

Thursday Thoughts - APRIL 14, 2022

Hello and Happy Thursday!

We pressed pause on CMAS today because all Chromebooks district wide needed an update. Third, fourth and fifth graders will finish up next week. We are proud of their perseverance and hard work. Testing is important, but it is not everything. It is a great opportunity for our learners to begin to understand how to apply their learning in order to show what they know. It is also a good opportunity to learn how to regulate emotions in order to prepare for future life tests- ACT, SAT, Driving, Jobs and BEYOND!

PTA met this past Tuesday and they are beginning to think about fundraising and allocations for the 2022-2023 school year. I highly encourage you to get involved in our PTA! They work really hard to ensure that families, learners, teachers and our community are supported throughout the year.

As a reminder, we do not accept Teacher Requests. We are proud of the work that we do collaboratively. Students are exposed to both teachers in each grade level. A small team (including current grade level teachers) develop class lists based on multiple factors to ensure that we set everyone up for success.

We are enjoying our time with parents here supporting and enjoying their kiddos. Thank you all for volunteering and visiting STEAM @ Tope Elementary. We are looking forward to our upcoming Talent Show and STEAM Night!

As a clarification, parents ARE allowed to have lunch with their child. Due to the staff shortage in the kitchen, we ask that you bring your own food.

See you all soon!

Carrie Bollinger

Here is a little more information about testing in Colorado.

<https://coloradosucceeds.org/testing-in-colorado/>

CONGRATULATIONS TO UR 2ND AND 5TH GRADERS WHO CLAIMED THE GOLDEN SPATULA AWARD FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH! Way to be SAFE, RESPECTFUL AND RESPONSIBLE in the cafeteria!

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A BIG HUGE THANK YOU AND SHOUT OUT TO MRS. KYLE FOR ALL OF HER BEHIND THE SCENES WORK AND SUPPORT AS STEAM COORDINATOR THIS YEAR! WE APPRECIATE YOU!

IT HAS BEEN A BUSY QUARTER FOR STEAM!!!!

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**](https://www.facebook.com/STEAM-at-Tope)

CURRENT PBLs - updates to come!

KINDERGARTEN - Steam at Tope kindergartners need a way to reinvent our cafeteria space so that it can be used for multiple opportunities to inspire 21st century learning.

1ST GRADE - STEAM at Tope learners need a way to respect and honor our first responders so that they feel supported within our community.

3rd GRADE - The STEAM@Tope community needs social emotional tools to thrive during the changes and challenges of life.

4TH GRADE - Steam @ Tope 4th graders need a way to use our water resources more wisely in our homes and schools to lessen the impact of water scarcity in our community.

5TH GRADE - Steam @ Tope 5th graders need a way to increase involvement and awareness in conservation of Earth's resources and environment within Tope and our community.

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Dear Parents,

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, therefore during the month of April, I will be talking with students about personal safety during my classroom lessons. I have videos and books that teach children about personal safety and child abuse. The purpose of the lesson is to encourage children to talk to trusted adults (parents, teachers, etc.) if they have concerns about safety or abuse. If you wish to view the video's or learn more about the books, please feel free to contact me at lousley@d51schools.org or 970-254-7070.

As a reminder: Safe2Tell Colorado is a statewide bystander tip line for anyone to use to anonymously report concerns about safety. The phone number is 1-877-542-7233 and the website is safe2tellco.org.

Thank you so much!

Laura Ousley, School Counselor

<u><i>APRIL Upcoming Dates/Events</i></u>	<u><i>MAY Upcoming Dates/Events</i></u>
<u><i>CMAS TESTING 3-5</i></u> <u><i>14- 1st grade music concert</i></u> <u><i>21- Talent Show</i></u> <u><i>25 5th Grade Middle School visits</i></u> <u><i>27 - Girls on the Run practice 5K</i></u> <u><i>28- STEAM NIGHT</i></u> <u><i>29 - Student of the Month</i></u>	<u><i>2-6 Teacher Appreciation Week</i></u> <u><i>3 - Special Olympics</i></u> <u><i>5 - 6 - 5th Grade Denver Trip</i></u> <u><i>7 - Girls on the Run 5K</i></u> <u><i>10 - PTA 4:15pm</i></u> <u><i>13 - NO SCHOOL - READ Plan conferences</i></u> <u><i>17 - Kindergarten Graduation</i></u> <u><i>18 - 5th Grade Graduation</i></u> <u><i>19 - Last Day of School</i></u>

HOMEWORK FOR ILLNESS RELATED ABSENCES

In an effort to respond to the illness related absence protocol shifts, we have created a new system. We will no longer provide Chromebooks and homework packets in the office. You will find an attachment at the end of this document. This attachment will give the **HOMEWORK** assigned for each grade level in the event that your child is absent. This **"HOMEWORK MENU"** will be set for the rest of the year. If you want additional work, you may contact your child's teacher with an individual request. A **HOMEWORK MENU** will be provided to each parent at their child's individual conference. ***If your child is on an Individualized Education Plan, their case manager will contact you to notify you when work is left in the office. **THANK YOU FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD STAY ACTIVE IN THEIR LEARNING IN THE EVENT THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO BE AT SCHOOL.**

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Homework Menu for (Illness related Absences)

Kindergarten:

- Read for 10 minutes
- Practice ball words
- Write a letter to your teacher telling you about something you have done.
- Practice counting to 120 by fives and tens.
- Practice your equations to 10

First Grade:

- Read for 20 minutes
- Practice SNAP words
- Practice addition and subtraction math facts within 20
- Practice counting by 1's, 2's, 5's, and 10's to 120 starting with any number
- Write a letter to someone in our classroom.
 - Include capitals, punctuation, and best handwriting

Second Grade:

- Use the attached monthly homework calendars.
- Complete 15 of the activities during your extended leave.
- Record the activities in your planner or print the calendar out and cross out what was chosen.

Third Grade:

- Read for 30 minutes
- Write about what you read (include capitals, punctuation, & check spelling)
- Practice Word Work words from your planner (if applicable)
- Practice Multiplication Math Facts for 15-20 minutes.

Fourth Grade- Daily

- Read for 30 minutes
- Write about what you read (include capitals, punctuation, & check spelling)
- Practice Spelling words from your planner (if applicable)
- Practice Multiplication Math Facts for 15-20 minutes.

Fifth Grade:

- Read for 40-50 minutes
- Write about what you read
 - Check your CUPPS
- Practice the multiplication standard algorithm and Big 7 for division
- Play a board game or card game (make sure to read the directions!)
- Get outside and do some science observations