



FEBRUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

February is here and things are moving right along at school, busy as ever. We always see so much student growth from January-March ... it's a fun time to be at school! Included below are some items that will help you navigate the month at school, including calendar items.

Science Fair

Our science fair is coming up Feb 20th (6th gr), Feb 21 (5th gr) and Feb 22 (4th gr). Our PTA does an excellent job of supporting us by arranging for judges. If you are free any of those mornings from 9 am-10:30 am, please click on the sign-up below to help us out. We will train you on what you need to know ... mainly we want to provide each student with an audience to explain his/her project. No previous science experience necessary. We sincerely appreciate ANY and ALL hands for judging the science fair!!

Science Fair Sign-Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4eaaac23a2f58-science1>

Open Enrollment

Remember the deadline for early open enrollment is Fri, Feb 16. This is the process anybody must go through to attend a school where he/she does not reside in its boundary. Special attention to our 6th gr students in dual-immersion that are not in Springville Jr High's boundaries - make sure to open enroll to Springville Jr by this deadline. If anybody is at Sage Creek under open enrollment, you do not have to reapply each year (you only have to reapply to go to another school such as the jr high). If you miss the Feb 16 deadline, you may still apply for open enrollment, but you will not receive an answer until Aug, a week or so before school begins after registration for boundary students has occurred and a school knows its enrollment numbers. Applying for early open enrollment significantly increases your chances of being accepted into your desired school and you will hear back by mid-March so you can plan accordingly.

To apply for open enrollment, you can go to the district office (350 S Main, Spanish Fork) or apply online at www.nebo.edu - click Information, then Open Enrollment. There is a \$5 processing fee.

Coding Classes

We are extremely fortunate to have partnered with Inside Sales who are in "year 2" of working with us in teaching our 4th-6th gr students the basic principles of computer coding. In Oct-Dec, each Fri afternoon, our 4th gr traditional students (non dual-immersion), looked forward to software engineers from Inside Sales who came and instructed our students on the language of coding. Beginning in Jan, our 5th and 6th gr



traditional students began the same journey. As this is year 2, our students have mastered the basics and are moving on to intermediate skills. It's delightful to watch our students master a new skill, especially one so vital to the 21st century. While we hope to spark a new interest in students and expose them early to something they can pursue, any industry in the future will depend heavily on students who utilize the computational thinking that coders engage in. We are having a great time learning coding!

Stakeholder Survey

Within the next week, you will receive an email inviting you to participate in an online survey about our school. There will also be a link on the district website. The entire district is asked to participate in this survey so you will receive one and asked to complete one for all of your student's teachers. While this survey is mandated at a state level, we look at it as an opportunity to grow and learn and sincerely appreciate each and every comment. Please take a moment to fill it out, it would mean a lot to us!

Valentine's Day

Many thanks to our wonderful room mothers who put on Valentine's Day class celebrations! If you're a room mom and haven't had a chance yet, please reach out to your child's teachers ... or if you aren't a room mom, but want to help, please let your teacher know. We would LOVE that!

Calendar Items

Feb 14 - Valentine's Day, PTA room mom class parties

Feb 16 - Chinese New Year

Feb 19 - President's Day, no school

Feb 20 - 6th gr Science Fair

Feb 21 - 5th gr Science Fair

Feb 22 - 4th gr Science Fair

Feb 27 - Assembly with Ballet West

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Please make sure to LIKE us and FOLLOW us on Facebook as well as check out our school website ... lots of great resources to help keep you organized and current with school happenings, including a school calendar.

We sure love your kids - thanks for sharing them with us each day.