

# Thunder Mountain Elementary School



October 2016

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## Important Dates

### Fall Break – No School

October 3-7, 2016

### End of Quarter

October 14, 2016

### Teacher Workday – No School

October 17, 2016

### 5th Grade concert- Kissner/Byrne

October 18, 2016 6 pm

### 5th Grade concert- Broughton/Story

October 20, 2016 6 pm

### K-2 SOAR Assembly

October 25, 2016 8:30 pm

### 3-5 SOAR Assembly

October 26, 2016 8:30 pm

### Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School

October 27 & 28, 2016

## A Message From the Principal

Our whole Thunder Mountain community has been working together to give ideas to develop our shared vision of what we want our Thunder Mountain learning community to be. We have taken the parent ideas, staff ideas, and students' ideas and worked to incorporate those ideas into one statement. We, of course, weren't able to use everyone's exact words but we tried to use the concepts.

***We strive to be a positive community who thinks creatively, problem solves and loves learning.***

This vision is supported by a foundation of SOAR (Safety, Ownership of our actions, Awesome learner, Respect) behaviors, a growth mindset, and good habits of mind.



We want families to be our partners in helping the children develop these life-long learnings and skills that will lead to an enriched and successful life.

Respectfully, Mrs. Carver, Principal

## Shared Vision



## Health Office

The Health Office is always in need of clothing donations. Primarily girls and boys bottoms of all sizes are needed. Clothes do not need to be in great shape. Anything helps!

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## 5 Parenting Strategies to Develop a Growth Mindset

How many of us have a child who dislikes challenges? Would your child prefer to give up than persevere? Having a growth mindset is essential for a successful life. In all areas of life.

Our desire for our students is to believe they can learn anything, grow in the areas that are challenging, and work hard to solve any problem.

*“If parents want to give their children a gift, the best thing they can do is to teach their children to love challenges, be intrigued by mistakes, enjoy effort, and keep on learning.” – Carol Dweck*

### How do I Help Promote a Growth Mindset?

#### 1. Have daily learning discussions.

At dinner, in the car, or at bedtime take time for both the kids and parents to share the answers to these types of questions:

#### 2. Give feedback on process only. Don't just say to the child, “You are so smart.”

Praise effort, persistence, strategies, seeking challenges, setting goals, planning, or using creative strategies.

#### 3. Do you know brains can grow?

Explain to kids how the brain can grow stronger and that intelligence can improve throughout your life. Intelligence is not fixed. It's changeable. This is called brain plasticity. (Aren't you so glad!?)

#### 4. Encourage risk, failing, and learning from mistakes.

Now is the time to let our kids risk and fail. Failure teaches our kids important life lessons. For one, it's how they learn resiliency. And when your child fails, celebrate the lessons in the failure.

#### 5. Encourage and model positive self-talk.

Our self-talk is where it all starts to shift.



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## Moon Phases Science Experiment

The fourth grade has been learning about the different moon phases this week and Mrs. Saim's class had to create the eight different moon phases with Oreo cookies!



## Art News

Students have been very busy in the Art Room. The "Reach for the Stars" posters are now up in the hallways. Each hand represents a student at Thunder Mountain.

Artwork for Art to Remember has also been completed, and we should soon be receiving our personalized order forms. The theme this year was "Colorful & Lovable Pets," which we hope you will enjoy as much as students enjoyed creating them. Products available through this fundraiser are displayed on the bulletin board across from the office.

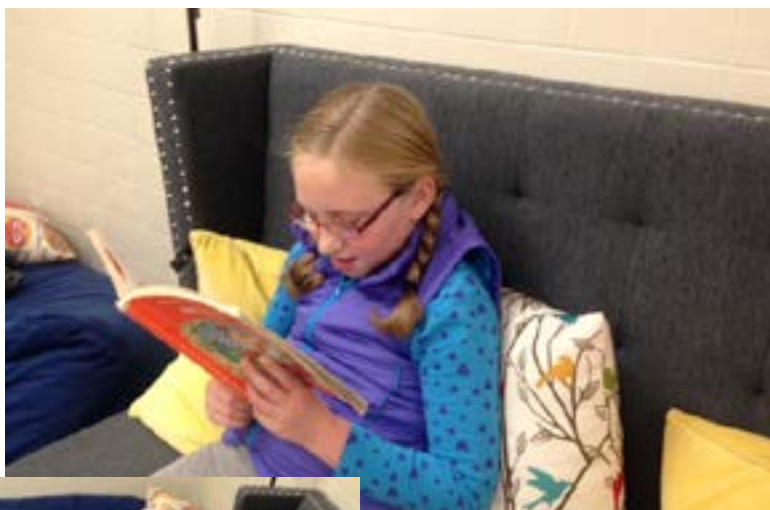
The Bank of Colorado is having their 9th Annual Art Calendar Contest. Registration forms have been sent home with students interested in participating. Please read the guidelines carefully. The deadline to turn in artwork at the Bank of Colorado is Friday, October 7th, 2016 by 5 p.m.



# Family Dinner Night and Book Fair



# Reading nook pictures



# Land Of Smiles

On September 22nd visitors from the Land of Smiles performed for Preschool – Grade 2. The students learned about dental hygiene and took home goodie bags.



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