

Falcon Families,

We can't believe March is upon us already. We are ready for warmer weather and all the good things that come with it. I want to take a moment to thank our Production Team. These ladies support us with all of our projects as well as outside on the playground. During the month of February, they facilitated a transformation of our school. Every wall was decorated with hearts. Students were able to write positive messages to one another. It was an amazing month to focus on making another person's day! We appreciate these ladies who help us have such a positive climate in our school.

We would also like to celebrate our Specials Team. Have you talked with your child about their weekly rotations? Our School Community Council approved funding for our fantastic Theater teacher, Mr. Spencer Duncan. He leads our team of PE, computers, and library specialists that create such a positive experience for students each and every week. We are so grateful for the expertise that they bring and the excitement they create in our school. They do a fantastic job with students.

Our Golden Gate pledge for the month of March is, "I will INCLUDE everyone!" This is such a great pledge to help us focus on making our school an inclusive environment for all students. In our virtual assembly, I read several books to talk about how important it is to create an inclusive environment. I tell our students often that my number one job at Elk Meadows is to keep students safe. My goal is that each and every student feels safe at Elk Meadows. We are excited to provide students with some great tools this month to reach out and include others.

We have so much going on during the month of March. Here are the highlights. For our upper grade students, we are going to help them get excited about end of year RISE testing. We are holding the Rise Olympics for students in 3rd - 6th grades. To promote attendance during our testing window, we will be offering tickets to each student everyday they are on time. We will also be offering tickets for students during the test as they show their work and take their time. Those tickets will be redeemed for prizes as we visit classrooms at the end of the testing window. More information will be coming soon so be on the lookout!

Some of you might remember last year we sent out an Educational Request Form. This form allows for parent input as we begin the process to place students in classes for the 2021-2022 school year. If you feel like our placement team will benefit from your input, please watch for the information to come home on how to complete the form.

Grade Transmittal Day: March 19th (No small groups or homework assigned)

Virtual Parent Teacher Conferences: March 24th and 25th (watch for sign-up soon)

Parent Teacher Comp Day: March 26th (No small groups or homework assigned)

Spring Break: March 29th – April 2nd

Thanks for your support,

Tiffany Smith