

Falcon Families,

We are so excited for the month of February and all the fun things we have going on during the month of love. Our Golden Gate pledge is, "I will make someone's day." In our virtual assembly we talked about ways to make others' day! I talked about ways that students at our school make my day; offering a smile or a kind comment, telling me something they did over the weekend, picking up garbage or helping one of their friends.

We will be doing our fourth annual Elk Meadows Kindness Week during the week of February 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more information to come home with daily kindness challenges and the opportunity to earn a fun prize from our PTA. On February 14<sup>th</sup>, Valentine's Day, teachers will be doing Valentines themed curriculum-based activities and having a class celebration. If you choose to send Valentine treats or cards, please send one for every child in the class. Please put no names on the "to" line of the card to speed up the passing out process for students. Teachers will have students decorate a Valentine bag for their treats and cards, no need to send a box from home. Please look for more information from your child's teacher about specifics in each classroom.

Huge shout out to our School Community Counsel who used funds from our Yearbook sales last year to purchase recess carts for our upper and lower grades. These carts have brand new brightly colored equipment that makes recess a great time for everyone!

Our school had the opportunity to work with the Playworks organization this year to help set and establish our recess expectations. One thing that they learned is how to Ro-Sham-Bo (or rock, paper, scissors) to solve problems on the playground or with their friends. You might use this simple game in your home to help solve disputes. We have been finding this very helpful this year! For a fun new game have your family try a Ro-Sham-Bo competition! Your kiddos will be able to tell you how to play!

We are registering Kindergarten students right now. If you have neighbors who will be joining us and might not have received this newsletter, please send them our way. It's so important for us to know our numbers in advance to ensure adequate space for each child who will be attending. Registering now helps us make plans; please stop by or call our front office for more information. Our Kindergarten Orientation has gone virtual so register now to get your Kindergartners excited for school!!!

Important February dates:

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Virtual Wellness Day, no students at school

February 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>: Kindness Week

February 20<sup>th</sup>: Presidents Day, no school

February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00

February 23<sup>rd</sup>: Parent Teacher Conferences 1:30-6:00

February 24<sup>th</sup>: Parent Teacher Conf. teacher compensation day, no students at school

I appreciate all your support,

Tiffany Smith