



COLLEGEWOOD

Elementary School

Dear Collegewood Families,

January was a long, busy month for our school! Our students have been busy pushing forward in math, reading, and writing, while working on setting goals for themselves in the new year. Our Principal's Council students have started interviewing people tied to our construction project to create a vlog time capsule for this monumental construction project that will inevitably enhance the way our students learn and collaborate with one another. These segments will be included on our school website and a link will be provided in this newsletter. I hope that you will take a few minutes to view these and learn more about how a project of this magnitude involves and impacts so many people.

As you walk around our school you will notice QR codes on doors and windows. These are used for current students to give tours to new students joining our campus. It is our hope that no matter when a child becomes part of the Collegewood family, they have designated time to become familiar with our school and feel right at home.

As we near the end of the second trimester of school, be sure to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns as we work in partnership to help students reach goals and overcome challenges. We look forward to having time as a community at upcoming events such as McDonalds Night, School Site Council Meeting where will update our safety plan on February 12th at 3:30 in the library, and Coffee with the Principal on February 26th at 8:30 AM in the library.

Respectfully,
Mary Wendland, Ed.D.

Active Threat Drill

On Tuesday we will be having an Active threat Drill. The purpose of this drill is to teach students how to access safe places on campus in the event of a threat while they are outside during recess and/or lunch. We share with students that a threat is any person or animal that might cause us harm. We never refer to this as "Active Shooter" because of the developmental stages of the



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Upcoming Events

February 3

McDonalds Night 4-8 PM

February 4

Active Threat Drill

February 5

Kids Heart Challenge-Jump rope

5th Grade Panoramic Picture

February 7

Girls Who Code

February 12

3:30 PM School Site Council Meeting in Library for Safety Plan Review

children entrusted into our care. If you have any questions about this, please email me @ mwendland@wvusd.k12.ca.us

After School Safety

We could really use your help in the supervision of children after school. An increasing number of students are playing on the hillsides in front of the school where busses and construction trucks are arriving and leaving. It is very difficult for trucks and buses to see students in that area. We ask that you move to the hillside in front of the school where the marquee is if you want your children to have space to move while they wait for siblings. Furthermore, students are climbing through the ivy in front of the hillside near the first-grade classrooms. Due to wildlife and insects that live in the ivy, we ask that you keep children in designated areas for their safety and well-being.

PBIS Character Focus

This month our school will be focus on taking responsibility, being proactive, and using our conscience to help us make good decisions. We will discuss these attributes all month in classes and at our student assemblies. At school, we encourage students to take responsibility when they forget things or make mistakes. We want them to know that they can make mistakes and own their choices as part of their learning. We also encourage students to be proactive and think ahead. At home, you can encourage your child to lay out their clothes and prepare their school things the night before so that they are ready for the upcoming day.

Visual and Performing Arts Programs

Our district is fortunate to be able to offer visual and performing arts programs in Grades 1-5. Through district funding and the financial support of grants awarded to our district, students across grade level can explore dance, drama, choir, and instrumental music. Currently, our first graders are learning dance and third graders are working on drama. Fourth grade students continue to have weekly classes with their recorders and fifth grade students choose between instrumental music and choir. Throughout the year, classes hold performances during school. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate the creativity of our students. Your child's teacher will send out this information as it is relevant. We hope to continue to cultivate a love for the arts in our students.

Collegewood Construction

Be sure to check out our newest segments with interviews with our Superintendent, Dr. Taylor and our principal, Dr. Wendland. You can click on the links below or find them on our school website.

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Upcoming Events

February 14

Girls Who Code
End of Trimester 2

February 17

No School in Honor of
Presidents' Day

February 19

8:30 AM Community Club
Meeting

February 21

No School-Staff Inservice Day

February 26

8:30 AM Coffee with the
Principal in library

February 28

Spirit Assembly- Wear your
school shirt!