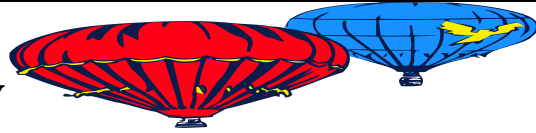
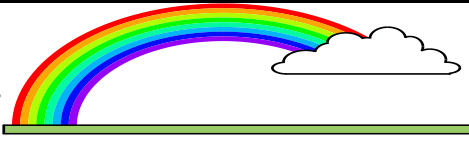


Nelson Family



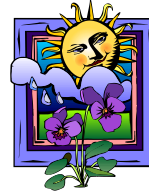
Newsletter



Michael Mitchener, Principal / 2 Pages Wed. April 5, 2017

Academic Achievement Priority #1

April News



Upcoming Events

Today, Wed. April 5---8:00 a.m. Bus Evacuation Drills
Thurs. April 6---6:30 p.m. General P.T.A. Mtg. in the Media Center
Fri. April 7---“Star Parties”
Sat. April 8---2:30 p.m. Nelson Singers to Haysville Community Art Fair
Fri. April 14---No School
Mon. April 17---No School
Fri. April 21---6:00 p.m. Doors open for Movie Night & “Sing” is showing
Sat. April 22---Nelson P.T.A. Spring Boutique Shopping
Mon. April 24---Assessment “Effort Buck Store”
Wed. April 26---Administrative Assistants / Secretary Day
May 1-5---Teacher Appreciation Week
Tues. May 2---1:30 p.m. Kindergarten Round Up
Wed. May 3---1:15 p.m. Nelson Band & Orchestra Program in the Gym
Wed. May 3---5:30 p.m. Site Council Mtg.
Fri. May 5---Nelson Field Day
Tues. May 9---7:00 p.m. District 5th Grade Band Concert at Nelson
Thurs. May 11---7:00 p.m. District Orchestra Program at Nelson
Wed. May 17---Pre-K Zoo Day
Thurs. May 18---Last Day of School / School out early
Fri. May 19---Teacher Work Day



No School-Parents, this is to remind you that school will **not be in session on Friday, April 14, and Monday, April 17, 2017.** Enjoy this special time with your family.

Assessments Kick Off



■State Assessments have now begun.

As always, we want students to do their very best as these tests are important. During the coming testing days, please make sure that students have plenty of sleep the nights before testing and a well-balanced breakfast on the days of testing. Your help in these important matters is greatly needed and appreciated. We look forward to another great year of testing with students giving it their very best.

Spring Attire / Clothing-Parents, please help your child watch the weather and dress appropriately. Students will go outside for recess each day, weather permitting. Please do not let students wear shorts until the weather is consistently warm/hot outside. Short shorts and crop tops/halter tops are also discouraged. It is essential to maintain a learning environment these last few weeks of school.



Kindergarten Round Up for 2017-18-



We are currently searching for future Kindergarten students who will be five years old on or before August 31, 2017. **Kindergarten Round Up is scheduled at Nelson on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.** This will be back in the Cafeteria. We are developing a mailing list of those parents with Kindergarten students for next year. Nelson Parents, if you know of a child / children who will be in Kindergarten; please remind their parents to be at this important meeting.



Field Day



- Field Day is just around the corner and we still need volunteers. Anyone interested in helping with **Field Day on Friday, May 5;** please sign up or contact Mrs. Duling as soon as possible. You can have a delightful day and help out in the process!

Literacy First News-Kansas College and Career Ready Standards (CCRS) are high-quality academic expectations that were created by experts and teachers. These research and evidence based standards were developed to ensure students are prepared to enter a world (after high school) in which colleges and businesses are demanding more and students can be successful. The CCRS helps develop and build your child's critical-thinking, problem-solving and analytical skills in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics.

Students in third, fourth, and fifth grades have recently started taking the state assessments here at Nelson. The students have to do more than find the answers and complete basic tasks. They will be using reasoning skills, working through more complex problems, and even doing research on a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts.

Sample of the old state assessment reading question:

What is this passage mainly about? (gives A,B,C,D choices)

Sample of the new reading question:

The narrator of the story helps the reader understand the grandfather by (gives A,B,C,D choices)

Pre-school through second grade teachers are hard at work creating rigorous lessons that will help their students develop skills in reading, writing, speaking & listening and math. Students are also applying these skills to other areas such as science and social studies. The earlier the core concepts are taught in these grades, the more time it gives teachers to implement them, and students to master them.

If you have any questions about College and Career Ready Standards, please contact your child's teacher, myself or check out these websites: <http://bit.ly/1docknr> and www.ksde.org
Teresa Miller, Learning Facilitator