



Chipeta Elementary
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IMPORTANT DATES

January

1st-5th - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

8th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workday

9th - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

12th - School of Choice Window Opens

15th - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

17th - PTO Meeting @ 4:15

23rd - 1st Day Back to REC

26th - School of Choice Window Closes

26th - NO REC

30th - Cooking Matters @ Garden Village Apartments

February

2nd - REC 1st Graders to Library

7th - Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

8th - Parent Teacher Conferences
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

19th - NO SCHOOL - President's Day

22nd - 4th Grade Music Program

27th - Cooking Matters @ Garden Village Apartments

Dear Chipeta Families!

Happy New Year! We hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with excitement for new adventures that await us in 2024. As we step into January, we want to let you know some important reminders.

Picking Up Students Early - We have many family members picking students up in the last 30 minutes of school, rather than waiting for the bell. This can be challenging as the students are working up until the last minute, and also, it can be challenging for the office staff to field such a high volume of early pick ups when we are also taking last minute calls and getting messages to students. We are requesting that you do not pick up your student early if you do not have a scheduled appointment or other event that can't wait. We really appreciate your help with this!

Cold Months, Staying Warm and Safety - Please remind your students that when they see cones on the playground, that is an area to avoid, not toys to play with. We will continue to do the same. Also, please be sure your student has warm gear for the mornings on the playground as we rotate students in and out of breakfast, to the playground from 8:25am-8:55am. If it is 10 degrees or warmer (with the windchill included) we are going outside in the mornings.

***To receive text alerts from D51 and Chipeta, please opt in by texting YES to 67587 now. This is the way to get text alerts that are easy to see quickly. Be sure we have your up to date email address also. If we have a weather related closure or delayed start, email and text are the ways our district and school will reach out. This is also the way our district communicates safety events within our schools.**

Gratitude to our Chipeta Community - Thank you so much for sharing your students with us. We are always proud of our students, staff and families as they work positively to collaborate and engage in learning together so that our students can succeed and find high levels of growth! If you would like to get involved in the New Year, reach out to our main office, your classroom teacher and visit our PTO page on the Chipeta School website. We welcome family engagement any time of the year. Also be sure to follow us on FB!

Here is to an awesome new year!
Mrs. Chiaro



JANUARY



Congratulations to our Students of the Month for December

The theme was
"I can show EMPATHY to those around me"

Kindergarten:

Hamilton: Elsie J. & Jaylenn S

Martinez: Brodie A. & Nate O.

Orehek: Addilyn M. & Lilly S.

1st Grade:

Bertrand: Margot G.

Leist: Emma A. & Hadley R.

2nd Grade:

Kalenian: Marli M. & Paxtyn S.

Luna: Dehlilah M. & Sanora J.

Sanchez: Elizabeth M. & Gabe F.

3rd Grade:

Davis: David M. & Sincere A.

Tapia: Althea Z. & Matteo P.

Walters: Jude G. & Meryem H.

4th Grade:

Bell: Ella K. & Teigan T.

Henson: Adeline L. & Emily M.

Lee: Jaxon H. & Makenzie L.

5th Grade:

Garcia: Archer G. & Jordan T.

Hernandez: Madelynn B. & Savannah M.

Weagant: Andruw C.

BRRR, it's cold outside!

Please look and make sure your children are wearing warm clothing when they leave for school every morning. That includes coats, hats, gloves, warm pants and warm shoes/boots. It is also very helpful to put your child's name on coats, hats and gloves. We place any found items in the lost and found. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each quarter. Students are usually outside when the temperature is 10 degrees or above. Below 10 degrees, students have a choice to be outside or inside. At 0 degrees, all students are inside.

The gauge that we use is "feels like temperature"
that includes wind-chill.

If your student is going to be late or absent from school, please notify the office at 970-254-6825, ext. 1 before 9:00. After 4 unexcused absences and 5 unexcused tardies, a letter will be sent from the attendance office and a meeting will be scheduled with the assistant principal.

SCHOOL OF CHOICE WINDOW

The D51 School of Choice (SOC) window opens on January 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. and closes on Friday, January 26, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. This application is accessible through ParentVue. Families will receive an email on January 31st confirming your student's acceptance or denial status. Accepted applicants must solidify their position by submitting a notice of acceptance no later than February 7, 2024. If your student is already attending Chipeta on a school of choice.

We would like to invite all Chipeta parents to our PTO meetings. This is a new opportunity to learn what is going on at our school. It's a great way to get involved in your child's school. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 17th @ 4:15.

PTO Meeting

February Conferences

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on
February 7th and 8th from 4:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

These conferences are by invite only.
More information will follow at a later date.

Happy New Year from the staff at Chipeta!