

# Wingate Elementary School



January 2017

## Important Dates

### Report Cards

Student report cards will be given to students to take home on Monday, January 9, 2017

### Awards Assembly Primary Grades

January 12, 2017 10:00 a.m.  
@ Cafeteria

### Awards Assembly Intermediate Grade

January 12, 2017  
3:00 p.m.  
@ Gym

### Fun Friday

January 13, 2017

### Vision Hearing Screening Grades 1st thru 5th

January 17, 2017

### No School

January 16, 2017

### 5th Grade Ski Trip to Powderhorn

January 20, 2017  
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### PTA Meeting

January 24, 2017 6:30 p.m.  
@ Cafeteria

## January Message From The Principal

Dear Wingate Families,

It is a pleasure and an honor to serve you, your students, and the Wingate staff this semester as your interim principal. I enjoyed a delightful three weeks in December working with students and staff during the holiday craziness. I loved seeing all the hard work and creative energy buzzing within caring classroom communities. I look forward to meeting parents and getting to know our precious students in the upcoming month.

Please bear with us as we implement the new entrance safety system at Wingate. This added layer of security helps us better ensure the safety of our students every day. Unfortunately, though, it may feel a bit inconvenient as we all learn to use the new system. When you enter the main doors, you will need to follow the posted instructions, and we will do our very best to get you in as quickly as possible. Once we get through the learning process, this should be easy for everyone.

With this new year comes a renewed commitment to student learning – academic, social, and emotional.

Here's to a great 2017!

Anna Goetz

## Kindergarten News

Kindergartners visited three countries around the world on the last school day in December. They traveled from class to class tasting food, making crafts, and learning facts about Mexico, Russia, and Romania. It was a very busy day!



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## 1st Grade News

First grade is glad to be back at school and in the swing of the routine! January and February are great growing months for kiddos. We really enjoy seeing them make strides in all areas. We have started our penguin research unit and will be asking questions and looking for answers like real researchers. Hope your child comes home with lots of great new research to share! What topic could your child research on their own?

In Writing, we'll be learning how to write our opinion and give a reason. Math will be a unit about Data & Measurement. Nonfiction is our main focus in Reading for the next couple months. The 1st graders seem to really enjoy diving into nonfiction to learn more. It's fun to see them using their reading now to learn! Stay warm!

-Mrs. Van Pelt, Mrs. Kennedy, & Miss Robinson (Mrs. Roach's substitute)

## 4th Grade News

Fourth graders will launch a study of Colorado History to kick off third quarter. We'll cover the beginnings of man in North America, and work our way all the way up to the 21st Century by fourth quarter. We'll be integrating much of our Reading and Writing into this large study!

It's a busy time in Math as well, as we finish up our units on Geometry and measurement, and begin units on addition and subtraction with very large numbers as well as beginning fraction and decimal work.

Just a reminder: the second installment (\$65) of our Denver trip fee is due February 3rd.

## 5th Grade News

Fifth grade will have an exciting third quarter! We will be learning all about the American Revolution. Many of our social studies, reading, and writing activities will be integrated. Students will begin learning about explorers and native people. Then we will move on to colonization and then to the American Revolution. We will have a Tea Party to celebrate our learning and display projects toward the end of third quarter.

We will be going skiing on January 20th. All paperwork is due by the 6th and money is due by the 13th. Please plan on having everything turned in on time!

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## Salvation Army Canned Food Drive

Thank you so much for your generosity during the holiday season. Wingate was able to donate 4,213 food items because of the amazing support we received. Mrs. Wytulka's class won the pizza party for this event, with a total of 3018 items from the class.

## Drop off and Pick up Times

Just a reminder, for your student's safety, please do not to drop them off in the mornings before 8:30 a.m. In addition, please make sure your student is picked up after school by 4:00 p.m. There is no adult supervision before 8:30 am or after 400 p.m., as staff meetings and set-up occur at this time. Thank you

## Security Door

Wingate recently installed a new security door. Beginning Tuesday, 1/17/17 entrance doors will be locked after 9:00 a.m. Please push the button on the camera door unit located to the right of the entrance door and we will open it for you. Instructions will be available for your view above the camera.

## Girls on the Run 2017

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](mailto:Stephanie.williams@d51schools.org). Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:30 starting in Mid to late February.

Online registration opens on January 25th. Parents can go directly to our website to register.

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Stephanie Williams

Wingate Elementary School

K-5th Interventionist

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## February is American Heart Month So Let's Jump Rope for Heart

Wingate Elementary is participating in a very special community service program to raise funds for the American Heart Association. We're joining in the fight against our nation's No. 1 and No. 3 killers – heart disease and stroke.

Fundraising packets will be sent home with students during their physical education classes on January 4th-6th. The completed packets must be turned in by **Wednesday, January 25th**. The money we raise will help people in our community learn how to avoid heart disease and stroke and live longer healthier lives. The school will also qualify for U.S. Games gift certificates for physical education equipment, based on the amount of money we raise for the American Heart Association. Last year Wingate raised \$7351.72, so I'm hoping that we can meet or exceed this amount. In addition to helping the American Heart Association, students will also receive thank you gifts based on the amount of money they collect. Family and friends are welcome to support your child's participation by making contributions. However, we ask that children do **NOT** go door-to-door or ask strangers for donations. Supporters can also donate online at [www.americanheart.org/jump](http://www.americanheart.org/jump) and all checks should be made payable to the American Heart Association.



On February 27th-March 1st, our school will hold a Jump Rope for Heart Event for kindergarten through fifth grades during their regular physical education classes. If the American Heart Association "Thank You" gifts arrive in time, I will hand the gifts out to those students who collected money for this cause during the actual event. These events are held nationwide and help students learn about the benefits of regular physical activity and heart health, while they raise funds to support vital research and educational programs. Let's all join together to be "Heart Heroes!"

Sincerely,

Mrs. David  
Wingate's Physical Education Teacher

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