

Falcon Families,

I can't believe that we have arrived in May. We are winding down our school year and have big plans for the end of the year to celebrate. For our last full month at school, we are focusing on the final Golden Gate Pledge, "I will be my best self!" In our virtual assembly, we read two different books, *The World Needs Who You Were Made to Be* and *The Barking Mouse*. Both books talked about how our differences are what makes our world great. This month we want to help students understand the importance of being their best self, that means focusing on traits or skills that might be unique to them. Help your child identify things about them that make them great! Help them identify how they can use that trait to help others.

I want to take a second and celebrate Mrs. Emily Crane one of our fantastic 5th grade teachers. She was nominated and won teacher of the year! We are so proud of the work she does at Elk Meadows with our students. Congratulations Mrs. Crane!!! So glad you are part of our Falcon Family.

We would also like to thank the PTA and our fantastic community for the wonderful celebration for Teacher Appreciation this week. Our amazing Elk Meadows teachers sure do deserve to be celebrated!

I am so proud of all of our students who are working hard during our end of level testing. We are excited for them to cash in their tickets on May 24th and celebrate the end of RISE testing together.

The end of the year is going to be so much fun, below you will find our schedule.

May 31st: Memorial Day No School
June 1st: School-wide chalk art and picnic lunch
June 2nd: School-wide field day
Grades 1st-3rd 9:00-11:00
Grades 4th-6th 1:00-3:00
AM Kinder 9:30-10:30
PM Kinder 1:30-2:30
June 3rd: 6th Grade vs. Staff Kickball tournament
Meet next year's teachers, report cards go home
June 4th: All students invited to attend 9:00-1:00
Lunch will not be served
Transportation will run their normal routes during these hours

Please remember to send your child with a water bottle and sunscreen on our Field Day. We are excited to end this year with so many fun activities!!!

Let's celebrate us conquering so many hard things this year,
Tiffany Smith