



From the Principal:

Thank you for attending Parent-Teacher Conferences. We had a great turnout! We requested for all families to complete the Family Engagement Survey. We received amazing data and will continue to strive to make St. Francis Elementary a great school for all students. We were able to draw 10 families to receive a gift card to Cheyenne Theater. Enjoy some family time!

State Assessments will begin soon for grades 3-5. We will have a fun kick-off to prepare our students!

Thank you for helping us achieve academic success for every student!

Miss Raile



The Elementary School plans to celebrate Dr. Seuss' Read Across America Week March 2-6. We will have daily guest readers, fun theme days, and a school wide March Book Madness competition. Look for more information from your child's teacher about the reading competition.

Monday, March 2:

"Fox in Socks" - Wear your silliest or mismatched socks

Tuesday, March 3:

"Thing 1 & Thing 2" - Twin Day

Wednesday, March 4:

"Wacky Wednesday" - Wear your clothes backwards, inside out, or mismatched

Thursday, March 5:

"Cat in the Hat" - Dress as your favorite book character OR wear stripes

Friday, March 6:

"Oh the Places You'll Go" - Favorite college shirt or tourist wear





Sign up to receive important updates from St. Francis Elementary. Please contact your child's teacher or Miss Raile if you have questions.

Get information for St Francis Elementary School right on your phone—not on handouts.

Pick a way to receive messages for St Francis Elementary School:

A If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/draile

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.

B If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @draile to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @draile to (908) 793-0103.

* Standard text message rates apply.

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



FRUIT RAINBOW WITH POT OF GOLD



Ingredients

- 2 cups strawberries
- 2 medium oranges
- 1 cup blueberries
- 3 medium kiwis
- 2 medium bananas

Instructions

1. Peel and chop fruit into bite-sized pieces as applicable.
2. Arrange on a large plate or platter in a rainbow formation in this order: strawberries, orange slices, kiwi, and blueberries (or dark purple grapes).
3. Put sliced bananas at each end.

2020-20221 Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment

Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment is Tuesday, March 10, 2020. This enrollment is for *all students* who will be in Kindergarten next year, 2020-2021. Please let the Grade School office know if you can't come in on this day. We would like to get a count regarding how many students might be in Kindergarten next year. To pre-enroll your child, please bring with you the following information:

1. State Birth Certificate (not hospital certificate)
2. Social Security Card
3. Immunization Record



If you have any questions, please feel free to call Jackie Butler in the Grade School office - 332-8143

What's Happening



Kansas State Assessments

Third, fourth, and fifth grade students are gearing up for the Kansas State Assessments in Reading, Math, and Science (only 5th) which will begin the end of March.

Sometimes testing can be perceived as a stressful time for students. To help reduce anxiety we have emphasized to students that this is an opportunity for them to **shine**. Here are some other tips you can do to help your students:

- Tell them to approach the exam with confidence. Remind them of all their hard work and reassure them that all they need to do is do their best.
- Tell them to view the exam as an opportunity to show how much you have learned.
- Make sure your student gets a good night's sleep the night before the exam.
- Make sure they eat breakfast. Fresh fruits and vegetables are often recommended to reduce stress. Stressful foods can include processed foods, artificial sweeteners, carbonated soft drinks, chocolate, fried foods, junk foods, sugar, white flour products, chips and similar snack foods, foods containing preservatives or heavy spices.

Watch for more information coming home with more specific dates of testing.



Mrs. Aldaco, our students, and the amazing team of tutors continue to make progress during the Kansas Reading Roadmap afterschool program. 30 plus students are attending after school and are making great gains! Throughout the afternoon, students are engaged in Healthy Kids, comprehension activities, and individualized intervention lessons. This program aligns directly with the interventions that students are receiving during the school day. Periodically, students are progress monitored to evaluate growth and determine necessary support.

The Kansas Reading Roadmap program brings phonics-based, explicit instruction to our students. Data shows that participants were 5 times more likely to achieve grade-level reading than their peers and participants were 2 times less likely to remain in intensive reading intervention groups.

If you have questions, please contact Kattie Aldaco at 332-9494 or kaldaco@usd297.org.

Five families will graduate from L.I.F.E. on Tuesday, March 3! We have had so much fun "living a fairytale". Each week the activities bring the families closer together. Parents and children work together to become lifelong learners and readers. All family participants eat dinner together, design a family work of art, create a family cheer, enjoy read alouds, participate in attuned listening, parents have parent groups while students have rec time, and other fun activities.



All Fourth and Fifth grade students were part of the Living Museum held on Friday, February 14. The students worked on this project several weeks in advance. Each student selected a person of interest to him or her. They researched this person, created a poster backdrop, dressed as the person, and presented to the public. All students were well prepared and did amazing!



March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					End of 3 rd 9 Weeks	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TIME CHANGE: SET CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR		Kindergarten Pre-Enrollment	Spring School Pictures (K-5)			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	SPRING BREAK NO SCHOOL	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

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PTO News...

PTO is planning a **SPRING FLING** on **Tuesday, April 7, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Stay tuned for more information regarding prices and fun!

