



# ETNA ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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## FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2/4

6th Grade Ski Trip

2/6

4th Grade Field Trip  
McKinney/Price/Polly  
Teton Park

2/7

Celebrating the Arts  
USB Entry Deadline

2/8

No School

2/11

Celebrating the Arts  
Entry Deadline

2/12 & 13

Parent Teacher Conference

2/15 & 2/18

No School

2/22

No School

2/26 & 27

Etna Enrichment

3/1

No School

3/5 & 6

Etna Enrichment

3/8

No School

3/10

Daylight Saving Time

3/25-3/29

Spring Break

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. **Currently, our data indicates we have far too many students not progressing toward next grade level readiness.** If this is true of your child please be prepared to work with your child's teacher to do all we can to remedy the lack of readiness.

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 12th or 13th.**

*Mr. Klein*



*Where we Think, Learn, Achieve and Care*

# #RAKE

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS EVERYWHERE



Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> through Thursday the 14<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. 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



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!

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

## PTO News

The Etna PTO is getting excited to Celebrate the Arts in February! A packet of information was sent home on January 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 12-13.

## Etna Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To schedule your conference please go to [https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Etna\\_Elementary](https://www.ptcfast.com/schools/Etna_Elementary)

If you do not have internet access please call the school and we can schedule your conference for you.

Please don't forget to visit our Book Fair for great deals on great books!  
Students may purchase books from February 7-14.

# Etna Enrichment Express!



Session 4 of Enrichment Express is scheduled for February 26, 27 and March 5, 6, 12, 13. Registration will open the week of February 5th and will close February 18th. We have some exciting classes and encourage your students to try something new. Class size is limited. Registration will be online, as soon as a class is full it will not be available. We are always looking for class ideas and instructors. If you have expertise any area and would like to help with a class, or if you have a suggestion for a class topic, please contact Colleen Cook at [colleen.cook@lcsd2.org](mailto:colleen.cook@lcsd2.org) (801) 898-4212.

We are excited about our upcoming play, Pirates of Penzance. Students will continue to meet after school each Tuesday and Wednesday between Sessions 3 and 4 and through Session 4. We will perform before Spring Break and confirm date and time with you ASAP.

Beginning in February, we are offering after school tutoring opportunities designed to help students sharpen skills, catch up, and receive personalized help in reading, writing, and math. Enrollment is by teacher recommendation, and tutoring will be offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:35 pm - 3:50 pm on regular days and from 2:35 pm - 3:00 pm on Enrichment Days, and will continue throughout the school year. If you are interested in having your student participate, please contact his / her teacher or Colleen at [colleen.cook@lcsd2.org](mailto: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.

Colleen Cook, After-School Coordinator  
[colleen.cook@lcsd2.org](mailto:colleen.cook@lcsd2.org), (801) 898-4212



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



A few samples from our creative students in the watercolor enrichment class.

# Geography Bee 2018-2019

Congratulations to *Christopher Crowther* for winning Etna Elementary's 2018 Geography Bee. Upon passing a written examination, he will have the opportunity of advancing to the next level of competition in Laramie. Kudos also to our runner-up Geography Bee winner - *Kya Chapel*.



## ETNA SCHOOL GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNERS

Back Row (L-R): Marina Vaughan, Gabe Potter, Anthony Hubbard  
Middle Row: Lucy Strasburg, Olivia Burnham, Ryan Astle, Cara Andrews  
Front Row: Mercedes Suter, Christopher Crowther, Kya Chapel





### ETNA CLASSROOM SPELLING BEE 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): Torrie White, Lucy Strasburg, Marina Vaughan, Teyah Shuman, Brooke Wollebaek, Anson Robinson, Tyler Bodily, Daxton Holtby, Sean Stout, Bryson Nield, Charlotte Crook, Anna Haderlie

2nd Row from Top: River Blazejewski, Kimber, Gracie Baird, Keenen Sisco, Bridget Scaffide, Mylie Web, Christopher Crowther, Cooper Daniel, Keira Allred, Lizzy Peterson, Sara Christie, Anna Olofson, Ronin Crook

3rd Row from Top: Kyle Mobely, Mathew Heywood, Isaac Kemp

Front Row: Annaliese Campbell, Rachel Thygerson, Karson Kendall, Derringer Holding, Cambrie Heiner, Maggie Baki, Kaelyn Green, Katelynn Gaughan, Laci Wollebaek, Sabrina Olsen, Alyssa Spencer, Markus Roberts, Quincey Scherbel, Tucker Hendricks

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

#### 4th Grade

1st Place - **Tucker Hendriks**

#### 5th Grade

2nd Place - **Mylie Webb**

#### 6th Grade

1st Place - **Anna Haderlie**

2nd Place - **Charlotte Crook**

Top 10 Spellers **Torrie White, Mathew Heywood, Daxton Holtby, Brooke Wollebaek, Sean Stout**

