

Thank you to our Evaline School Board Directors for their dedication and service, we appreciate the time you take out of your busy schedules to guide our school!!



SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Safety City

On Tuesday, January 27th, grades TTK - 2nd will travel to Richie Brothers and attend a Safety City tour. They will learn about all types of safety including traffic, railroad,



bicycle, school bus, and fire safety. This is an activity-based learning field trip, so please have your student wear comfortable clothes and shoes to jump, crawl, and move in.

Attention Parents and Guardians

Please note that between **11:30–12:30**, our office can be especially busy, and staff may be away from the phones assisting students. If you call during this time and we are unable to answer, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding, we truly appreciate it!

Drop Off and Pick Up Safety

We would like to remind all parents and guardians to please slow down and look around when driving on school property. We would also like to remind everyone to stop at the stop sign when coming through the drop-off and pick-up driveway. We have staff and other drivers coming through the main drive, so please stop, look before pulling through, go slow, and give each other space.

We would also like to ask that you drive very slowly when entering the portable parking lot, as we have students and staff who may be crossing at that time. We are simply trying to remind everyone to be safe and alert when driving on school property. Thank you so much.



Important Dates!!



JAN:

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH

Fri. 23rd: End Of Semester

Tues. 27th: **Safety City Field Trip for TTK - 2nd grade**

Thurs. 29th: **Booster Club Meeting, 3:10 in ¾ classroom**

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Fri. 6th: **Lion Pride Day, 11:30 Dismissal**

Fri. 13th: **Valentines Day Party**

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Mon. 16th: **No School - Presidents Day**

Tues. 17th: **School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm**

Fri. 20th: **Stone Soup with Grandparents**

Fri. 20th: **report cards mailed home**

MARCH

Mon. 2nd: **All School Read-a-Thon starts**

Mon. 2nd - Wed. 4th: **Spring Conferences 11:30 dismissal each day**

Thurs. 5th - Fri. 6th: **Min-Winter Break (no school) or Snow Make Up Days**

Sun. 8th: **Daylight Savings Time, move clocks ahead 1 hour**

Mon. 9th - Fri. 13th: **Classified Staff Appreciation Week**

Fri. 13th: **Lion Pride Day, 11:30 Dismissal**

Thurs. 19th: **Field Trip, 3rd/4th grade - Water Congress at Evergreen College**

Tues. 24th: **School Board Meeting 6:30 pm**

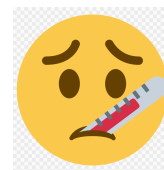
Wed. 25th: **BELL Spring Photos, in the morning**

Tues. 31st - Fri. April 3rd: **Cispus, 6th graders**

April 6th - 10th Spring Break

Health and Safety

It is very important to keep students home if they are not feeling well or have cold or flu-like symptoms, a fever, or tummy issues. Students who have a fever may not return to school until they have been fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.



If your student needs to stay home, please call or email the office so they can be marked excused. If needed, your student's teacher can prepare homework accordingly.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep our school healthy and safe.

TK and Kindergarten

Mrs. Tinnin

Kindergarten students are currently learning the ch, sh, and th digraphs. For each sound, they are taught a "secret" to help them remember how the sound is made. They recently completed a unit on farms and have begun learning about Native Americans. Families are encouraged to ask students about what they are learning in class. Each afternoon, kindergarten participates in Blue Book activities. One of the students' favorite activities is learning nursery rhymes. Students create actions to match the rhymes and practice them throughout the week. This week, they are learning "Hey Diddle Diddle."

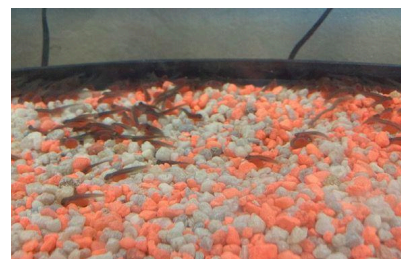
TK students have just completed their plant unit and will begin an exciting new unit on habitats. This unit includes many hands-on activities, art projects, and an increased focus on letter sounds. Students continue learning the letters in their names and practice writing their names while saying each letter aloud. TK students are learning the sounds and letter formation for M, T, D, and A, and are also working on matching pictures or objects with the same beginning sounds.

In math, kindergarten students continue practicing solving story problems involving addition and subtraction with numbers 1-10. TK students are focusing on identifying and working with the numbers 6, 7, and 8.

First and Second Grade Explorers

Mrs. Mittge

We returned from the long weekend to find our salmon had hatched! We now have alevin! It has been so fun to watch the babies learn to swim!



Students are working very hard on their animal reports!

Second graders are writing a five paragraph essay on their creatures! First graders are developing one very strong, fact-filled paragraph. Did you know that wolves can hear up to ten miles away?

By the end of this month students who have been with us all year should be at Leap 5, 25 points. Please continue to check Boomerang Folders every night and have your child **read aloud for 20-30 minutes**. First grade students who are reading at grade level should be reading books in the 1.5-2.0 range. Second graders who are at grade level should be comprehending books in the 2.5-3.0 range.

Third and Fourth Grade Classroom

Mrs. Mars

It's hard to believe but as of today, we are halfway through the year!

Students will start their mid-year testing next week.

Students wanting to reach leap 10 by the end of the year ideally want to be at leap 5 right now. (our two new students' leaps are half as big to accommodate only a half of a year) There is still time to catch up if you get started now! Congratulations to everyone on your current progress.

Leap 10- Willow, Ellis, Zuriah
Leap 9- Kylie
Leap 7- Emerson
Leap 6- Carly, Scarlett
Leap 5- Pippa
Leap 4- Addilyn
Leap 3- Gunner, Aaron, Jaice
Leap 2- Hoyt
Leap 1- Aleata, Lilly



Fifth and Sixth Grade Classroom

Mr. Burlingame

Math has seen a lot of progress this week in strengthening their skills. 5th graders have practiced division with decimals in the divisor and dividend and 6th graders have practiced finding the percent of a quantity and finding the number from a percent.

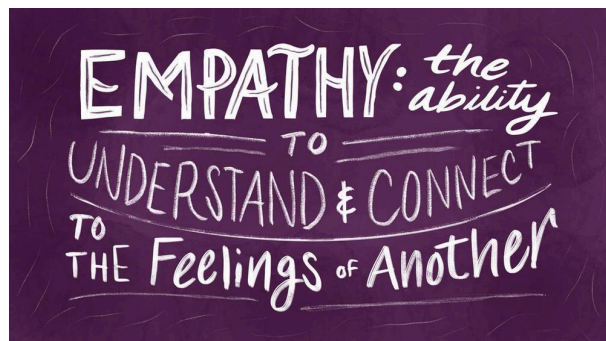
We began Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream this week with a lesson on the life of Shakespeare. We then started to read through the play while talking about the difference between old English and modern English. Students are also learning how to read a printed script and what the stage directions mean. It is quite entertaining to hear 5th and 6th graders try to speak in iambic pentameter!

Please make sure that your student continues to read at home! 5 AR points per month are required for students to attend Lion Paw events on First Friday.

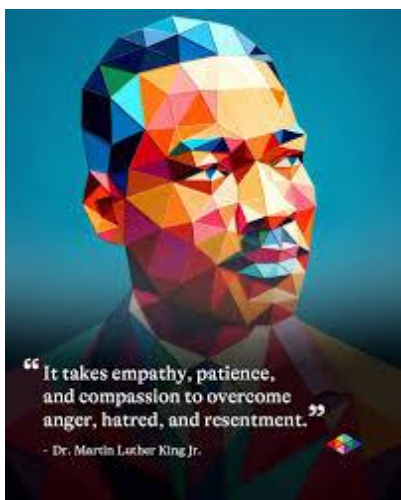
Special Education-Title1/LAP- Social Emotional Learning (SEL): Mrs. Duren

During the month of January we have challenged your students to increase the art of noticing while focusing our attention on the character trait of Empathy. For our educational purposes, Empathy has been defined as having the ability to understand and connect to the feelings of another. In other words, Empathy is learning the importance of knowing what it's like to "walk in

another person's shoes." At the heart of being a student of character is the core belief that every person should be kind and nice - and that a key aspect of being kind and nice is noticing, understanding, and caring about how other people feel. Just ask any 5 year old to describe what to do to be a student of character, or to excel at any character trait we present to them, and the universal answer they instinctively give, even before any lessons are given, always includes these descriptors - being kind and nice.



Noticing is an important component of Empathy because not only does it make one aware of others around them and how they are presenting themselves and their emotions, but it also builds self-awareness as well as strengthens one's connections with others. Noticing can inspire one's learning and creativity along the way while challenging people to step out of their comfort zone to encourage and help others, leading ultimately to personal growth and more effective problem-solving. So in case you find your student(s) paying more attention to how you look or act ... or asking you more questions than normal about how you feel or what you think, realize this may be their attempt to be "present" as an effort to increase their efforts at noticing within their own world, and perhaps showing a bit of empathy along the way as well.



As we present the importance of the character trait of Empathy this month, we also have the opportunity to remember Martin Luther King Jr, and all the ways he was able to help our country. With that said, I want to leave us all thinking about this quote from him which further emphasizes the importance of having Empathy in our lives: "It takes empathy, patience, and compassion to overcome anger, hatred, and resentment." So let's take a lesson from our youngest learners, and remember the importance of being kind and nice - and to always care about others and what they are going through and feeling.

Mrs. Duren