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RSES is a collaborative learning environment inspiring excellence for all.

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Dear Parents,

At the beginning of the school year, students in fifth through twelfth grade across the district participated in the Gallup Student Poll. This poll provides information for the schools regarding how well we are engaging and preparing students currently and for the future. It quantitatively measures four areas: engagement, hope, entrepreneurial aspiration and career/financial literacy. Starting this month and continuing over the next three months, I will present the meaning of an area, our school's score, and next steps we can take to be ready for tomorrow.

Engagement, according to the Gallup Poll, is the involvement in and enthusiasm for school. There are nine questions related to engagement. The questions ask students about the importance of schoolwork, how safe they feel, if they have friends and teachers who care about them, and if they have the opportunity to learn at school. Red Sandstone scored a 4.5 out of a possible 5. The district average was 3.9. Not only was this Red Sandstone's highest score out of the four areas, it was also the highest score across the district! I am so proud of our Tigers and Teachers.

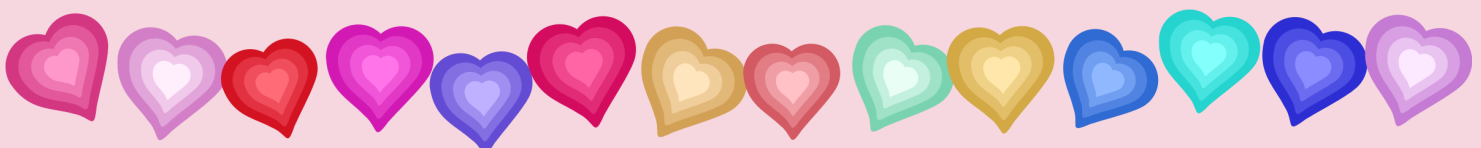
There are several ways we can continue to promote engagement at school and at home. Ask your child...

- What was the best/most challenging/most interesting/weirdest thing that happened at school today? Why?
- What do you think you do best? What do you love to do each day?
- What do you wish you could spend more time doing? How is this related to what you want to do when you grow up?

RSES is an amazing school, with eager learners, engaging teachers, and involved parents. Thank you for helping us educate your children!

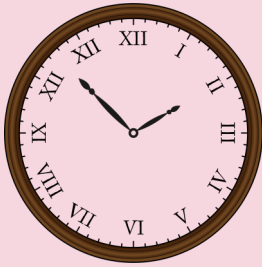
Respectfully,

Marcie Laidman, Principal



Tigers to be on time for School Everyday

It is extremely important that we get our RSES Tigers to their classrooms on time every morning. When our Tigers come in late it disrupts the classroom, affects the lunchroom count and causes them to miss out on their academics, as teachers start their day right away. Every Tiger should be at the school before the 7:55am bell.



4th Grade Science Experiment

In 4th grade science we are studying energy. The students built solar ovens to demonstrate the concept of energy transformation. They recorded their observations and drew conclusions about what happened and why. Most importantly, they were able to enjoy the s'mores that they cooked after the experiment was over.

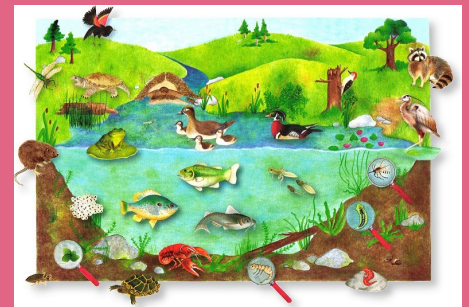
2nd and 3rd Graders Explore at the Walking Mountains Science Center

Our Tigers have been visiting the Walking Mountains Science Center this year. This month, our 2nd and 3rd Graders will up on their explorer hats and go to Walking Mountains Science Center located in Avon. During their day trip, students are split into field groups where they spend the day exploring our local ecosystem and learning about who and what lives here. They also learn about what specific plants and animals needs to survive in their ecosystem. Students get hands-on experience learning about the local animal habitats in a fun and interactive way.



Step into the Classroom: 2nd Grade

Our second graders are currently working on standard and metric measurement in math. They have been using the math workshop model to solve real world problems related to measurement. In Science, they are studying ecosystems, including the living and non-living things in each type of ecosystem. Students are also learning about structural and behavioral adaptations that help animals survive in their ecosystems. The second graders will be beginning their self-directed animal research projects next week, where they will create the questions that they want to research for an animal from a specific ecosystem. They will then research to find the answers to their questions, and put together a final project to show what they've learned.



February 2017

MONDAY

Follow us on Facebook to see all events, updates, and the happenings at [Red Sandstone Elementary School](#)



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

1

• 3-4:30pm Design Advisory Group Meeting (Library)

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• 3-4pm Basketball
• 2:50-4pm Choir

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• Kinder to Vail Public Library
• 6-7:30am Valentines Day Dance

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7

• 3-4pm PTO Meeting (Library)
• 3-4pm Basketball

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• 3rd Graders to Walking Mountain Science Center
• 6:00pm District Spelling Bee at Homestead Peak

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• 2nd Graders to Walking Mountain
• 5th Grade to Denver Museum (Overnight)
• 2:50-4pm Choir
• 3-4pm Basketball

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• 5th Graders returns from Denver
• 1st Graders to Vail Public Library
• Kinder report cards go home

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• Choir—CANCELLED

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Mid-Winter Break: School Closed

• Basketball—CANCELLED

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• 3-4pm Basketball

22

• 3-4:30pm Design Advisory Group Meeting (Library)

23

• 3-4pm Basketball
• 2:50-4pm Choir

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• 2nd Graders to Vail Public Library

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• Class Pictures

Next Month...

- Jump Rope for Heart
- Parent/Teacher Conference (3/23 & 3/28)
- Teacher Workday, No School for Students (3/20)



COUNSELING CORNER!

with Miss Millette

January Counseling Themes and Lessons

"Abraham Lincoln once said that he believed each of us had a responsibility as a citizen to try and do our very best each and every day. Do you agree with this? When we come to school and try our best and keep a growth mindset, it helps us build strong, positive character traits. We realized that when we try our best, we share a lot of the same character traits as some of our heroes in history, such as Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The stronger character we build, the most successful we will be.

[What character traits do you show when you practice doing your best with a growth mindset?](#)

"Being a hero doesn't mean you fly around with a cape and save the world. We can have many everyday heroes in our hometown that help keep us safe and healthy, like the firefighters, police officers, and doctors. We are all heroes when we show compassion, respect, and support one another in times of need. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a hero to many people. He had what we call, a winning heart; a heart full of love and peace. When we show more love and peace toward one another, instead of anger and hate, we all win.

[What are some ways you can be a hero at school? At home? In your community?](#)

"It really isn't that hard to be kind! Showing kindness and completing simple acts of kindness can go a long way. Each child created a quilt patch for our RSES Kindness Quilt which is displayed in our main hallway. Please take some time to see all of the wonderful acts of simple kindness our students have done. Try and complete just one simple act of kindness each day. How do you feel when you treat someone with kindness and respect?

[What are some ways you can show simple kindness?](#)

R-Respect

S-Succeed

E-Excel

S-Solve

"You never lose by being kind." -American Proverb

