

From the Principal's Desk:

October 26, 2017

Dear Flatirons' Families:

It is the time of year when we often hear reports of bears in the area. When we have bears near the school during the school day, we keep the children inside and are in lockout mode. After dismissal, if we get a bear report like the one this week we have staff on duty until 3:00 pm when the buses leave. We will make an announcement about the bear in case parents and students are still on the grounds so they are aware. If students are left unsupervised, at 3:00 pm when the buses leave they are to report to the office so that we can make a phone call to parents and have them wait in the office for pick-up. For safety reasons, I would like to request that you either pick up or talk with your children about going home directly after school if they are unsupervised. Students should always be picked up or go home directly after school unless a guardian or a pre-arranged approved adult is supervising them. We have office personnel in the building until 3:30 pm, and after that no one is available if there is a student that has not reported in.

The Open Enrollment period for the district is coming up, and already we have had numerous phone calls and families stopping by to check out Flatirons. Talking with new families to our neighborhood and prospective families about what makes Flatirons great is one of the favorite parts of my job. We have Open Enrollment tours Wednesday, November 15, 2018 from 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm and Thursday, December 14, 2018 from 8:30 am - 9:30 am. During these times we like to have current parents be "tour guides" and take families around the building and talk about their experiences. If you would like to help with this, please let the office know.

Since I will not have a letter in November, traditionally a time to reflect on what we are thankful for, I would like to take this time to share some of the things I am thankful for each day.

- The opportunity to work with a caring staff of over 40 people that truly put "kids first" every day
- A parent community that not only supports the work that we do at school but also cares for each other
- The challenge of trying to improve how we educate and support each one of our kindergarten through fifth grade students each day
- Working side by side with a new school team that represents staff who have been here many years and new staff to the building that not only work hard, but also work well together
- The chance to talk with kids every day about what they are learning and what matters in their world
- The thrill of watching "the light turn on" when kids learn something for the first time

All of us at Flatirons count it a privilege to work with your children and we are thankful for all that each family does to support the education of their children. I hope that during the upcoming month each person gets the opportunity to reflect with loved ones for all that we have.

Sincerely,



Scott Boesel, Principal