

February 2018



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### **MR. KLEIN'S CORRAL**

I have had numerous conversations with parents, teachers, and students of late about foundational or basic skills. Just like in sports, if the fundamentals aren't in place, the rest of the skills will not be developed. As we approach parent-teacher conferences, please know that one of the things that may be discussed is the lack of these basic skills.

Typically, as the year progresses, basic skills receive less and less of our instructional time as we seek to help students have a deeper understanding of the identified grade level standards. We do seek to bolster the identified basic skills in some remediation and intervention time and after school tutoring, however, when a student is behind in these areas; the home is a great place for this catching up to be done as well. We are all on the same team and our teachers are very committed each day to do all they can for your children; but, at the end of the day, we have them for three years and they are yours for life. Along with us, please do all you can to prepare your children for the next level.

Two basic math skills needed for all grades are fluency with math facts and a solid understanding of fractions. These are very simple to review and practice. If your child does not know these facts, please ask your child's teacher about ways to help him or her at home. Fluent reading at grade level cannot be attained unless children regularly read at home. It is recommended they read about 20 minutes at their independent level EVERY day just to maintain the expected grade level reading skills. In addition, as a basic life skill, every child should know their address and at least one reliable phone number to call. We are astounded at how many students cannot recite their address or a phone number for a parent.

These are your children - you are their champion - and only through combining our efforts can we secure their success. Please check with your children on how they are doing in each fundamental above. If we can be a resource, please let us know. Too much is at stake for any of us to not fully invest in their success. **WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AND YOUR CHILD AT PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES on FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup>.**

*The best way to stay healthy during winter months is to wash hands frequently with warm, soapy water. Please encourage your children to develop this habit!*

## calendar

2/9 End of Trimester 2	3/9 No School
2/14 Snow Sculpture AR Celebration	3/11 Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward!
2/16 No School	3/19 Staff Prof. Development Day - No School for Students
2/19 No School	3/22 6th Grade Play at 6:00 p.m.
2/20 BeWise Beware Presentations	4/2-6 Spring Break
2/20 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 8:00	4/16 to 5/11 WY-TOPP State Testing Window
2/21 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00 - 6:00	4/20 No School
2/22 6th Grade Cokeville Ski Field Trip	5/11 No School
2/23 No School	5/18 No School
2/26 6th Grade Cokeville Ski Field Trip	5/22 6th Grade Lava Hot Springs Field Trip
2/27,28 & 3/6,7,13,14 After School Enrichment Classes	5/24 Awards Ceremony
3/2 No School	5/25 Last Day of School - Early Release
3/5-8 Literacy Week	

## Etna Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

**Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

**Music, Art, Science, & PE Teachers will be at Etna on February 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Please don't forget to visit our Book Fair for great deals on great books!  
Students may purchase books from February 13-21.

## Schedule Your Conferences Online!

Starting this month, Etna and Thayne Elementary Schools will be using *PTCFast.com* to schedule the upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences. We have combined both school's sign-ups onto one page to make this a better and easier transition.

To use this service, log onto the website below from any server, select the teacher(s) you will be attending conference with, and sign up for times. We hope it is convenient and easy for you.

<https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/TESEES>

If you do not have internet access, please contact your children's teachers so they can help you schedule. Our goal is 100% attendance. We look forward to seeing you here on the evening of either February 20th or 21st.

Not all teachers will be scheduling through this system. If you don't see your child's teacher in the PTCFast.com site, look for information coming home.



Congratulations to our Etna Elementary *Key Kids* for January who each displayed one of the 8 Keys of Excellence in an exemplary way.

Back row (l-r): Kal Burk, Emma Alldaffer, Analisa Landis, Shaely Kunz, Brooks Jenkins, Jaden Edwards, Kimber Aitken  
Front Row: Ryan Astle (inset), Tucker Harmon, Kumari McCormick, Darrell Hunting, Gunner Brog, Joshua Montiel Olvera, Max Matijczyk



*Elizabeth Wetzler* earned the *Indian Paintbrush Award* for reading all fifteen titles nominated for this Wyoming Children's Book Award.

*Great Job!*



*Mylie Webb* earned the *Honors Reader Award* by earning 100 Accelerated Reader points from reading and testing on books from a specific list of quality literature.

## Geography Bee 2018

Congratulations to **Maggie Daniel** for winning Etna Elementary's 2017 Geography Bee. Upon passing a written examination, she will have the opportunity of advancing to the next level of competition in Laramie. Kudos also to our runner-up Geography Bee winner - **Henk Visser**.



**Maggie Daniel**  
Geography Bee Winner



**Henk Visser**  
Geography Bee Runner-Up

### Classroom Room Geography Bee Winners



Bryson Nield



Kya Chapel



Cooper Daniel



Molly Roberts



Tyson Stewart & Cash Dunn



Cody Nelson & Lane Wiebelhaus

## Spelling Bee 2018!



### Etna Classroom Winners

These students placed in their classroom spelling bees qualifying them to participate in the LCSD2 Grade 4-6 Spelling Bee held at the District Office. Osmond and Cokeville 4-6 grade students also competed.

Back Row (L-R): Casey Beeson, Delancy Brog, Anna Haderlie, Torrie White, Maggie Daniel, Anna Altobell, Cody Nelson, Bryson Nield, Noah Dayton, Khale Clinger, Marina Vaughan

2nd Row from Top: Casuree Stevens, Kellie Meekins, Mercedes Suter, Anastasia Rosikhina, Jace Pierantoni, Hannah Dayton, Bridgette Scaffide, Fynn Rainey, Brooks Jenkins, Daxton Holtby, Athena Hamilton

3rd Row from Top: Cara Andrews, Tysie Cooper, Taylor Cram, Zoey Scherbel, Kylynn Knudsen, Charlotte Crook, Joshua Carn, Tyler Bodily, Matthew Heywood, Ryker McCormick

Front Row: Keenan Sisco, Dominic Stewart, River Blazejewski, Keira Allred, Myli Webb, Zackary Thompson, Gracie Baird, Madison Hoopes, Marie Bateman

### 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade LCSD2 District Spelling Bee Etna Elementary Winners

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place - **Ryker McCormick**

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - **Tyler Bodily**

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Marina Vaughan**

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place - **Anna Altobell**

Top 10 Spellers - **Casey Beeson, Delancy Brog, Zoey Scherbel, Maggie Daniel**

### 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade LCSD2 District Spelling Bee Etna Elementary Winners

(These students will go on to the County Spelling Bee in Cokeville)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - **Anna Altobell**

4/5<sup>th</sup> Place Tie - **Maggie Daniel**

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RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS EVERYWHERE



Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>, Etna Elementary School will be honoring **Random Acts of Kindness Week**. This is a state sponsored event brought to us by *Kindness Wyoming* who is encouraging schools, entire communities, and the State of Wyoming to take part in this state initiative. Our students will post our plans for being kind on the *Kindness Wyoming* website. Visit <http://www.kindnesswyoming.org/> to learn more.

**What's our plan?**

Students will be encouraged to bring 50 cents to purchase a candy gram to give to a fellow student or teacher/staff.

The candy grams will be given **anonymously**.

Students will be encouraged to write an inspirational quote or kind message on the candy gram to help brighten someone's day. We will be keeping track of students who have

If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Mrs. Kurt-Mason: [abkurtmason@lcsd2.org](mailto:abkurtmason@lcsd2.org)



received candy grams to help spread the kindness to all students in the school.

Etna Elementary Student Council representatives will be selling the candy grams and helping to deliver them. Proceeds of candy grams sold will go to a local charity that students will select. We hope that you and your child will help support this event!



Mrs. Hall's class wondered how high they could stack paper cups and stand on top of the tower before they collapse. The answer - this high!



The cross-country skiing/snowshoeing enrichment class was great fun!

## PTO News

The Etna PTO is getting excited to **Celebrate the Arts** in February! A packet of information was sent home on January 29th. This year is not a competition format, although students will have a chance to receive valuable feedback from our professional mentors and have some fun!!! Projects will be displayed during parent-teacher conferences February 20-21 during Parent Teacher Conferences

**Book Swap:** All students are invited to bring in book(s) anytime during the week of Feb 5-9 from home that they have already read and may no longer want and "swap" for another. If a book is not brought in, no problem, because every child will be able to choose one book! They will be participating the "swap" during their class library time during the week of February 12-16.

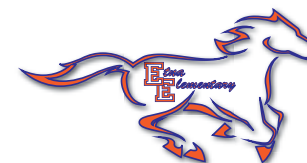
We always welcome family members to help with these events! Please contact Ami at 307-413-6938 or [cowgirlpack@hotmail.com](mailto:cowgirlpack@hotmail.com) if you can help in any way.

**Join "Etna PTO" on Facebook**

## Junior Mushers!

Etna Elementary was represented by Koen Stone and Theo Taft in this year's Junior Musher portion of the International Pedigree Stage Stop Sled Dog Race. Thank you to Lila Wheatley, IPSSDR Musher, and Julie Buckley, Jr. Musher Chairperson of the Alpine Sled Dog Race Committee, for their awesome presentation to our 4th grade classes.

*Happy Mushing!*



Koen Stone, Lila Wheatley with sled dogs, and Theo Taft sharing their excitement about the dog sled races with 4th grade students

# Etna Enrichment Express!



Session 4 of Enrichment Express is scheduled for February 27, 28, and March 6, 7, 13, 14. Registration forms will be sent home February 13. Class size is limited and students will be assigned classes in the order the forms are received in the office. We are always looking for class ideas and instructors. If you have expertise in any area and would like to help with a class, or if you have a suggestion for a class topic, please contact Christine Turner (cturner@lcsd2.org, 880-2583).

6th grade students in the play will continue meeting each Tuesday and Wednesday between Sessions 3 and 4 and through Session 4. Their performance for parents will be March 22nd at 6:00 p.m. We'd like to thank Luke Kratz for writing the script "Flexa and the League of Heroes" and for directing the play. If there are any other 6th graders who would like to be involved in this exciting production, we would love to have you join to help as a crew member with props and possibly as an extra on stage. This is a great and rare experience for our students and we would like to involve as many as possible!

Morning fitness will continue each morning with those students who arrive on the first busses. This is a great way to get ready to begin each day of school! Studies have shown that aerobic exercise improves brain functioning. We would like to encourage all students to participate in physical fitness activities before and after school to help improve academic achievement.

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*Thank You* to Brett Anderson, Brad Merritt, Mike Schupman, Ryan Potter, Gary Baird, and David Burchard for teaching "Snowmobiling Safety and Back-Country Safety" to enrichment students. They learned a lot and had fun at the same time!