

# From the Principal's Desk

February 28, 2017

Dear Flatirons' Families:

As I write this, I am still singing "Dr. King," the final song from our great MLK Celebration last Friday afternoon in the gym. What a great time. It was so neat to see all our kids together singing so well about something so important. Thanks to Ms. Osburn for putting on another great show.

We concluded a successful round of Spring Conferences last week and are entering the last twelve weeks of school. This is an exciting time for staff and students as we really begin to see the growth in each student as the learning and hard work during the school year come together. As we look toward the end of the year, I want to mention a few things.

**Teaching changes:** Sarah Mattison, who is teaching 4th grade, has been selected as part of the planning team of teachers for the new school, Meadowlark School, opening in Erie next fall. Ms. Mattison will finish out the year teaching here and will transition to her new position over the summer. Opening a new school is a once-in-a-career type of opportunity. Sarah has done a great job at Flatirons and will be missed. If you have any questions about this change for next year, please direct them to me.

**Dogs on campus:** The district has tightened its guidelines around having dogs at school. Because of the liability issues, schools have been asked to not allow dogs on campus during drop off and pick up times. **This will be a change for Flatirons.** I have duty often before and after school and I know we have many dogs coming onto campus. I have a dog at home and I understand they can be part of the drop off and pick up routines for some families. The best solution would be to leave dogs at home. If you bring your dog, please keep them on the west side of 7th Street and do not leave them unattended. There are staff members on duty before and after school, and it is hard to have to remind families about this policy, please be understanding as we enforce these new guidelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott", written in a cursive style.

Scott