

Thursday Thoughts - Nov 4, 2021

This has been a difficult year for Nutrition Services staff. Our kitchens are often understaffed and unable to find subs. The annual Turkey Gravy Day at our elementary schools brings so much joy to students and their families, but it doubles the amount of preparation and cooking that Nutrition Services workers put in the week before Thanksgiving Break. The tough decision has been made to limit this year's Turkey Gravy Day on Nov. 18 to students only. Thank you for your understanding, and, if you are interested in joining the Nutrition Services team permanently or as a sub, please visit the D51 [website](#).

READ-A-THON ENVELOPES ARE DUE TOMORROW! THANK YOU FOR HELPING SUPPORT STEAMIFYING OUR LIBRARY AND ART AT STEAM @ TOPE. PRIZES WILL BE PASSED OUT NEXT WEEK AND THE CAMP OUT WILL BE NOV. 19th More info to come!

**THANK YOU FOR KEEPING KIDS SAFE AND CROSSING WALNUT AT THE CROSSWALK.** WALNUT IS CLOSED OFF, BUT WE STILL HAVE TRAFFIC FOR BUSSING AND HANDICAPPED LICENSED VEHICLES. WE HAVE HAD SOME CLOSE CALLS WITH KIDS CROSSING WALNUT IN THE BUS LOOP TO GET TO PARENTS ACROSS THE WAY-- **TOGETHER, LET'S ENSURE ALL KIDS ARE SAFE** -- USE THE CROSSING GUARD! THANK YOU.

Additionally, it would be extremely helpful if you pick up your kiddo/s and head home. It has been brought to my attention that staff members are having a hard time determining who has been picked up and who has not been at the end of the day. Again, this is for safety. We love you all and love that you have some time with other families during this crazy time! We just want to make sure all of our kiddos are getting home safe and sound.

WHAT IS A PBL PANEL?

***Both 2nd and 3rd grade will have their panels next week! Throughout a PBL, students begin to shift from learning from experts to becoming mini-experts empowered with a solution. These solutions are presented to community members and experts in the field. Panels provide an opportunity for students to showcase their learning, receive feedback, answer questions and celebrate their learning!***

## CURRENT PBLs

**2ND GRADE PROBLEM** ~ Steam at Tope 2nd graders need a way to investigate, preserve and honor our past, celebrate the present and envision our future journey on our path to awesome for our school's 80th birthday celebration.

**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** ~ Steam @ Tope 4th graders need a way to take ownership and action now to protect the sustainability of our recreational spaces in order to preserve our community's culture and heritage.

**5TH GRADE PROBLEM**~ Steam @ Tope 5th graders need a way to develop a sense of belonging so that all learners feel important within our school community

### 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>

**Visitors and Volunteers - Just a quick reminder that ALL visitors and volunteers in the building MUST come in through the front doors and sign in - NO EXCEPTIONS. We must follow all safety and security procedures. Thank you for following this expectation.**

***Create a beautiful life at home with your child,***

*Carrie Bollinger*

"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

IMPORTANT DATES

November ~

4 - 5th Grade Music Program 6pm

5 - Read-A-Thon envelopes due

7 - Daylight Savings time ends - Turn clocks BACK

9 - PTA Meeting - 4:15pm

10 - Tope 80th Birthday Celebration