

Thursday Thoughts - APRIL 21 2022

Hello and Happy Thursday!

We are SUPER PROUD of our Girls on the Run participants! Next Wednesday, the 27th of April, our girls will do a practice 5K COLOR run in order to prepare for the actual race on Saturday, May 6th. We are inviting all families and community members to join us to cheer on the girls!

We are happy to announce that all CMAS units for each grade level came to a close today. We have a few makeup tests to do, but we are proud of our learners for persevering through this time! Way to Grow!

WOW, it sure feels like we are all on fast forward as this year quickly comes to an end! There are MANY activities and opportunities that have opened for us without the concerns of COVID and for this we are EXTREMELY grateful! We hope to see you all at our STEAM Night next week! Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Wells and our STUCO team have worked hard to make it a fun filled, excellent night full of learning! REMEMBER to get your PIZZA orders in so that you can enjoy some yummy dinner courtesy of PTA! THANK YOU PTA!!!!

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 were delighted to see our student's talent highlighted at the Talent Show this past Tuesday! Thank you to Mr. Cantrell for making this possible! We appreciated seeing all of the parent and family support for this special evening.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 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!

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>

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