

Elementary Principal Report

School Safety Conference:

(Standard Response Protocol (SRP) / Standard Reunification Method Train the Trainer Workshop)

Wed., Nov. 16th in Kearney

Attended by Mr. Ellis and Mr. Kronhofman

This conference focused on the I Love U Guys response actions of Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, and Shelter. The presenters went into detail about the Standard Reunification Method. So far this school year, we have practiced Evacuate (Fire Drill), Lockdown, Shelter (Tornado Drill), Secure, and Hold.

State Principals Conference:

Wed/Thurs., Dec. 7 & 8 in Lincoln

Attended by Mr. Ellis and Mr. Perez

The keynote speaker, Todd Nesloney, spoke about building a positive school culture. One take away that I want to implement is positive phone calls home. I plan to bring this to our SEL committee and have a discussion as to how this would look and work for us.

Elementary Music Program

Rescheduled: Tuesday, Dec. 13th @ 7pm

Sister City Newsletter Exchange (Ozu, Japan)

Mr. Henderson's fourth grade class is working on a newsletter to exchange with Ozu Elementary. In the newsletter, our students write about the things they like, favorite sports, favorite recess activities, and the school day.

ELEMENTARY MOVIE (THE GRINCH)

Tuesday, Dec. 20th

K-3 Movie starts at 9:00 am

4-6 Movie starts at 1:45 pm

Students worked with their Buddies to make Christmas cards for the residents of Prairie Pines, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Department. This fulfilled the requirements of a grant that Connie Hoefs was able to get to help defray the cost of the movie and refreshments. I wanted to reward the students for trying their best on the Winter NSCAS assessment.

Public Library Day

Tuesday, Dec. 20th

Grades 4-6 will visit the library in the morning while the k-3 students will go in the afternoon. I would like to thank the Arapahoe Public Library for hosting us and sharing their books and love of reading with our students.

Rocket Math

Rocket Math is a supplemental learning program that focuses on basic facts and number sense. We will be implementing this program in our k-6 classrooms starting second semester.

Where in the US is Mr. Ellis?

Each week I post photographic clues of places that I have been to in the United States. Throughout the week, students submit guesses as to where I am. On Friday, a winner is drawn. Students in grades 2-6 have participated in this activity. This is a fun way for students to learn some geography and get to know me as well. Here are the places that I have posted so far this year: The King Center in Atlanta, GA; Mt. Rushmore in SD; Mt. Vernon in VA; Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN; Field of Dreams in Dyersville, IA; Sequoia National Park in CA; Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA; Chimney Rock in NE; Harry S. Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, MO; Ft. Bridger in WY; Arbor Lodge in Nebraska City, NE; World's Largest Ball of Twine in Cawker City, KS; Dwight. D. Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum in Abilene, KS; Joshua Tree National Park in CA; Mesa Verde National Park in CO.

Summer School:

Summer school will be from June 5th to June 30th (Mon. - Thurs.) 8:00-12:00. Right now the teacher will be Shasta Hambidge assisted by Lesli Weatherwax and Chelsey Zodrow.