

From the Principal's Desk

September 27, 2016

Dear Flatirons' Families:

As I walk the halls, talk with kids in the lunchroom and sit in classrooms I can really feel a change in the “vibe” at school. We have clearly transitioned from those first few weeks of getting settled and setting expectations for our school community to getting down to work. It is exciting to see this transformation and staff and students alike are working hard. As we move into October I want to highlight a couple things.

- **Fall Festival:** I hope you had a chance to come to our Fall Festival on September 17th. It was a great event! There were activities and food and a dunking booth that I got to participate in fully! A huge thank you to Dana Morgan, Michele Pottratz and Stephanie O'Neil, and fifth grade families and students that put on a great event.
- **TAG Adviser:** I am excited to announce that we have hired Zach Hykan to be our TAG (Talented and Gifted) Adviser. He has been in the building a few weeks and is getting to know staff and students. He is going to be a great addition to our team.
- **Fall Conferences:** Conferences are coming up soon. The conference sign-up link will be posted this week. Please go online to the Flatirons Calendar of Events to October 11th, 13th and 19th to find the Parent/Teacher Conference Sign-ups and sign up for a conference with your child's teacher by Friday, October 7th at 3:00 p.m. Building this relationship between parent, student and teacher is one of the most important things you can do to have an impact on your child's education this year.
- **Cell phones:** We are seeing more and more cell phones show up at school so I wanted to remind everyone of our policy around their use. Cell phones should be kept in backpacks while students are at school. This includes before school (8:00-8:15am) and after school (2:50-3:05pm). At school cell phones should only be used to communicate with parents/families before or after school, not during the school day. No gaming or other uses of cell phones are allowed during the day. If cell phones are out during the school day or being used improperly they will be taken and given to the office for pick up by parents.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone during conferences, October 11th, 13th and 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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