

Thursday Thoughts - September 22, 2021

Hello fabulous SEAM @ Tope Families! Can you believe that we are already approaching the end of September? Holy Moly! There are a few things I would like to talk to you about~

FIRST, PLEASE FOLLOW ALL COLORADO DRIVING LAWS AND MAINTAIN RESPECT FOR OUR CHILDREN AND STAFF BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL! WE ARE CALLING IN THE HEAT IN ORDER TO PROTECT OUR BABIES AND ALL HUMAN LIFE WHILE OUTSIDE OF THIS SCHOOL! THANK YOU FOR DOING YOUR PART AND SUPPORTING A SAFE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE FROM TOPE ELEMENTARY!

SECOND, Think Sheets are a COACHING tool. Please do not punish your child for Think Sheets. They are a tool to allow our learners to take a moment and think about their minor behavior in order to pull it together and rejoin the class. We are ALWAYS thinking from the lens of coaching a child into becoming a better learner and ULTIMATELY an amazing human. EVEN when we deal with a Major Incident Referral, it is always about coaching. Our job is to craft the future and we take this very seriously.

THIRD, conferences are next week. Please show up and please show up on time -- many of our teachers have back to back conferences and we cannot accommodate late arrivals. Please come prepared with any questions and/or concerns. Please come as part of the team committed to academic, social and emotional growth for your child. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

FINALLY, A LITTLE BIT ABOUT LUNCH!

It is IMPERATIVE that you take a moment to fill out the link for Free and Reduced lunch. It is located on the D51 website under "Quick Links"
<https://www.myschoolapps.com/Home/PickDistrict> Free breakfast and free lunch will eventually end and we will need to ensure that we have funding to support continuing needs.

Speaking of breakfast and lunch, we are seeing some unbalanced lunches for kiddos and it shows in their ability to sustain learning and behavior throughout the day.

HEALTHY KIDS EQUAL HEALTHY MINDS~

Packing a healthy school lunch is as easy as 1, 2, 3! What helps make a child ready to learn? Besides a good night's sleep, it's healthy food to fuel their brains and bodies. Making sure kids have time for a healthy breakfast that includes protein is key for preparing them for the first half of their school day.

Parents can't be at school during lunchtime to make sure their kids are eating well, but packing a wholesome, appetizing lunch can go a long way to ensure kids don't come home ravenous (and grumpy).

<https://childrenswi.org/newshub/stories/healthy-school-lunch>

Thank you to our PTA for a fabulous MOVIE NIGHT! Honestly, that was probably the smoothest and MOST SUCCESSFUL one yet! WE JUST KEEP MOVING FORWARD! Special thanks to all of the PTA members and the staff members for their BEHIND THE SCENE support in making this event a success! Do you want to be part of our PTA? Our next meeting is Tuesday, the 12th of October at 4:15. Childcare is provided.

If you have a quick moment, please take this survey to help our PTA better improve our family events!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KFYP5RQ>

CHECK OUT our [D51 STEM WEBSITE](#)

WHAT IS PBL?

Problem-Based Learning (PBL) is a teaching method in which complex real-world problems are used as the vehicle to promote student learning of concepts and principles as opposed to direct presentation of facts and concepts. In addition to course content, PBL can promote the development of critical thinking skills, problem-solving abilities, and communication skills. It can also provide opportunities for working in groups, finding and evaluating research materials, and life-long learning (Duch et al, 2001).

2ND GRADE PROBLEM ~ Coming soon.....

3RD GRADE PROBLEM ~ How do we prevent White-Nose Syndrome from entering the caves of Colorado to prevent the endangerment and eventual extinction of bats?

4TH GRADE PROBLEM ~ Coming soon.....

5TH GRADE PROBLEM~ Coming soon.....

Fall is quickly approaching and we have definitely experienced a change in weather! **JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER that WE DO NOT HAVE A LOST AND FOUND.** Please label your child's jackets, coats, gloves, etc. and it will be returned to them. **THANK YOU!**

Create a beautiful life at home with your child,

Carrie Bollinger

IMPORTANT DATES

September

27-28 NO SCHOOL

28 - Parent Teacher Conferences

"Around here, however, we don't look backwards for very long. **We keep moving** forward, opening up new doors and doing new things, because we're curious... and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths." ~ Walt Disney