

OCTOBER 2018

St. Francis Elementary

“Success is not something you happen upon.”
~University of Colorado, Denver

From the Principal:

It's hard to believe we are already in the month of October! We have had such a great school year so far!

Report cards will soon be coming home as we wrap up the first quarter of the school year. Please remember that the PowerSchool app is an excellent way to stay up to date on your child's progress between report cards.

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held the end of this month. Please plan to attend your child's conference at the designated time. We love seeing the hallways filled with parents!

~Ms. Raile



18 OR MORE DAYS

- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
- Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS

- Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
- When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES

- Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
- Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.

This year we continue to use our “bucket filling” concept to emphasize our three expectations throughout the building... “Be Safe”, “Be Responsible”, “Be Respectful”. Any time a student is seen displaying traits worthy of receiving a bucket fill slip, his/her name is added to the class bucket. Every staff member is recognizing students this year! Every week, at lunch, each class has a bucket filler name drawn. That student then receives a treat in the cafeteria and is recognized by the staff, along with their peers.

This year we have also been working our way through Second Step, which is our Social & Emotional Learning curriculum. Lessons vary from grade to grade, but include topics such as self-regulation, social skills, and empathy to name a few.

We also implemented our School-Wide Expectation matrix at the beginning of the school year. This emphasizes to all students and staff how to properly conduct themselves in all areas of the building. We are anxious to see growth in our students this year and as they move throughout their school careers.



October Spotlight Students



MADDOX KR̄EN

Maddox has been ready for school since day one! He is a great student and friend to all! He listens to directions and is very well behaved! I am very proud of him!



MAKAYLA HAYS

Makayla is an awesome third grader. She comes each day with a smile on her face & ready for a great day. Makayla is very positive and works well with all her peers. She is always prepared and takes extra steps to learn more. She is a joy to have in class.



MICHELLE QUEZADA

Michelle is such a sweet and caring little girl. She starts each day with a smile on her face. She is eager to learn new ideas and help her friends along the way. Keep up the good work, Michelle!



MACI WORKMAN

Maci comes to class prepared and ready for the day. She works hard in the classroom and does her best on everything. Maci's great attitude will take her far!



MCKENNA BRAZ

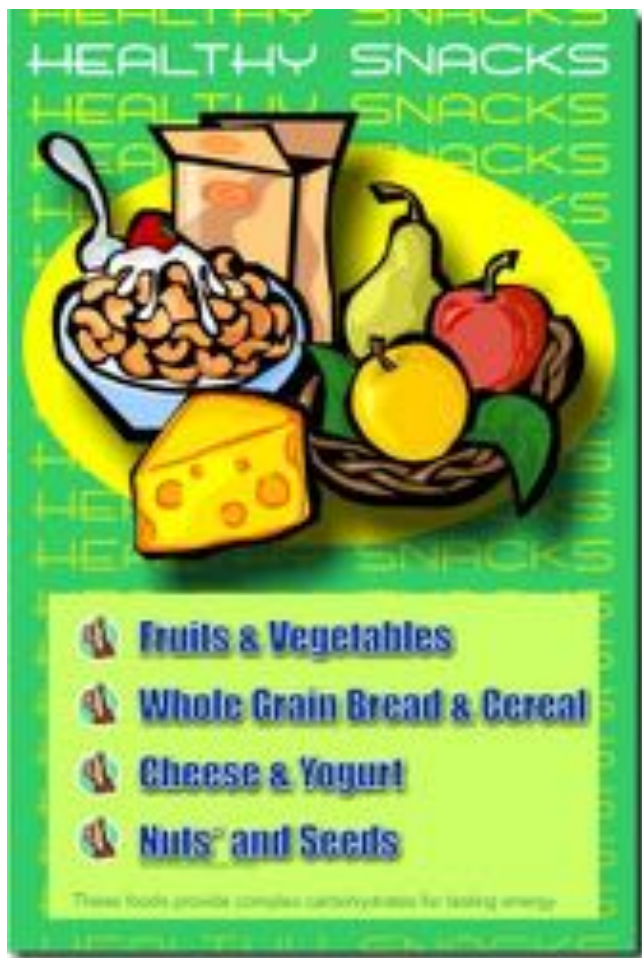
McKenna is one of those people who tries to be a friend to everyone. That makes me so happy! She loves to learn and is always one of the first people to tune in, ready for whatever we're doing next.



AUDRINA FERNANDEZ

Audrina is a responsible, hard working student. She brings positive energy and pizzazz to the classroom!

"SPOTLIGHT STUDENTS" ARE SELECTED BY EACH CLASSROOM TEACHER. THESE STUDENTS RISE ABOVE BY DISPLAYING ALL THE CHARACTERISTICS OF BEING GOOD BUCKET FILLERS. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



HALLOWEEN

It's officially October, and one of the main thoughts in our students' minds is Halloween!

We will celebrate Halloween at school on Wednesday, October 31. The annual spook parade will start at 10:30 in the grade school gym, then will continue down Main Street (weather permitting). The teachers have also requested *morning* parties this year. These will begin at 9:30 a.m. Please be in contact with your child's teacher about plans for the parties.

Costumes can be fun to pick out! Please be considerate of each other while choices are made. No gory, violent, etc. costumes will be allowed. Weapons (even fake) will also not be allowed at school.



SchoolWay is the easiest way to stay up to date on school and classroom activities! If you need help getting set up, please contact your classroom teacher or the office.

Due to allergies, please do not bring nuts/peanuts (or any foods that contain them) into the USD 297 schools.



In each homeroom classroom, teachers have a "Request a Selfie" board. When students are proud with the work they've done, they place a camera clothespin on their work. The teacher

then takes a picture and sends it out to the parents. The response that we've had to this is wonderful! Ask your child about this if you haven't received a positive text or email yet this year. Thanks for all your support at home!

Join PTO for the annual Festival on Wednesday, October 3, from 5:00-6:30 p.m. There will be games, bounce house, teacher pie face, food, and more. Fun for the whole family! Stop at the book fair and buy a book while you're there. Please bring one baked good per family for the cakewalk.



Tips for Parents for Parent-Teacher Conferences

During the school year, teachers will invite you to come to parent-teacher meetings (also called conferences).

Getting Started

- **What:** The conference is a meeting between you and your child's teacher.
- **When:** Your child's teacher will contact you to set up a meeting time.
- **Why:** The conference gives you a chance to talk with your child's teacher.

Questions

- **What will we talk about?** Your child's teacher will probably talk about your child's grades, classwork, homework, and behavior.
- **What will I learn?** You will learn more about your child's classes, and find out if your child is having problems.
- **What will the teacher ask me?** Teachers like to learn about students from their parents. No one knows your child better than you do. You can help the teacher by talking about:
 - What your child likes to do
 - Events that may affect your child (such as a new baby, divorce, or death)
 - Special medical and learning needs

Before the Conference

- Ask your child how she feels about school.
- Tell your child that you and the teacher are meeting to help her.
- Ask your child if there is anything that he wants you to talk about with his teacher.

During the Conference

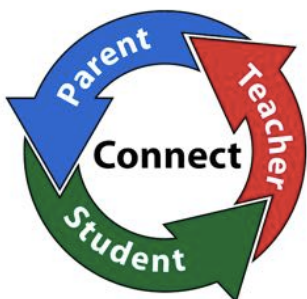
- Be on time for the meeting.
- Relax and be yourself.
- Ask the most important questions first.
- Ask for explanations of anything you don't understand.
- Thank the teacher.

After the Conference

- Talk about the conference with your child.
- Talk about the positive points, and be direct about problems.
- Tell your child about any plans you and the teacher created.
- Keep in touch with the teacher during the school year.

Things to Remember

- If you are invited to a conference, it doesn't mean your child is in trouble! Teachers try to meet with all parents.
- You and the teacher both want the very best for your child. You can help your child by working together as a team.



**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 29. PLEASE WATCH FOR
MORE INFORMATION TO BE SENT
HOME WITH YOUR CHILD.**





1st Grade - Douthit Farm



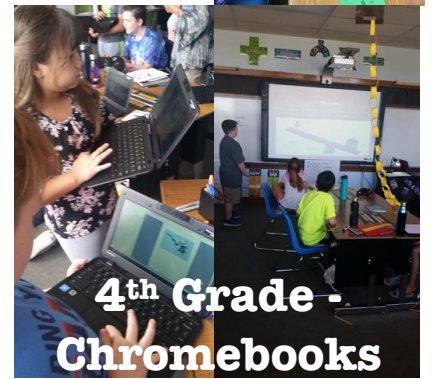
Kdg Number Walk



2nd Grade - Centers



3rd Grade Building Bridges



4th Grade - Chromebooks



5th Grade - Garden Cooking



SFCHS Homecoming





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 PTO Fall Festival 5:00-6:30 p.m.	4 JH Football (Hoxie) @ 4:30 p.m.	5	6
7 All times on this calendar at CENTRAL TIME	8 No School Teacher Inservice Columbus Day	9	10	11	12 End of First Nine Weeks	13
14	15	16 "Little Red Riding Hood" Program	17 Title 1 Parent Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.	18 K-5 Picture Retakes K-5 Fall Music Program 7:00 p.m.	19 HS Football (Atwood) @ 7:00 p.m.	20
21	22	23	24	25 "Seeds of Change" Program	26	27
28	29 No School Parent/Teacher Conferences	30	31 Happy Halloween Parties @ 9:30 Parade @ 10:30			

