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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This month we will finish up our series of information on the Gallup Poll. If you missed reading last month's newsletter and need a better understanding of what the Gallup Poll is, you can find all of the previous newsletters on our website.

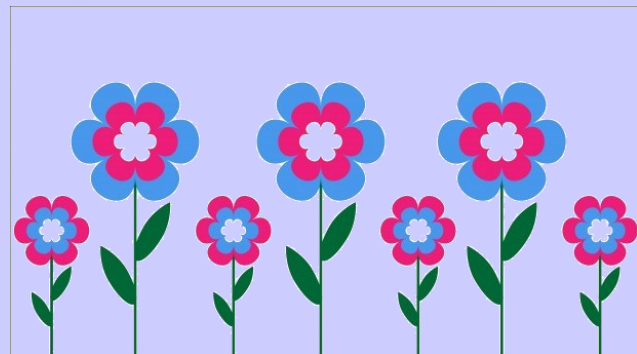
The remaining two items of the survey are Entrepreneurial Aspiration and Career/Financial Literacy. Red Sandstone students indicated on the survey that these two areas were more difficult for them to achieve, which makes sense since these two areas are geared more towards high school students. Examples of questions in these two sections are: 1) I will invent something that changes the world. 2) I am learning how to start and run a business. 3) I have a paying job now. Even though these two areas are harder to reach with elementary age students, we do have two programs in place to help students work towards these goals.

First, we have Junior Achievement in grades 1st through 5th grade. Junior Achievement prepares students to succeed in a global economy by focusing on three content areas: entrepreneurship, financial literacy, and work readiness. The second program is still in the works as we continue to develop our STEM lab. Creating, imaging, and inventing will be the primary focus of the work done by students in the STEM lab.

At home you can encourage your child to develop entrepreneurialism and financial literacy by discussing common problems in our everyday world and how they could invent something to solve the problems. Or, take your child to work for a day and let them experience your expertise. Finally, encourage your child to earn, save, share and then spend their allowance. When the home and school work as a team, our children are bound to be winners!

Respectfully,

Marcie Laidman, Principal



Step into the Classroom: 3rd Grade

Math: We are currently working on graphing. We are practicing creating survey questions that will help us collect data. Then we can use the data to create a variety of graphs. We are creating bar graphs, pictographs, and line plots to represent our collected information. Once we have entered the data in a graph we can visually see the information and use it to interpret the information, ask and answer question about the data.

Language Arts: Currently the 3rd grade has been working on compare and contrast paragraphs. We are reading two different texts on the same topic and trying to identify the similarities and differences between the information.

Students are applying their writing skills to reading; making sure that they have organization, development, and conventions.

Coming up next will be our research project on a country, we will be creating a travel brochure!

Science: We are currently working on our understanding of weather and climate. Students are learning about how weather is affected by location, and how different climates can have different forms of weather. We are reviewing the water cycle – evaporation, precipitation, condensation, accumulation, and run-off. We will be moving into a unit on life cycles in the coming weeks.

Kindergarten Round Up

April 12th 8:30am - 2:50pm

Kindergarten Round Up is an orientation for new kindergartens enrolling for next year. This gives the new kinders an opportunity to be in the kinder classroom, meet the teachers, and learn about what to expect for next year.

There will be four different sessions on that day. To sign up or if you have any questions, please call Diane Golden at the front office at 970-328-2910.



Remodel Update



By now I am sure you have heard the news or read in the paper regarding the Town of Vail supporting the idea of building a parking structure on the hillside in front of Red Sandstone. Although we are still in the preliminary stages of planning, this could be a win-win situation for everyone! The Town of Vail and Vail Resorts will be financing a majority of the parking structure. Red Sandstone is anticipating spending \$500K on this portion of the remodel, which is going towards building the new road that will help increase traffic circulation and parking.

If all moves forward as planned, the parking structure would begin construction in January 2018. During the summer of 2018, modular classrooms would be placed on top of the parking structure to be used for the fall semester. Red Sandstone will be fully remodeled and ready for students starting January 2019!

These are all rough estimates and plans are still in the draft stage, but being able to complete the construction in one fell swoop allows us to spend more money on the remodel and less money on the break down and set up costs for the construction. I share a bond update at every PTO meeting so if you would like more details and would like to check out the latest plans attend the next PTO meeting on April 4th at 3:00 p.m.



RSES Book Collection Drive

Now through April 14th



Books Needed: We have multiple needs for “already read and loved” books and would love, in particular, to be able to provide books to interested students who would like to expand their home libraries.

How to Donate: If you are interested, please “bag-up or box-up” books that are in used, but good condition and send them to school with your child. There will be a donation box in the front office.

When to Donate: Now through April Break/April 14th! (Though, truth be told, we will always accept book donations.)

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser

Congrats to all the tigers who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Program!

We raised a total of \$1958!!!



Do You Have Extra Winter Gear?

We are accepting any extra goggles, mittens, or neck gators left over after the season. If you are no longer using them, will you please consider giving them to RSES to use during Learn To Ski? Just drop them off at the Front Office at your convenience.



Menu Changes April 10th and 11th

We are going to flip flop the menu for the days of April 10th and 11th. On Monday, April 10th will be Chili Fries and April 11th will be pizza!



Leave it to Ludwig Presented by Bravo! Vail Music Festival



April 7th from 1:30-2:30 in Gym

In the fantastical and funny *Leave it to Ludwig*, Ludwig van Beethoven magically appears to help a young pianist master the maestro’s music. Full of true stories from Beethoven’s life and dramatic excerpts from his compelling string quartets and piano music, this one-hour performance is a perfect opportunity for kids ages six and up and their families to discover the joys of live classical music.

Composer Bruce Adolphe—Director of Family Programs at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center—brings Beethoven to life while 2017 Bravo! Vail Piano Fellow and Curtis Institute of Music graduate Jenny Chen plays the young student. The talented Zorá String Quartet help perform some of Beethoven’s greatest pieces.



April 2017

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 3-4pm PTO Meeting ✧ 3-4pm Basketball ✧ 2:50-4pm Choir 	5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 4:30-6:00pm Math Night - sponsored by YouthPower365: Free! Open to ALL families! 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 8:30am - 2:25pm 1st to Walking Mountains ✧ 3-4pm Basketball ✧ 2:50-4pm Choir 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 8:15am Kinder to Vail Public Library ✧ 1:30-2:30pm Bravo Concert for 1st-5th (gym)
10	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 6:00pm Celebrate the Beat Show (gym) 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 8am-3pm Kindergarten Round Up ✧ 8:30am-2:25pm 4th to Walking Mountains ✧ 3-4pm Accountability Mtg 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 2:50-4pm Choir 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 1st Graders to Vail Public Library ✧ 2017 Teacher Nominations Due To Front Office
17 	<u>SPRING BREAK!</u>			21 
24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 5th Grade Puberty Talk 	25	26	27	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ 8:15am 1st to Vail Public Library

Next Month...

- ✧ 5th Revolutionary War Reenactment at Maloit Park (5/1 All Day)
- ✧ PTO Meeting (5/2 at 3pm)
- ✧ Vail Children's Choir Show "A Kid's Life" (5/4 at 6:30pm)
- ✧ Spring Musical Grades K-5th (5/11 at 5:30pm)
- ✧ 5th Grade Orientation Day at HPS (5/15 All Day)
- ✧ 5th Grade Track Meet at BMHS (5/16)

- ✧ 4th Grade Mesa Verde Trip 5/16-5/19
- ✧ Accountability Meeting (5/17 at 3pm)
- ✧ 1st Grade Play (5/18 at 11am)
- ✧ 4th Quarter Tiger Awards (5/19 at 2:15pm)
- ✧ Book Safari Assembly (TBD week of 5/22)
- ✧ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (5/25)



COUNSELING CORNER!

with Miss Millette

March Counseling Themes and Lessons

"Having disagreements is important, and healthy, but only if you disagree and keep a level of respect present while saying your point of view. Too many times we forget to keep respect in our disagreements, and that is when people get hurt feelings, feel like they aren't heard, or get frustrated with others' opinions. In March, we had a lesson on ways to make sure we are always showing respect, even when we may be having a disagreement. There are a lot of strategies to keep a disagreement respectful and kind.

****How can you turn a disrespectful argument into a respectful one? What are some strategies you can remember to help you stay on a respectful track?**

***ANGER!!!** What makes you feel angry? Are there other feelings underneath the anger that may be leading you to have this strong feeling? If we stop and think about other feelings that could be underneath our anger, like sadness, loneliness, frustration, or embarrassment, we may be better able to successfully manage our feelings. By understanding our feelings we can practice strategies and skills to help us calm down when we have a strong feeling to think clearly and not make a choice we may regret when we are blinded by emotions.

****What other feelings may be underneath your anger? How do you deal with anger when it arises? What are some strategies you have to calm yourself down from a strong feeling?**

R-Respect

"When we exercise our character trait of compassion, we are helping others out in a time of need. By showing compassion, we help to uplift others and uplift ourselves as well. It feels really good when we know we helped a friend out. In March, we successfully participated in the campaign Pennies for Patients! Our three week fundraiser had a big turnout! Red Sandstone raised \$673.00!!!! I couldn't be more proud of our little guys and the compassion they showed in this fundraiser, and continue to show every day in little ways.

****What does it look like if you show compassion at school? What about at home? How can you show compassion to your community or people all around the world?**

S-Succeed

E-Excel

S-Solve

"A little consideration, a little thought for others, makes all the difference" - Project Wisdom

