

# From the Principal's Desk

March 23, 2017

Flatirons' Families:

We have had a busy March! Here is a quick look at some of the activities. Kindergarten is finishing research for their Animal Safari this Friday. The 1st/2nd Learning Community has been working on poetry books. Third graders just finished Colorado animal research projects, and Fourth graders had a great field trip to the History of Colorado Center in Denver. The Fifth grades went to the Eco-Cycle facility. We also had the Boulder Ballet here for a school-wide assembly and had another amazing Flatirons' Talent Show last week. The teachers had a day with Kiffany Lychock, the Director of Innovation for the district, as part of our yearlong training on Project Based Learning. It has been quite a month, and now students and staff are getting excited about spring break.

**The Party:** The Party is our spring fundraising event and is one of the highlights of the year. It is a great opportunity to get together and celebrate all the wonderful things happening at Flatirons, and raise a little money too. The funds raised through the Party directly impact our students' daily experience at school. It is well attended by the Flatirons' staff and is a lot of fun. One of my favorite parts of the evening is finding out who will be "Principal for the Morning!" This year we will again be at the Spyder Active Sports Showroom at 4725 Walnut St. Please check out all the details on our [Party page](#) of the website and plan to attend.

**PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) Testing:** State assessments for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the areas of Math, Reading/Language Arts, Social Studies (for 4<sup>th</sup> grade) and Science (for 5<sup>th</sup> grade) have begun. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders started Math on Monday, and 4<sup>th</sup> graders and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders start Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, right after spring break. All elementary students take these assessments across the State and they give us one type of data we use to evaluate how we are doing teaching in these content areas. If you have a student taking these tests please help them get a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each morning.

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