <u>must</u> be symptoms and fever free for greater than 24 hours, without medication, before returning to school.

The Office:

Students are NOT to be on campus earlier than 7:30 am as there is no adult supervision until that time

If you have an after school message for your student please call that information into the office <u>before 12:00pm</u>.

Michelle Ferrin, Principal Chelsea Estes, Secretary

Rikki Innes, Nurse Machelle Jones, Nurse's Aide

- Breakfast & Lunch menus can be found at www.thatcherud.org -



Valentine's Candy Grams

will be for sell Mon, Feb. 7th through Friday, Feb.11th. They will cost \$1 each and may be purchased in the Primary and Elementary offices. They will receive a special note and a sucker.





February is a very busy month! **February 8th, 3rd grade will be taking a state writing test**. It is different this year. It is called AASA Writing Stand-Alone Field Test (SAFT). In

years past we have done the writing test when we take the Reading and Math tests in April. This year, the writing is all by itself. Please don't make any appointments on Feb. 8th so your children can get the Writing test done.



Our class **Valentine's Day** party will be Monday, February 14th. A note or text will be coming soon to tell you of a food assignments for the party.

Please check your child's homework every day. Does your child frequently forget to do their reading and math homework? **THEY HAVE MATH AND READING DAILY!** We **NEED** your help at home. You, too, are responsible for your child's progress. Don't forget to practice multiplication tables.

The 3rd Grade Team Mrs. Petersen, Ms. Romero, Miss Smith, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Boren, Mrs. Phillips



Valentine's day is coming up fast! Each 5th grade class will be having a party and giving out Valentines. Please watch for more information from your child's homeroom teacher.

The end of the quarter will be coming up quickly as well. Please encourage your child to keep up on their homework and **get their book report turned in sooner rather than later**. We will be doing another **quarter reward activity** for those that have no missing assignments and a 70% or higher in all classes. The deadline for this is <u>March 3rd</u>. Please continue to encourage them to **read 20 minutes everyday as well as practice their math facts**. Some ways to practice math skills include playing dice games and cooking in the kitchen. Thanks for all of your support!



The 5th Grade Team Ms. Matthews, Mrs. Udall, Mrs. Hunt, Ms. Hirshouer, Mrs. Nagy, Mrs. Allred

- After-School Orchestra Practice
 Tuesdays (Beginners) & Thursdays
 (Intermediate) at 2:30-3:30 in the Old Library
- After-School Choir Practice Wednesdays at 2:30-3:30 pm in the Old Library

• 5th/6th Grade Band Schedule

Subject to change. Mr. Hooper will notify as



The 4th grade **Health Fair Field Trip** at EAC is February 24th.

We are down to a crucial time at school. Standardized testing is not far away. *Being on time* and *at school* is essential to your child's success.

Keep working on multiplication facts at home. Mastery of facts is an important tool for success.

Book reports are lacking this year. Encourage your child to **read, read, read** and complete book reports. Awards are issued at the end of the school year.

The 4th Grade Team Mrs. Yochum, Ms. Carter, Mrs. Hatch, Ms. Crandall, Ms. Lawson, Mrs. Hogan



We cannot believe the year is already more than halfway over! Soon your children will be heading to **middle school** with a whole new set of responsibilities to conquer!

Please remember that students are in CORE classes until lunch time at 12:20 pm. If your child is being checked out for lunch or for the day, *please do not check them out much earlier* as they may miss out on crucial instruction for homework assignments. We cannot stress this enough—if your child misses school, they **NEED** to find their missed work on **StudentVUE** and COM-PLETE IT! Students should not be coming to school and asking, "What did I miss?" Any printed assignments will be given by the teacher upon return.

Finally, as 6th graders begin puberty, please make sure your child is **showering regularly, using hygiene body products and putting on clean clothes daily**. We don't want bullying to become an issue as the children go these uncontrollable changes.

The 6th Grade Team Mrs. Leavitt, Mr. Skinner, Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Kincaid, Ms. Cochran