

From the Principal's Desk

December 7, 2015

Dear Flatirons' Families:

In my experience working in schools, the time period between Thanksgiving break and Winter break is always a blur. It is a busy time for families outside of school as they prepare for the coming holidays and the end of the year. For us in school it is also a busy time as we work with our students as they anticipate the festive time coming and time off from school. During this time I want to highlight a few happenings at school.

- Sally Wulffe, our half-time Resource teacher, will be retiring the December. Her last day will be Friday, December 18th. This is Sally's thirteenth year at Flatirons supporting students that may learn a little differently. Sally worked at the old Mapleton School before coming to Flatirons and has worked with children for twenty three years of her life. If you have had the privilege of working with Sally as she supported your children, say thanks to her if you see her in the hall or send her an email. She has a great love for her students that has influenced us all over the years. We will be hiring her replacement this week, and they will begin at Flatirons on January 4th when the staff returns.
- So what is the "Hour of Code?" The Hour of Code, or now referred to as the Computer Science in Education Week, is a world-wide event that introduces students to computer science to demystify code and show that anyone can learn the basics. This year we have every classroom participating in some way this week. Students will be doing computer activities and/or "unplugged" activities in the computer lab or classroom. Companies coming in to present are: Modular Robotics at K/1, Robauto at 2nd, Bitsbox at 3rd, Backflip Studios at 4th and Google at 5th. Our students have been really excited and engaged in these activities so take a moment this week to talk with them about it.

I hope everyone has a chance over the holiday break to slow down and gather family together. We have much to be thankful for. I count it a privilege to work with such a dedicated staff and involved families, and I am looking forward to our continued work together in 2016.

Happy Holidays!

Scott