

Thursday Thoughts - APRIL 28 2022

Happy Thursday!

We do not have very many Thursdays left in this year! We are quickly coming to a close of the 2021-2022 school year! We are excited to see it end without COVID limitations and we definitely look forward to the future!

Thank you to all who were able to join our STEAM @ Tope color run to support our practice 5K! I loved seeing all of the families either running together and/or supporting each other. We are SUPER PROUD of our Girls on the Run participants and can't wait for them to triumph in the actual race on Saturday, May 7th.

Tonight is our annual STEAM Night for our families! WE LOVE STEAM NIGHT! We look forward to having you all grace our hallways and explore the STEAM world! Remember that pizza will be served beginning at 5:00 in the gym for those of you who turned in RSVPs! Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Wells and our STUCO team have worked hard to make it a fun filled, excellent night full of learning! THANK YOU PTA for dinner!!!!

There is potential for a slight shift in our schedule beginning next year. In order to accommodate all specials in the morning, we are investigating if a 15 minute earlier start for the school day would help. This means our first bell would be 8:35, students in seats ready to learn at 8:40 and tardies would be 8:45. Students would be released at 3:45. We will let you know as soon as possible if this decision is made.

Our words of the month for April were IMAGINE and CREATE! STEAM @ Tope learners can imagine a better world and imagine a better us! We have had some AWESOME opportunities this week and last with imagination and creation! Our second graders have dug up and excavated the time capsule. We believe that this capsule was buried sometime circa 2002... We will hopefully learn more once we open the contents! Another really cool thing is our 21st century tables arrived and many of our students have had the opportunity to build them! We just keep moving forward as 21st century learners!!!!

See you TONIGHT!

Carrie Bollinger

Principal, STEAM @ Tope

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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

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>

We need your help! Tope PTA has the opportunity to earn some funds by volunteering in the Children's Tent at this year's Grand Valley Highland Games on May 14 and 15 at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. This is going to be a fun, cultural event, and requires your help! All volunteers will receive a t-shirt, meal ticket, and drinks, plus one day free entrance to the festival.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4eaca72aabfd0-highland>

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.

| <u>APRIL Upcoming Dates/Events</u> | <u>MAY Upcoming Dates/Events</u> |
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| <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.

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

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- 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