

Wingate Elementary School



December 2016

Important Dates

**4th Grade Field Trip to CO.
Dept of Insectary**
December 2, 2016

PTA Pizza and Movie Night
December 2, 2016
5:30 pm Dinner
6:30 pm Movie
@ Gym

5th Grade Musical
December 5, 2016 6:30 pm
@ Gym

**Salvation Army Food
Drive Ends**
December 14, 2016

PTA Fun Friday
December 16, 2016

End of 2nd Qtr.
December 16, 2016

Holiday Break No School
December 19- January 3,
2017

Kindergarten News

Kindergartners spent several weeks comparing the past and the present. We focused on transportation, communication, clothing, technology and school. Then we wrapped up November with a look at Thanksgiving long ago and Thanksgiving now. And, of course we included a little turkey fun! "Gobble, gobble, gobble!"

1st Grade News

We are almost halfway done with 1st grade! How can that be?! Our students have grown so much over the last several months. We are eager to see how much they grow by May! In December, we will be studying all about family traditions and celebrations. The students learn what a tradition is and discover celebrations from around the world. We have a few of our own 1st grade traditions and will enjoy sharing them with our kiddos!

2nd Grade News

The second-graders in all three classes are immersed in non-fiction reading and writing this month. Many students have chosen research projects to work on during SEEK time. In math, students are sharing strategies for solving problems, as we all become stronger in adding and subtracting. Science finds us building and measuring during our 'force and motion' activities. We continue our habits of mind practices by listening with empathy and persisting in daily learning. Have a wonderful holiday break with your families.

Girls on the Run

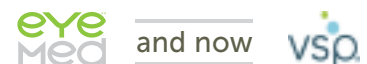
Girls on the Run Spring 2017 season is right around the corner. It is open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th girls. If you would like to coach this upcoming season, please contact Stephanie Williams at Stephanie.williams@d51schools.org. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 starting in Mid to late February.



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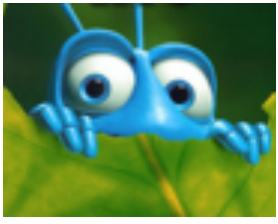
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4th Grade News

Fourth Graders are bugged!



We'll be visiting the Colorado Department of Agriculture Insectary in Palisade to learn more about how insects are part of the ecosystems we are studying, and how invasive species can upset the balance of our local habitats. Students will be able to apply their new knowledge to understandings of the Life Zones across our state.

That's Using Your Head!!

This month, Colorado Parks and Wildlife will visit fourth grade classrooms with a fantastic collection of animal skulls. During this unique experience, students will get an in-depth look at the adaptations of both prey and predator, and be able to connect that to their ecosystem studies. With some gentle hands-on learning, and the chance to explore questions with an expert Biologist, this is a great learning opportunity!



5th Grade News

In writing, we are working on persuasive/opinion writing! Students are learning how to organize their thoughts, with their reasons and support their thinking and reasoning with evidence and details. Really practicing the difference between fact and opinion.

In reading, we are starting our literature circles. Students are working in a book group of their choice and making deeper connections with powerful conversations and interactions with their group members. They have jobs that they are responsible for doing and sharing out with their group each week.

In math, we are working on volume and fractions and percent. Students will be working on conversations and understanding how they relate to real life!

In science, we are wrapping up weather and moving on to earths changes and natural resources. We are going to grow our brains through 2nd quarter with lots of new material and learning!

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