



# Bear Cub Newsletter

## FEBRUARY

### “2020”

#### CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 13

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FEBRUARY 14

FEBRUARY 17-21

FEBRUARY 28

CLASS PHOTOS

PTO VALENTINE'S FAMILY DANCE @ 5:30

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

MID-WINTER BREAK

COFFEE AND CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL @ 8:00

ALL SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING @ 2:00

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2

MARCH 2-6

MARCH 5

MARCH 10

MARCH 13

MARCH 20 & 23

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

DR. SEUSS WEEK (THEMED DAYS TO BE SENT HOME)

2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE WALKING MOUNTAINS

PTO MEETING @ 5:30 PM (LIBRARY)

PTO MOVIE NIGHT @ 5:30-7:30

NO SCHOOL/TEACHER WORK DAY



*Happy  
Valentine's Day*



## **PRINCIPAL NEWS**

Greetings Bear Cub Families,

It may be cold and snowy outside, but inside Red Hill we are heating it up with some high quality teaching and learning. This is wonderfully productive time for our students since productive routines and procedures have been established allowing us to get a lot done. We are also having lots of fun in the process.

We recently had our Learn to Ski Days at Vail. I want to thank our amazing office staff, Louanna Harris and Maribel Macias, and our health assistant Jenny Vargas for getting everything organized and prepared. It's no small task taking almost 250 kids to the mountain, but they make it as easy as possible. I also want to thank Vail Resorts for extending this incredible opportunity to our kiddos. They were wonderful days full of smiles and laughter.

Many of our students have been busy taking mid-year assessments. Our students in grades 2-5 just completed our mid-year check with The Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment by the educational group NWEA. These tests in Reading and Math are designed to measure how much a student has grown over time. These are nationally normed tests that are taken by millions of students across the country, and they provide our teachers valuable data about what students know and are able to do in those two subjects. You should have received a "Family Report" detailing your child's progress. If you did not receive a report, or if you would like to discuss the scores, please contact your child's teacher.

Our students for whom English is a second language also just wrapped up the WIDA/Access tests. These tests are designed to measure students' language acquisition in the areas of speaking, listening, reading, and writing. These results, available later this spring, help us determine a student's progress in becoming fully English proficient. We are very proud of all of these students for the perseverance and focus they demonstrated during these tests.

We were also fortunate to welcome a guest speaker, Kelsey Tainsh to our school in January. Ms. Tainsh struggled through two brain tumors and a stroke as a teenager and is now working to become part of the US ParaOlympic Team for snowboarding. She brought her message of courage, acceptance and kindness to our students and staff that was very well received.

As some examples of our community's kindness and generosity, our students raised nearly \$900 for Pennies for Patients - a group dedicated to fighting blood cancer. We have also embarked on our annual "Kid's Heart Challenge" (formerly Jump Rope for Heart). Thanks to Mindy Humerickhouse and Kelly Degen for leading these fund-raising efforts for these great organizations.

We are about to launch into the second reading challenge of the year for the month of February. Please ask your child about it, and encourage them to read as much as possible during the month of February. It's a great month to snuggle up someplace warm to read a book. Research has shown that students make huge academic gains when they read with their parents at home. Our reading challenge will culminate with the celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday/ Read Across America Day on March 2.

Thank you all for the love and care you give your children and for your continued support of our wonderful neighborhood school.

Respectfully,

Eric M. Olsen  
Principal



## **CAFETERIA**

Please make sure that all negative balances are paid in full. If you have any questions, please contact our cafeteria manager (Perla Chavez) at (970) 328-4278.

## **PTO NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who came out to our last meeting on January 14th. We have some great events coming up!

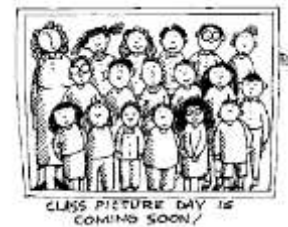


We will have our first PTO RHES Family Dance on February 13th, 2020. This will take place from 5:30-7:30 pm. PTO will be selling flowers, balloons and glow sticks. Our group of MADRES will be selling dinner that night in our cafeteria as well, for their fundraiser. Entrance to the dance will be \$10 for two people and \$15 for 3 or more. Adults are required to accompany students; this event is for the whole family. SEE YOU THERE!

We invite you to our next PTO meeting on March 10, 2020 dinner at 5:30 pm, meeting will start at 6 pm. Child care provided. Everyone is welcome!

Red Hill Elementary PTO is excited to have our Winter Session of Enrichment classes underway! Look for the registration link in your email and flyers in late March for Spring Enrichment!

Thank you,  
RHES PTO



## **CLASS PHOTOS**

M.J. Thomas Photography will be here to take class photos on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning. Envelope/flyers will be sent home soon. This is a good time to wear Red Hill shirts!!!

**Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!! Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

Red Hill Elementary will be celebrating on  
**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> .**



**Join us for our Parents and Pastries event  
starting at 7:00 am.**



Students and their families are invited to come to the library to read and enjoy a light breakfast snack. Only students accompanied by an adult may attend the Parent and Pastries event.

**CHARACTER TRAIT FOR FEBRUARY = COURAGE**

Red Hill students are courageous. We overcome our fears and tackle big problems. We recognize that we grow the most by pushing ourselves in challenging situations.



**KINDERGARTEN READINESS SCREENING**

If you are a parent of an incoming Kindergartner or know of a child who will be five years old on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>, Kindergarten Readiness Screening is coming up on **May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** at Red Hill Elementary School. Please be on the lookout for more information.

