



Sisters Elementary School

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Principal's Message

Here at Sisters Elementary School, we are privileged to have an amazing team serving our students. In May we will honor and celebrate all of our staff rather than on their individual national days; however, I would like to highlight a few of our phenomenal team members this month. February 4-8 is the week to honor school counselors. Our school counselor, Jo Martinez, has been a wonderful addition to our staff. She supports our students with small, targeted groups on a weekly basis. Additionally she pushes into classrooms twice a month to give SEL (Socio-emotional Learning) lessons; this model is based on best practices that recommend collaborative teaching and support of students by both counselor and classroom teacher. She supervises our students on the playground during lunch, providing interventions and valuable insight into student social needs during their recesses. She also works with our fourth grade leadership students helping them to connect service and leadership. Additionally she is available for individual student and family supports in a variety of areas. Please do not hesitate to reach out to her for help. We appreciate her expertise and leadership!



March 4-8 is Classified Employee appreciation week. A big thank you to our Classified Staff! At Sisters Elementary School, we are grateful to work with such an outstanding group of people. They bring a sense of professionalism and joy to work each and every day. We rely on their expertise, caring, and dedication to the students that they serve. SES would not function without all of the hard work that classified staff contributes to the safety and learning of every child at our school. Our classified employees do everything from transporting our students to school, working one-on-one with a child, cleaning our school, cooking our school lunches, monitoring recess and students crossing the streets and parking lot, to teaching students to learn mathematics and literacy skills. They manage our library, answer the phones, apply bandages, administer medication, polish our floors, register our students, and take care of all of kids. "Thanks" to our exceptional classified employees for their hard work and dedication.

As we move into spring we begin to consider plans for the coming school year. One of those areas of focus for us is parent engagement. We want to provide meaningful opportunities for our parents and community to engage with our school. We would love your input and ideas on how we can grow in this area as you, the parents are extremely important partners to our endeavors. If you have skills that you feel could benefit our students, please let me know. I would love to think creatively with you on how we could incorporate those skills into making our school a better community and learning space for all of our students.

I know many of you have questions about how we will make up our snow days. We will be communicating with all of you as soon as there is a concrete plan in place. We appreciate your patience as we figure this out.

I would encourage you to consider having your student create a balloon car and submit an art project for our Science Fair on 3/16. Our community partner, Sisters Science Club, invests countless hours to make this event such a wonderful success for our students and community.

My door is always open!

Joan Warburg
Principal

SES March Calendar

Monday, March 4 - 20: PB & J Drive

Thursday, March 7: Character Award Assembly, 2:15 @ SES

Friday, March 8: No School, Teacher In-Service

Tuesday, March 12: SPTC General Meeting, 6:30 pm @ Rancho Viejo

Thursday, March 14: Targeted Parent Conferences, 3:30-7:30 pm

Friday, March 15: No School. Targeted Parent Conferences, 7:30-11:30 am

Saturday, March 16: Sisters Science Fair at SHS

Saturday, March 16: Kids Choir Festival at Bend High 3:30pm Mass Choir Performance

Monday, March 25 - Friday, April 5: Spring Break!! (no school)



From the Front Office

- ❖ If you have any extra clothing we are always short in the school office and would greatly appreciate anything you can donate. Also, if your child comes home wearing clothes from the school please try to remember to wash them and return them to us.
- ❖ We will have a lock down drill on Wednesday, March 6. This is a state mandated activity and our SRO, Brent Crosswhite, will be helping coordinate the event. Please be assured that we will be explaining things very simply and positively for our students prior in order to not raise their anxiety levels. Additionally, you may want to follow up and discuss with your student.
- ❖ March 14 and 15 will be our Targeted Spring Conferences. Our teachers will be conferencing with parents whose students indicate a need for additional supports. Your child's teacher will be in contact with you. We will be conferencing March 14 from 3:30-7:30 PM and March 15 from 7:30-11:30 AM. There will be no school Friday, March 15.
- ❖ March 8 is a Professional Development day for staff; these days are critically important for staff in learning best practices and preparing for student instruction. There will be no school that day.



The staff wishes you and your family a fun, restful and happy Spring Break!
School will not be in session March 25 – April 5.

Battle of the Books

Over 40 students in grades 3 & 4 participated in this year's Battle of the Books Competition! Congratulations to all of our enthusiastic readers for a great season! Our "Rapid Readers" 4th grade team was our SES champion. They will be competing against the SMS 5th grade team next week. Regionals are March 9 at SMS – Come cheer on our champion 3rd-5th grade team!



Thank you Deirdre Kanzig, third grade teacher, for providing this exciting opportunity for our students. We had an exciting competition that included lots of student teams reading. The mission of Battle of the Books is to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, promote academic excellence, and to promote cooperative learning and teamwork among students.

Chess Club

On Saturday, February 16th our chess club competed at a regional competition in Bend. Congratulations to the following winners who represented our school: Carter Roach & Ainsley Frutos tied in 3rd place; McKinzie Frutos placed 4th place; Tristan Harry, Siena King, Mac Maloney and Jackson Vogt tied for 5th place.



Thank you, Jennifer and Stephen King for working with our Chess Club students.

Sisters Science Fair/SciArt Contest (*see attached*)

The Sisters Science Fair is Saturday, March 16. Students will have the opportunity to bring a balloon car for competition. Competitors must complete and submit an Elementary Students Balloon Car Entry Form (available from teachers or at the Sisters Elementary School front office) on or before Friday, March 1. Teams may be comprised of one or more individuals.

The Sisters Science Fair is also hosting an Elementary SciArt Contest. Competitors can draw, color or paint their very own ideas on regular art paper. Make sure that the competitors name, grade and teacher's name are on the artwork. The deadline to submit entries is Friday, March 1. Completed artwork can be submitted to the competitor's teacher or to the Sisters Elementary School front office.

Jump Rope for Heart

Sisters Elementary School is excited to partner with the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart program again this year. JRFH is an activity that focuses on healthy living, the importance of physical fitness and community service!

Our school's Jump Rope for Heart activity is set for Tuesday March 19th during PE/Music. Envelopes are due Tuesday March 19th should your student choose to participate by raising funds for the American Heart Association, all students



will jump rope in PE for the next month!

Thank you for your support and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Thomas

Lost and Found

Our lost and found carts are FULL of coats, snow pants, water bottles, scarves, headbands, sweatshirts and more! Most go unclaimed and you, the parents, end up buying new ones. PLEASE, take a minute and put your child's name/room number on the label so we can get these items back to their owners. Please double check the Lost and Found as soon as possible. We will be bagging these up to donate to a local charity.



Nutrition Services

We have had a great time with your students so far this school year and look forward to introducing them to many more new and exciting menu items over the balance of the year.

Our new menu items, fish sticks and chicken patties, were a hit! We will continue to have the student's favorites and rotate in new menu items as they become available.

Our salad bars are packed with many choices daily. The students look forward to piling fruits and veggies on their trays to complement their menu choice. We continue to incorporate new "different" offerings on our salad bars to continue the teachings of choices and variety in foods.



Milk, Chocolate Milk, & Juice

Milk (1%), Chocolate Milk (Non-Fat), and Juice (100%) cost \$.60 each.

It is the policy of Nutrition Services that A La Carte items cannot be charged. A single milk or juice is considered an A La Carte item – monies must be available in order for the A La Carte item to be allowed. For those students with dairy allergies, juice is available as an alternate for milk with a note from their doctor on file in nutrition services and with the school nurse.

Charging meals

Complete meals may be charged. Please monitor your child's Outlaw Café account to remain in good standing and keep unpaid meals to a minimum. Negative balance notices are sent weekly to the email address we have on file for your family. Please keep your student contact information up to date. Students with no money reserve on their account will not be turned away from a complete meal, unless we have a note on file from parents stating not to allow this. With this parental request in place, the child will be turned away from receiving a meal at the register.

Elementary school meals are \$2.10 for breakfast and \$2.85 for lunch.

Adult meals are \$3.00 for breakfast and \$4.00 for lunch.

Thank you for your continued support

Terri, Angelena, and Trudy

The Lunch Ladies Extraordinaire

From the Nurse

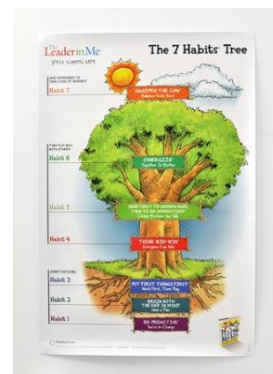
Winter is definitely here! I have a ton of kids coming in with complaints of dry cracked lips and kids having bloody noses. Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle and encourage them to drink plenty of water while at home. Also I am occasionally seeing children on the playground without gloves and hats. If this is a hardship please have your child check with me as we have some donated winter apparel.



Thank you, Beth BSN RN

Counselor's News

In our counseling classroom lessons we are starting to explore the 7 Habits of Highly Successful Students. The first half of March we are still digging into Habit #2: Start With the End in Mind. We have been working on setting goals and putting a plan in place for how to reach those goals. The second half of March we will be looking at how Habit #1: Be Proactive and Habit #2 work with what we have covered so far this year with Kelso's Wheel of Conflict Resolution Choices and the Zones of Regulation. At home talk to your student about setting a goal and decide how they/both of you together will reach that goal. Maybe the goal is for your student to make their bed every morning for a week. What will they have to do to reach that goal and be proactive? Will they need to wake up 5 minutes earlier? Or will they need to get ready for school faster? Discuss ideas with your student!



Social Emotional Learning

Our Character Trait for March is Acceptance.

Acceptance – We are all different and we are all the same. Our differences make us unique individuals. Every student in this school is different and that is a wonderful thing! How boring would life be if we were all the same? The goal is to be accepting of our diversities!



Fridays are school spirit day- Show Outlaw pride by wearing black and white on Fridays

Student Assessment News

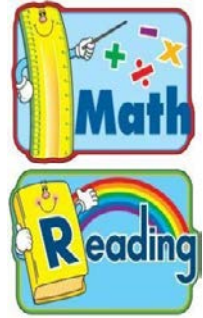
One major part of spring involves state and district assessments. Our English Learners will be completing their ELPA tests in March prior to Spring Break. The majority of our SBAC testing will occur May 6-17 with make-up testing the following week. Please help support your 3rd or 4th grade student by ensuring that they are at school on time each day, well rested and having eaten a good nutritious breakfast. We also encourage you to help them relax when they arrive home and to pursue activities such as art, music and physical activity to re-energize them. We appreciate your support in not scheduling appointments and other activities those two weeks; make-up testing is not ideal for a

student. Your classroom teacher will inform you of exactly when your 3rd or 4th grader will be assessed. If you wish to opt out- please get your opt out forms to the school office by March 15.

March Curriculum Tip:

Math Tip: When you are reading nonfiction look at numbers

- Talk about number information in charts, maps and graphs
- Compare amounts, sizes and distances
- Talk about the information the numbers give you



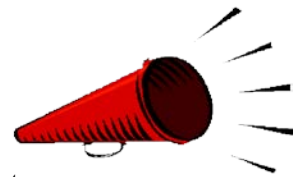
Reading Tip: Expose your child to nonfiction using newspapers, magazines, online articles and books

- Talk about captions, sidebars, diagrams, maps, charts and graphs.
 - Look for a particular a fact or section using the table of contents or index.
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Calling All Kindergartners

Kindergarten Round Up will be Friday, May 3 at Sisters Elementary School. There will be two session, 9-10 am and 12:30-1:30 pm.

Please watch for additional information to become available as we get closer to the date.



Deschutes Public Library

Royal Tea Party

Wear your finest for a taste of royalty, entertainment and refreshments.

Saturday, March 9, 1:00-2:00pm

Ages 2-11 yrs.

Remember, you can always visit the library Tuesday – Saturdays, ask Paige for a new book recommendation. See you at the library!

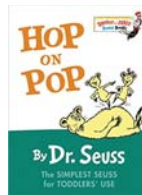


Read Across America Week

March 4th - March 7th

Monday: What Pet Should I Get?

Bring your favorite stuffed animal!

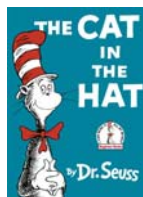
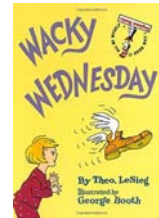


Tuesday: Hop On Pop

Hop to it! Dress for movement!

Wednesday: Wacky Wednesday

Wear wacky or inside out clothes!



Thursday: The Cat in the Hat

Wear your favorite hat!

Friday: No School

*Green Eggs & Ham will be served for school lunch
on Thursday!

