

Thursday Thoughts - January 13, 2022

COVID- Please stay updated with COVID protocols sent from the district. If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. If you have questions or need clarification, please contact the office. Help us keep each other healthy and safe. Thank you.

School of Choice

The School of Choice application process for the 2022-23 school year will open at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 24, and close at 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4. School of Choice is an application process for families who wish to send their children to a D51 school outside their neighborhood attendance boundaries. The process is not for schools with their own application/enrollment process, such as alternative options, programs, or charter schools. The application window is a few weeks earlier this year in order to give schools more time to staff buildings properly based on projected enrollment.

If you would like to participate in the School of Choice application process, you will need a ParentVUE account. If you do not have one, please contact your school. The application for School of Choice will become available at 10 a.m. on Jan. 24 at d51schools.org/schoolofchoice. Your application will be time-stamped and spots will be awarded based on availability on a first come, first served basis. Principals will notify families whether their application has been accepted or denied starting Feb. 11. Visit d51schools.org or call 970-254-5311 to learn more.

Conferences are coming up next month. We look forward to meeting with you all. As we prepare for this important time, we ask that you~

- Please show up and please show up on time -- Our teachers have back to back conferences and unfortunately, 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.
- Please monitor siblings and children during the conference.
- There is limited time, please ensure that all communication is centered and focused around your child

<u>January Upcoming Dates/Events</u>	<u>February Upcoming Dates/Events</u>
<u>11th - PTA</u> <u>17th - No School- MLK Jr. Day</u> <u>18 - NO School - Elementary Planning Day</u> <u>24th - PBL Kickoff for 1st</u> <u>24th and 25th - Jump Rope for Heart</u>	<u>4th- Pastries for Parents</u> <u>8th- PTA</u> <u>21st- No School Presidents Day</u> <u>17th, 23rd and 24th Mid-Year Conferences</u>

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Please friend us on our STEAM @ Tope Facebook page! We are working to update our page and let you peek inside our walls weekly!

<https://www.facebook.com/STEAM-at-Tope>

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- updates to come!

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