

Thursday Thoughts - Aug 12, 2021

TOMORROW is EARLY RELEASE! Students will be dismissed early *every Friday* at 2:00 pm.

WELCOME BACK ~ We have had an EXCELLENT start to the 2021-2022 school year. It is so good to see the smiling faces of our learners (masked or unmasked)! As a parent, there are a lot of ways to get involved at STEAM @ Tope Elementary!

We have the following organizations for parents to join-

PTA - Parent Teacher Association- We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 4:15. (PTA) is a partnership between parents and educators who strive to enhance student learning and enrich the community of the students within the school.

SAC- School Advisory Committee will meet once per quarter. Our purpose is to inform and provide opportunities for parent and community members to be involved in the planning and evaluation of the school's instructional program and quality improvement processes.

Watch Dog Dads - Calling all dads, step dads, grandfathers, etc. We need GREAT male role models in our school to volunteer! More information coming soon...

MARK THESE DATES ~ SPEAKING OF PTAAAAA!!!! We have some BIG DATES coming up! We are having a **STEAM @ Tope pool party August 27th from 5:00-7:00** at Lincoln Park Pool. **Movie Night will be September 17th at 6:30 pm.** Our Read-A-Thon Fundraiser will happen in OCTOBER and all funding will help to STEAMIFY our Makerspace and Library!

Visitors and Volunteers - Parents, Student Teachers, High School Students and Foster Grandparent volunteers are currently allowed to volunteer. You must arrange this with the classroom teacher and a Volunteer Agreement must be on file in the office with Mrs. Wells. Additionally, **ALL visitors MUST WEAR a mask at all times in our building.** This is because we are able to track our staff community, but it will be too much to try and do contact tracing for all visitors.

COLD AND FLU SEASON ~ We appreciate your patience and flexibility as we approach and move forward through the cold and flu season! Our Nursing team and Health Assistants are working with Mesa County Health Department to establish protocols. Please stay tuned-in by reading Dr. Sirko's weekly messages. Please know that our goal is to keep kids in school and in a safe environment. Thank you for being transparent with any illnesses and/or symptoms!

LET'S KEEP TOPE LEARNERS HEALTHY AND IN SCHOOL!

WATER BOTTLES ~ Hallway drinking fountains are closed for obvious reasons. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD HAS A WATER BOTTLE AT SCHOOL. Thanks to

a previous PBL, we do have water bottle filling stations and all classrooms have sinks! LET'S KEEP KIDS HYDRATED ESPECIALLY IN THIS HEAT!!!

STEAM @ TOPE WATER BOTTLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE~ If you would like to purchase a water bottle, please send 5\$ with your child and they can purchase a water bottle from the front office! All proceeds go to our STEAM fund, which helps pay for a variety of STEAM related supplies and activities.

Create a beautiful life at home with your child,

Carnie Bollinger

Important Dates

August

27 - PTA Family Swim Night 5-7

September

6 - NO SCHOOL - Labor Day

7 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Plan Day

17 - PTA Movie Night