

From the Principal's Desk

January 31, 2017

Dear Flatirons' Families:

On February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd we will be having our Spring Conferences. Please go online and sign up for a twenty-minute time slot if you have not already done so. Connecting with your child's teacher to get an update on their progress is an important part of our partnership. When you are in the building for conferences, please check out our new bulletin board in the front hall called the Family Partnership Network Board that features many different resources and opportunities for families. Please see Suzy in the office with questions.

Kindergarten & Kindergarten Enrichment: The kindergartners are beginning to work on The Pony Express, which is a service-learning project where they make and sell Valentines and deliver them to classrooms. This involves writing and math, and the money raised will go to a good cause the students vote on.

First/Second Learning Communities: The students are researching the weather of a location around the world of their choice. They will write a weather report about their location and have the report filmed in the iLab using the green screen. These "live" weather reports will be shared with the school community.

Third Grade: Third graders are working hard on their Colorado Animal Research Project. This involves learning about what makes a good researcher and the components of a quality research project. When these are done, the students share these with other grade levels and the projects are displayed in the library.

Fourth Grade: Fourth graders are studying Colorado History and the Solar System. Next week, February 8th, they will be walking to the Fiske Planetarium at CU and in March they will be going to the Colorado History Museum. On Valentine's Day, they will be performing a special Valentine's concert at the Boulder Manor.

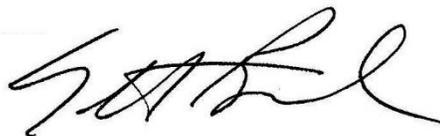
Fifth Grade: Using the new Lock-Boxes from Breakout EDU, Fifth graders used skills and teamwork to figure out clues (based on information across the curriculum) in order to unlock several types of locks. Once inside, they discover the treasure! It is exciting, challenging, and helps everyone to "think outside the box"!

Music: Students in Music are learning songs for our Martin Luther King Jr. all-school assembly. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us at 1:15 pm on Friday, February 24th in the gym.

PE: Students in PE have performed in the "Flatirons Circus" throughout the day the last three days. This is an opportunity for students to develop a routine which reflects their learning from the Gymnastics unit. For the first time, one day before school we invited preschool students from our neighbor, Sunshine House preschool to come in and play on our equipment. It was a great way to reach out to potential students for the coming years.

Art: All of our students spend fifty minutes in Art each week. Ms. Hazzard is constantly hanging artwork in the building that displays the breadth of learning of our students. Please take a moment during conferences to check out the artwork.

Sincerely,



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