



Bear Cub Newsletter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER
“2019”

CALENDAR

NOV. 1	COFFEE AND CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL @ 8:00
NOV. 1	2nd GRADE FIELD TRIP/VILAR
NOV. 1	ALL SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING @ 2:00
NOV. 2	GCMS HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR @ 9:00
NOV. 3	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS (CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS)
NOV. 5	PICTURE RETAKE
NOV. 6	VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY @ 1:45
NOV. 9	GIRLS ON THE RUN (Summit Middle School)
NOV. 12	PTO MEETING @ 6:00
NOV. 14	MADRES GROUP MEETING @ 8:00
NOV. 15	LEARN TO SKI PACKETS SENT HOME
NOV. 22	LEARN TO SKI PACKETS DUE
NOV. 25-29	NO SCHOOL/THANKSGIVING BREAK

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 6	COFFEE AND CHAT WITH THE PRINCIPAL @ 8:00
DEC. 6	ALL SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING @ 2:00
DEC. 10	SKI FITTINGS
DEC. 20	NO SCHOOL/TEACHERS ONLY
DEC. 23	WINTER BREAK BEGINS

UPCOMING EVENTS

JAN. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
JAN. 6	NO SCHOOL/TEACHERS ONLY
JAN. 7	SCHOOL BACK IN SESSION
JAN. 14	PTO MEETING @ 6:00
JAN. 9 & 10	LEARN TO SKI
JAN. 20	NO SCHOOL/HOLIDAY
JAN. 21	SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING @ 5:00
JAN. 24	ALL SCHOOL COMMUNITY MEETING @ 2:00



FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Hello Bear Cub Families!

It's hard to believe, but we have already completed one quarter of the school year. We feel that it has been an incredibly successful start to the school year, and we are looking forward to more great learning to come.

First, I'd like to start with a few celebrations and thank yous:

1) A big thanks to all parents for making sure that your students were prepared for the school year. Thank you for your patience with the online information update and registration. There were a number of changes made to our operating systems that will soon make managing information and communications much easier.

2) Thanks to our PTO and all the volunteers that made Wild West Day a huge success. A special thanks goes out to our former PTO president Krista DeHerrera for being the Chairwoman of the entire Wild West Day this year. Every year that responsibility rotates to a different school, and we are incredibly appreciative for her extra work and coordination on behalf of Red Hill.

3) Another round of thanks for all the parents that attended the parent teacher conferences in October. We firmly believe that strong home-school connections are essential in ensuring a student's academic success. Thank you also to all the parents who supplied food for the teachers working long hours on those nights - it was delicious!

This is one of the most productive learning periods of the year. We look forward to helping your students make great progress during the next couple months. We always appreciate parental involvement, so be sure to contact your student's teacher if you are interested in volunteering in the school.

Finally, as the snow begins to fly, please remember to have students dressed warmly in the mornings. We will be on the playground unless it is under 10 degrees fahrenheit or extremely wet. Students without the proper snow attire will not be allowed to play on the field or the playground during recess, so please make sure that you send proper snow gear with your kiddo.

Let's have an awesome autumn of learning!

Dr. Olsen

Advocacy for Elementary Schools at the State Level

In addition to the wonderful work that we do everyday at Red Hill, I wanted to let you know of other work being done to promote a strong system of public education in Colorado.

I am honored to report that after three years of serving on the board of directors, I have been elected as the President of the Colorado Association of Elementary School Principals (CAESP) for the 2019-2020 school year.

CAESP is one of seven organizations that comprise the larger Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE). CASE is a powerful statewide organization focused on professional development for educators and advocating on behalf of public schools, teachers, and students throughout the state of Colorado.

Recently, CAESP and CASE have advocated for increased funding for K-12 schools and especially for the full-day kindergarten that was passed and implemented this year. Currently CASE is supporting proposition CC on the November ballot which would allow the state to retain revenue above the state spending cap to provide funding for transportation and education. As with any election issues you are encouraged to inform yourself and participate in the democratic process.

I would be more than happy to discuss state-level education issues or the work being done by CASE with you. You are all welcome to come to any of the "Principal Coffee & Chats" - the next one is this Friday at 8 am.

Character Trait of the Month for November - Grateful

Every month - we feature a different character trait to focus on with our students. Feel free to help reinforce them at home too.

Red Hill students are grateful. We give thanks for what we have and we acknowledge the help of others.

VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY Please join us for our patriotic assembly to honor our local veterans on November 6th at 1:45 pm. Students, staff, and parents are asked to wear red, white, and blue on that day.



Any parents, grandparents, teacher, young or old who served in the military are invited to sit with the VFW Post members during the assembly. Please contact Pat Hammon at (970) 390-4686 or path@vail.net for information and to create a short bio. We will have a reception for our veterans in the staff lounge from 1:15-1:40.

WARM WINTER CLOTHING

Now that it is November, the mountain weather has begun. Make sure your child has appropriate clothing to go outside for recess, no matter the weather. Giving students the opportunity to play outside in the fresh air is a top priority. We have a 10 degree or below rule for students to be inside. We will be outside in the morning and at recess unless it is below 10 degrees or extremely wet.

HEALTH OFFICE

All vision and hearing screenings have been completed, unless your child was absent during their scheduled time. I will have all make-ups completed by the end of this week. I want to give a huge **SHOUT-OUT** to the ones who signed up to volunteer as runners: **Sarah Dugan, Michelle Tousignant, Brittany Hill, Natasha Ewing, Clair Smith, Dana Hyatt, Lourdes Becerra, Ashley Desposato, Elizabeth Reyes, Donyelle Dewey, Jack Wagy, Jackie DeLoera, and Amelia Wetzel.** Your help was much appreciated. Thank you again!

With the colder weather approaching and sicknesses starting, I'd also like to remind everyone of our school district's policy on being sick. If your child has had a fever or has vomited, **YOU NEED TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME** until they are **free of symptoms for 24 hours, with no fever-reducing medication.** Thank you for your attention to this matter. We want to do all that we can to keep our school healthy.

And last, a couple more "**THANK YOU'S**" to Tristan Cada and Jen Liffick for donating much needed clothing to the Health Office. If you have sweat pants or leggings, any size, that your child has outgrown, we'd love for you to consider donating them to our Health Office. If your child has borrowed clothing, please wash and return as soon as possible. We are constantly running low on bottoms. Thanks again!

LEARN TO SKI

Mark your calendars for our Learn to ski days-Thursday, January 9th and Friday, January 10th, 2020. Our Kindergarten through Fifth grade students will be participating in Vail Resorts Learn-to Ski/Snowboard Program. What a great opportunity for all students to participate in this great program. Paperwork will be sent home on Friday, November 15th (paperwork is due on Friday, November 22nd).



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.



COUNSELOR CORNER

The counseling program at Red Hill Elem is excited to announce a partnership with U.B.U., Eagle River Youth Coalition, and Speak Up Reach Out. Last year, Red Hill was the first elementary school in the district to pilot universal mental health instruction for fifth grade students through this community partnership. With the generous support of Red Hill's PTO, the counseling program will be providing this program again this year for our fourth and fifth graders. Thank you, PTO for making mental health a priority and thank you to these community organizations for their generous support and dedication to our public schools.

We are also excited to announce that we have social emotional learning in every classroom at the universal level again this year. Jen Harmon, School Counselor, works with each class and teacher to create a social emotional learning program. Themes include inclusivity, equity, empathy, community building, mental health, social emotional awareness, healthy relationships, and prevention among others. Ask your child how he/she has learned about differences, kindness, and feelings!

Not only do we have social emotional learning at the universal level, but we also offer small groups for a variety of goals. We offer friendship groups, emotional regulation skills, conflict managers, among others.

Finally, the counseling program also is committed to each individual child. If you would like the counselor to meet with your child or family for any reason, please don't hesitate to reach out!



PHOTO RETAKES

Please bring your previous picture package if you would like retakes (just a reminder that if you are not satisfied with your pictures and it is not a photography error, you will have to pay for retakes). Retakes will start promptly at 8:00, November 5TH. If you have any questions, please call 328-8970.