

Wingate Elementary School



February 2017

Important Dates

PTA Valentines Dinner Dance Silent Auction

February 10, 2017 5:30 pm
@ Cafeteria, Gym

No School Planning Day

February 16, 2017

No School Conferences

February 17, 2017

No School Presidents Day

February 20, 2017

5th Grade Redlands Music Visit

February 23, 2017

5th Grade at Powderhorn

February 24, 2017
7:30 am – 4:30 pm

1st Grade Flag Presentation

February 27, 2017 9:00 am
@ Cafeteria

4th Grade Music Program

February 28, 2017 6:30 pm
@ Gym

February Message From The Principal

Happy 2017, Wingate Parents!

We started off this semester with some crazy weather and the implementation of our new security door, and I want to personally thank all of our parents for helping make these two issues run as smoothly as possible. You have been so gracious and helpful this January. I appreciate you.

On Tuesday, January 31, our SAC (School Accountability Committee) meeting takes place in the library at 6:00 pm. All parents are invited to attend any SAC meeting, and we would love to have more regular parent members. This meeting may be particularly of interest to you as a representative from our district leadership will be there to share with parents the process for selection of your new principal. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn first-hand about the process and to give feedback regarding your hopes.

I also wanted to remind everyone that there is no school on February 16 and 17. Teachers will be contacting some parents to schedule conferences for one of these days if there is a specific need.

I am so enjoying working in this school. Your children are delightful, and I feel so blessed to see their smiles each day.

Kindergarten News

Kindergartners spent January working on How-To books. We started the month with How To Build a Snowman. This was very fitting, due to the wintery weather that we faced.



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First Grade News

First graders are diving into a new unit of study, solids and liquids! We are learning all about states of matter through science experiments, videos, and research. Our kiddos are also both reading and discussing nonfiction forms of text. The students are loving to learn through their factual books! In writing, our students are composing informative pieces. They are truly enjoying their "ALL About" stories and being able to be an "expert" about their chosen topics. Our little mathematicians are now finishing up measurement and are circling back around into addition, subtraction & the number system. We are so excited to see the kiddos using the knowledge they already have and relating it to the new mathematics they are learning here, at school. It is such a beautiful process! Thank you for your continued support at home and thanks for sharing your amazing children with us!

First Grade

Second Grade News

Second grade has been hard at work learning all about fairy tales, folktales, and fables! We will celebrate our learning with "Fairy Tale Dress Up Day!"

Third Grade News

No news for Third Grade.

Fourth Grade News

In February, fourth graders will be studying fractions in math. They will also delve into Colorado's past for Social Studies. This learning will include the Prehistoric People of Colorado, American Indians, and Fur Trappers and Traders. This will give them background for the end of the month when they will be choosing their Chautauqua characters. The Chautauqua writing meets our informative and opinion writing standard during 2nd and 3rd quarter. Fourth graders have a few important dates coming up this month:

- * Our second payment of \$65 for the Denver Trip is due by Friday, Feb. 3.
- * We will be selling candy each Wednesday after school for \$.50 until it is gone.
- * Our 4th grade music program will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m. at Redlands Middle School.
- * Please keep your eyes out for more information on our Famous Dave's Fundraiser Day! It will be on Thursday, March 2, 2017. We will get information out to you so you can tell everyone to stop by and support our Denver Field Trip!

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Fifth Grade News

5th graders have been hard at work learning about the events that led to the American Revolution. This integrated unit includes reading, writing, and social studies. Students have made hornbooks, written journals from different time periods, and learned about famous people and battles. Now we invite all of you to join us on March 29th from 12-12:45 for our American Revolution Tea Party! Students will be dressed up as colonists and will teach you everything they know about the beginnings of our country!

BeLingual

Prospero Año Nuevo! Happy New Year! We continue on building the foundation to Spanish conversation. Every week we review greetings and how to respond. We have continued to practice how to write dates, basic differences in punctuation, specifically related to questions and exclamations. Roll call is assisting the kids in understanding how to ask where something/someone is. The classes continue to be very enthusiastic and eager to learn. I speak with the kids in both Spanish and English using the simultaneous and/or consecutive interpreting method, read books relevant to the topics and use videos to enhance the learning in an auditory and visual way. Therefore, they are always hearing both languages with the goal to create recognition of what is being said to them Spanish in their mother tongue. We learned about Spanish speaking countries, the country's flags and the symbolism of the code of arms for each flag. Each student was able to color a flag from a country, and gave a brief presentation in Spanish (with my guidance) about the colors of their flag and the country it represents. During the holidays we learned the meaning of the famous song "Feliz Navidad". We are currently learning about the seasons of the year, the weather and climate. The kids are doing an amazing job, and I have had so much fun sharing my passion for Spanish.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run starts Tuesday, February 21st. It is available to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls. All practices will be held after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30. The GOTR Spring 5K will be held on May 6th at 10 am at the Fruita Rec Center

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White Ice Celebration

Join D51F on Saturday, February 4 from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. at the CMU Ballroom for our 5th Annual White Iced Celebration. This white-attire affair will honor Outstanding Educators and Outstanding Academic Growth Schools. It will be a time to celebrate public education in Mesa County. Tickets can be purchased at www.d51foundation.org For more information call 254-5108. Proceeds from this event will be used for technology in our schools and professional development opportunities for D51 teachers.

Physical Education News

There is a new face in the gym! My name is Megan Muehlethaler. This is my senior year at Colorado Mesa University. For the past three years I have cross country skied for the university while taking classes to become a PE teacher. I am beyond excited to start my student teaching. I grew up in Eagle Colorado, and in my free time I enjoy skiing, running, mountain biking and camping. I look forward to working with the students at Wingate Elementary.

School of Choice

School of Choice window starts the first Monday of March (6th) at 10:00 am and closes the last Friday of March (31st) at 4:00 pm. Please refer to the School Districts main web site, all applications are done on line.

Kindergarten Roundup for 2017-2018 School Year

Kindergarten Roundup will be held on March 10th from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm (this is a teacher workday, no school for students). You may come anytime during these hours to register your child.

We need proof of residence (driver's license, utility bill, water bill, lease agreement, auto registration) current immunization record and a state official birth certificate. If you are School of Choice you must register at your home school. If and when you are accepted we will notify you and have the paper work transferred.

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