



ETNA ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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Parent Teacher Conferences, New Grading and Report Cards

In an effort to improve the consistency and accuracy of our academic grades, we are implementing standards based grading in grades K-5. Through the accreditation process, LCSD#2 has been identified for improvement in this area.

We have the ability to report on a student's growth toward expected skills and Wyoming State Standards. Through this approach, we can celebrate specific areas that your child is doing well in and also target areas that need improvement.

The focus is on mastering skills based on targeted assessments and not on points accumulated, an average of all the scores in a trimester or on school behavior (i.e. turning in homework). We will now have conversations about academic proficiency relative to the standards taught. In addition, and most importantly, the school behaviors that are critical to success will also be reported on and discussed in conferences.

Emergency Drills

In October, we practiced fire and earthquake drills. Staff and students excelled at both of these. However, whenever we conduct drills there is always more structure and supervision than will be possible in an actual situation. For example, if a fire started during lunch, few of our children would be with their teacher.

Because we never know when we might have a fire, earthquake, or unwelcome intruder; we teach our students the principles for action and decision making. I believe knowledge is power and a sense of control alleviates anxiety. Students know we have plans and they know (in general) how to react in emergency situations. However, we need to do a little more preparation with them in the event we have a threat in the building.

In school-wide discussions, we talk about three basic principles I believe they can remember: HIDE (securely), FLEE (until you are completely away from any chance of the threat), and FIGHT (when all else fails in the face of the threat). The idea of a threat is scary, but I believe we need to empower students for their emotional benefit and physical safety and so they can respond if such a tragic event ever came to our campus.

When we will be conducting an intruder drill I will publish the date via email 48 hours in advance. It is anticipated that our school resource officer and superintendent will be here to observe and participate in our drill.

If, for any reason, you believe participating in this drill will not be a productive experience for your child you may excuse them from the activity.

Mr. Klein



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CALENDAR

11/2 No School	11/21 Early Release 11:09, second bus 11:19
11/4 Daylight Savings Time Ends - Fall Back!	11/22-23 Thanksgiving Break - No School
11/9 No School for Students	11/27,28 & 12/4,5,11,12 Enrichment
11/12 Veterans Day	12/7 No School
11/12 Veterans Day Assembly 10:00 am	12/24-1/2/18 Holiday Break
11/13-14 Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00 p.m.	1/3/18 School Resumes
11/16 No School	

Etna Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 13 & 14 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Music, Art, Science, & PE Teachers will be at Etna on November 13th.

Our School is using PTCFast.com to make signups as convenient as possible this year.

Please enter the following web address into your browser window:

https://ptcfast.com/schools/Etna_Elementary

You can also find the link on our school website at etna.lcsd2.org

Please don't forget to visit our Book Fair for great deals on great books!
Students may purchase books on November 8th through November 16th

SVHS will be at Etna on November 13th from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m..

We had a great first session of Enrichment Express! We are gearing up for the second session, which will be November 27, 28, December 4, 5, 11, 12. This year we are completing registration online using Google Forms. The first session for which you register, we will ask for more information. When you register for more sessions, you will be able to complete a shortened, quick version. Students will register for the class of their choosing and will be able to plan for that class, unless it is cancelled due to low registration. When a class is full, it will not be shown as an option. If you have questions on registration, you can direct them to Mrs. Baker in the office.

We are excited to have Colleen Cook as our new site coordinator at EES. She will direct Enrichment Express activities and also Fantastic Friday Academy. If you have any ideas for a great after school class or would like to help with one, please contact her (colleen.cook@lcsd2.org, 801-898-4212).

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.

PTO NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs. Price's class! They collected the most box tops for the month of September. Can't wait to see who won for October!

A big thank you to Tina White, Mrs. Kurt-Mason, and the student council for planning and carrying out Red Ribbon Week. Our theme for Red Ribbon Week was Character which is part of our 8 Keys of Excellence. To help us kick off our event, John Bytheway spoke to students and staff. The focus of the assembly was about building character. He did a great job and kept everyone entertained.

We will be having a fundraiser November 12-27. We are excited to try something new this year and will be doing it through See's Candies! The fundraiser will run through Thanksgiving in hopes that students can sell to relatives through the break. Thank you in advance for supporting our fundraisers. They really do help us in supporting our students and staff at Etna Elementary.

Parent teacher conference will be November 13-14. If you signed up to help at Back to School night with the dinner, we will be contacting you soon. Thanks for all your help and support!

Etna PTO

Halloween 2018!

