

Thursday Thoughts - December 2, 2021

Welcome back to what some call the most wonderful time of the year. This is true for so many! However, for many right now life is a struggle. Times are tough and we are seeing this with some of our littlest humans. One thing that we are working on right now is to really think about how we can support our learners with some strategies to help them manage stress. FIRST and FOREMOST, WE as adults need to support ourselves with ways to manage stress. We should not project our stress onto our children or use them in any way to absorb stress. If you want to minimize your stress and find joy -- Put your phone down and engage with your child in REAL play! Ask your child about different tools and strategies for managing stress that they are learning in class. Find joy in the season within your child.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE OFFERED TO SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEER HERE AT STEAM @ TOPE! WE GENUINELY FEEL SO APPRECIATIVE OF THE RESPONSE!

Tope is an AWESOME place to be for sure!

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>

CURRENT PBLs

2ND GRADE PROBLEM ~ 2nd Grade completed an EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL panel on November 10th. More info to come regarding which VIABLE SOLUTIONS will be moving forward!

3RD GRADE PROBLEM ~ 3rd grade completed an EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL PBL this past week. The children have bright futures as chiropterologists! (I just learned that word!)

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. PANEL IS TOMORROW!~

Create a beautiful life at home with your child,

Carnie 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

DECEMBER ~

3 - 5th Grade Panel

9 - 3rd Grade Music Program 6pm

9 - 4th/5th field trip to GJHS

10 - 4th Grade Panel

14 - PTA Meeting

14 - Gingerbread Night