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**MR. KLEIN'S CORRAL**

## *The Three R's*

The summer lag has impacted many of our students and made it evident that at home practice is CRITICAL for student success. As I examine our data, I am concerned about students who (based on their assessment scores from last spring to this fall) appear to have not had much interaction with reading or math. Reading, wRiting, and aRithmetic skills are the keys to success in high school and beyond. Students who are behind in any of these areas right now have steep hills to climb in their school career. Now is the time to do ALL you can to make sure your children practice and build their skills in each of these areas. Structuring time and demonstrating a commitment to these three content areas is an important thing for you to do as a parent. Your influence on your children's time and tasks is great right now and can be used to give your children an advantage for years to come. Several simple things can be done to solidify school success for your children. Please consider these building activities in the three "R's" to support their growth.

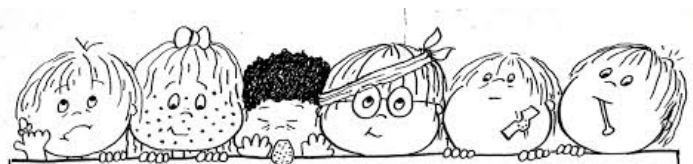
1. **Reading:** Children should read AT LEAST twenty minutes a day AND visit with you about what was read. Ask your child about new words they encounter or the theme of what they read. There are many ways you can engage in your child's reading.
2. **wRiting:** Many judgments outside the world of school are made about a person based on the written work he/she produces. There are many things you can do to help build these skills. Your child can journal. Students are always working on a writing piece at school that can be further developed at home. Writing emails to relatives about things that are going on in their lives is another great strategy.
3. **aRithmetic:** Simply put, MATH FACTS are essential. From knowing addition facts to knowing  $\frac{1}{4}$  is the same as .25 (for higher level students), being proficient in math facts is important. Most importantly, multiplication facts need to be mastered. These can be reinforced using traditional flash cards. We would be happy to help students make their own set upon your request. Students can do "count bys" anywhere, anytime; i.e. 3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24. There are also many computer and iPad games available to those who have Internet service.

This year, at parent teacher conferences, teachers will inform you about your child's performance level relative to where they should be specific to the Wyoming curriculum standards. Grades for students will reflect each student's level of mastery specific to those standards. 4th and 5th grade report cards will be different this year and our grading practices will focus on student academic performance separate from behavior. Student behavior or citizenship will also be reflected on the report card, but will not be a factor in the academic grade marking. If students are below or behind, we will provide you with multiple options to help them get where they need to be. If we don't get students caught up now, what lies ahead for them from an educational and occupational standpoint is scary to me.

## Calendar

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| 10/3,4 Enrichment 2:40-3:55 p.m.   | 11/10 Veteran's Day Assembly at 10:30 a.m.         |
| 10/5 All School Field Trip to SVHS for "Wings of Courage" a play sponsored by Star Valley Arts Council | 11/11 Veteran's Day                                |
| 10/13 No School  | 11/13 No School for Students                       |
| 10/16 No School  | 11/15-16 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00 p.m. |
| 10/18 School Picture Retakes at 8:00 a.m.  | 11/22 Early Release                                |
| 10/19 School Bus Safety Presentation at 12:30 p.m.   | 11/23-24 Thanksgiving Break - No School            |
| 10/24,25 & 11/1,7,8 Enrichment 2:40-3:55 p.m.  | 11/29 Nellie Tayloe Ross Day                       |
| 10/23-31 Red Ribbon Week   | 12/7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day                  |
| 11/3 No School   | 12/8 No School                                     |
| 11/5 Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back!   | 12/15 No School                                    |
|  | 12/25-1/1/18 Holiday Break                         |
|  | 1/2/18 School Resumes                              |

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### Guidelines For Infectious Illness

It's that time of year again!! Coughing, sneezing, and other undesirable symptoms are being passed around the schools!! This is a good time of year to remind staff, students, and the entire community that utilizing prevention techniques can decrease infection rates by 60%!!!

#### What Are Prevention Techniques?

1. Wash hands!!!! Try washing your hands 2-3 times more a day than you typically would...you may see a positive difference on the amount of times you become sick this school year!
2. Remind students/children to wash hands frequently and not touch their mouth, nose, and eyes.
3. Stay at home when you are sick!!
4. Exercise regularly. This strengthens your immune system to help fight illness!
5. Get enough sleep. 7-9 hours is ideal for adults; 8-10 hours is ideal for children.

#### When Should We Stay At Home?

1. A fever of 100 degrees F. or higher (using a fever reducer and then coming to school is not an acceptable practice).
2. Sudden onset of:
  - Diarrhea – 2 or more episodes in 12 hours;
  - Vomiting – 2 or more episodes in 24 hours;
3. A combination of 2 or more of the following:
  - Large lymph nodes, body aches, temperature over 100 F, chills, rash, sore throat, weakness, diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain.
  - Any bacterial infection until treated for 24 hours.
  - Redness and Discharge in or around eye(s).

Feel free to call me with questions: 885-7110

Thank You,

Skyla Hamilton-Holderman, RN, BSN

## *Introducing!* A Huge Welcome to our new staff members.



**Lisa Barber - Orchestra Teacher**, received her degree in music education from West Chester University in Pennsylvania. She played in the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra and Allentown Symphony and taught orchestra in Pennsylvania and New York State before moving to Wyoming. She enjoys traveling and being in the outdoors camping or fishing with her husband and two boys, and also enjoys playing her violin. In addition to teaching at Etna, she is also the orchestra teacher at the middle school and high school. Mrs. Barber taught 6th grade orchestra at Etna six years ago and is happy to be back.



**Kelsi Lund - Speech-Language Pathologist**, received her Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders in 2011 from Brigham Young University and her Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology in 2014 from the University of Utah. Ms. Lund started her career in Utah working with high needs students and learned incredible lessons from the students and their families. She moved to Star Valley in July and is thrilled to be working for LCSD #2! Kelsi enjoys fishing, hiking, reading, traveling, and attempting new food recipes.



**Tom McKinney - 4th Grade Teacher**, received his bachelor's degree from BYU-Idaho in 2012 and his Masters of Education from Southern Utah University in 2017. He spent the last five years in Utah teaching 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. Mr. McKinney and his wife have three children, two rambunctious girls and a sweet little boy. He loves his family, sports, hunting, fishing, gold dredging, and watching the Green Bay Packers win.



**Maeve McKovac - Special Ed Teacher**, received her Master's of Education in Special Education in 2017 from Grand Canyon University. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and her Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and Family Studies with an interdisciplinary minor in Gerontology in 2014 from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado. This is her first year teaching. Previously she has worked as a para and substitute teacher in both Star Valley and Jackson. She and her husband enjoy backpacking, hiking, fly fishing, traveling, puzzles, eating good food, and their two labradoodles. Mrs. McKovac is very happy to join the exceptional staff at Etna Elementary.



**Jason Nielsen - Art Teacher**, is back teaching art at Etna and we couldn't be more thrilled. Mr. Nielsen graduated from Brigham Young University more years ago than he cares to admit and is beginning his 19th year teaching art to more than 1500 students this year. When Jason isn't teaching art, he enjoys creating it using paints, pencils and leather. He especially enjoys hunting, fishing, and river rafting with his wife and three children.



**Justin Rohrer - 5th Grade Teacher**, received his bachelor degree from the University of Wyoming. Go Pokes! He grew up in Worland, Wyoming but has just recently relocated to this side of the state. Mr. Rohrer enjoys hunting, fishing, hiking, and just about any sport. He is excited to start his first year teaching at EES!





**Diana Saxton - Special Ed Teacher**, received her bachelor's degree in Special Education and Elementary Education and a master's degree in Special Education. She has been teaching for 18 years. She and her husband moved to Star Valley one year ago and have loved it. It is the best move they have ever made! They have four children and nine grandchildren. Mrs. Saxton enjoys golfing, camping, exploring new places, horses, archery, hiking, spending time with family and friends, and many other activities - especially teaching. She is so excited to be a part of the Etna Elementary Team!



**Elaine Sotelo - Instructional Art Aide/Assistant to the Art Teacher**, is currently working on earning a bachelor degree in elementary education. After many years of volunteer work in the classroom I began working at Thayne Elementary in 2010 as a Kindergarten aide, and then shortly after as a Title One Paraprofessional. Art is a passion of mine, and I look forward to sharing this with the students of Etna Elementary. Outside of work you can find me happily enjoying family time with my husband and two children, doing everything from camping to sporting events.



**Chad Teichert - PE Teacher**, grew up in Cokeville, Wyoming and served an LDS mission in Denmark. He graduated from BYU where he also wrestled. His first teaching job was at Bear Lake High School in Montpelier, Idaho where he was a social studies teacher, assistant football coach, and head wrestling coach. From there he went to Cokeville and became an English and PE teacher and also a volleyball coach. He has also taught and coached in Mountain View, Green River, and at Idaho State University where he was the most decorated coach in ISU volleyball history. Thus far in his career, Mr. Teichert has coached volleyball teams to 10 state and 13 regional/district championships.



**Katie Thygerson - Title 1 Paraprofessional**, received a BA in Theater Education from Brigham Young University, with endorsements in ELA and ESL. She taught junior high (7-8-9) drama and creative writing classes for 3 years before staying home with her 4 kids. For the last 7 years, she has home-schooled some or all of her kids, kindergarten through 7th grade, so it is quite a fun adventure for everyone to be back in the public school scene. She and her husband, Kip, and their family moved to Wyoming from Colorado in July of this year and they are loving life in Star Valley. She also loves anything related to live theater (especially musicals), reading, sewing, food, the outdoors, and sunshine.



**Terri Gregory - Kitchen Helper**, received her Bachelors in Nursing in 1977 (shhh) from the University of Tulsa and a Masters of Public Health in 1988. She has lived in Star Valley for 20 years and is now retired. She has two daughters living in the valley as well as two grandchildren. She loves spending time working with wood and reading and is excited to be at Etna working with kids and doing something new and different with her time.

## Music News!

*If anyone needs more help or practice time on their instrument (recorders, guitars, band, orchestra) Mr. Kratz will be available from 7:25 to 7:50 a.m. for free music tutoring (lessons). Please let the school or Mr. Kratz (880-5352) know if you are interested so we can schedule individual students or small groups.*



# Etna Enrichment Express!



If you have or know of a 4 year old who is not in a preschool, please contact Christine Turner (307-880-2583, cturner@lcsd2.org) or Jayna Green (307-699-1993, jagreen@lcsd2.org). Lincoln County School District #2 has a “Gearing Up for Kindergarten” program that is funded by our **21st Century Community Learning Centers Cohort 9 Grant** and we want to make sure all children have an opportunity to attend preschool.

We are grateful to our **21CCLC Grant** for also funding these other programs at Afton, Thayne, Etna, and Osmond Elementary Schools: **Morning Fitness, STEM classes in Dry Creek Academy, and Etna Enrichment Express, Swim-N-Learn, Mastery Camp, and GOFASA.** Morning fitness is offered at our elementary schools for as many students as are able to attend because studies have proven that aerobic exercise leads to better brain functioning. This is explained in the book, *Spark: The Revolutionary New Science of Exercise and the Brain* by John J. Ratey, MD. We are excited to be able to give some of our students the opportunity to get their heart rate up during that extra time they have before school begins. We would like to encourage all students to participate in physical fitness activities before and after school to help improve academic achievement.

**Parents of children under age 5,** If you don't have a copy of our district *Getting Ready for Kindergarten* booklet, please pick one up at the Afton or Thayne Elementary Office. Also, the North Lincoln County Early Childhood Coalition website (nlcecc.org) has many resources that may be of interest to you.

PTO News

## Welcome Back to School, Etna!

We are excited for lots of fun upcoming activities. October is an exciting month!

Thanks to all those who participated in our **Fall Potato Fundraiser.** Potatoes will be arriving in early October, stay tuned for more information about picking up student's orders.

**National Red Ribbon Week** is October 23-31. The theme this year is “Your Future is Key to Stay Drug Free.” Keep an eye out around the school to find different “keys” for success!

We will be hosting a **potato bar** on October 31st. Look for Invitations to be sent out soon.

If you haven't signed up to be on our **email blasts**, please text your email to 307-413-6938 and we will add you.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year!

*Please join us on Facebook “Etna PTO”*

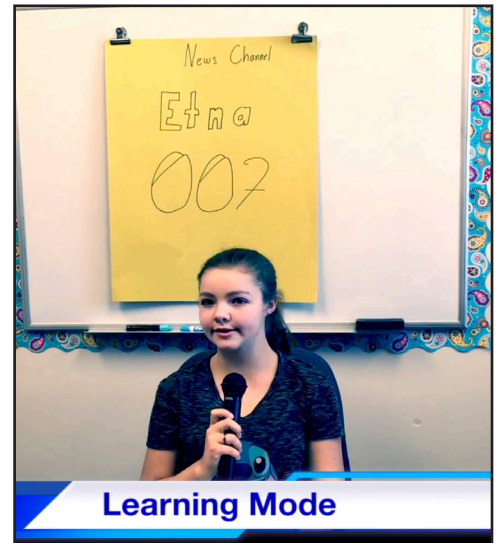
# EES Student Council 17-18

*Congrats to the 2017-2018 members of Student Council! This year, Student Council has new responsibilities that we'd love to share.*

**Announcements:** Student Council members are now responsible for our weekly announcements. This means our members will rotate from week to week, announcing important information over the intercom to the entire building. Student Council members will demonstrate leadership by creating their very own unique announcements.

**Learning Mode & The 8 Keys:** Student Council members have already helped all students at EES to learn and remember "Learning Mode" by creating posters for every classroom as well throughout the building.

**Learning Mode:** Eyes on the speaker, ears open, voices off when someone is speaking, personal space, and sit up. This is the expected behavior of all students at EES.



**The 8 Keys:** Integrity, Failure Leads to Success, Speak With Good Purpose, This Is It!, Commitment, Ownership, Flexibility, and Balance. These keys are taught and reviewed by classroom teachers and now the student council will take some of this responsibility.

**Videos:** Student Council members are responsible for creating videos demonstrating Learning Mode and The 8 Keys to for students to review and practice.

**Assemblies:** Student Council members will demonstrate leadership by taking part in assemblies this year. Creativity is the key!

**Community:** Student Council will take part in many projects this year with the goal of giving back. Some of these projects may include a food drive around the holidays, candy gram fundraisers for a cause, and other projects yet to be determined.

*The goal of Student Council is to help make EES a better place by cultivating creativity and fun and being role-models for all students.*

