

# Thunder Mountain Elementary School Newsletter- May



*1 - We had an exciting day watching the Thunderbirds perform while we were having a fire drill one day!*

## May Message from the Principal

**WE LOVE  
OUR VOLUNTEERS**

### **Thank you to our Volunteers!**

We would like to say a special ‘Thank You’ to the many volunteers who help out at Thunder Mountain. We have more than 50 volunteers, including parents, grandparents, Spellbinders, Art Heritage, and a Foster Grandparent. We also have many volunteers who help with our special events.

**Thanks for all you do for the students of Thunder Mountain! We couldn't have all the extras for our students without you!**

**Diane Carver, Principal**

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

Dear Thunder Mt. Community:

Good things continue to happen at Thunder Mountain!

**Strong Academic Growth** – As always, our main focus is on strong academic growth and high expectations for learning for our students. It takes hard work from students, teachers, and parents to achieve the state grade level expectations. The teachers plan daily learning targets and learning activities to help students in their academic growth. The skills and joy in learning that your students develop in the classroom will make a difference in the opportunities that are available to them throughout their lives.

**Music Performances** - Our annual music programs give all the students an opportunity to perform in front of an audience. Students in each grade level learn many skills to be able to perform. We so appreciate our families supporting the Barnes and Noble fundraiser with the performances there and our grade level performances. It is a treat to enjoy the results of the hard work Mrs. Johnson and the students put into these performances. It also gives parents a great photo opportunity to preserve fun memories!

**Art** – Thunder Mt. student art work is always displayed throughout our hallways adding to our pleasing environment. Students also have the opportunity to enter art contests and have some of their artwork preserved in items parents can purchase during the art fundraiser. Thunder Mt. happens to be one of the few elementary schools in the district that has been able to do an art class. We are grateful to Mrs. Sommersted for her hard work

**P.E.** – Ms. Tenace is very creative with the units she plans and the way she decorates the gym to make P.E. fun for the students. One of the units in P. E. has been a gymnastics unit. The district provides gymnastics equipment that rotates among the elementary schools. Ms. Tenace does a great job helping the students develop their physical skills. Ms. Tenace organized a snowshoeing field trip to the Grand Mesa for our 4th graders. What a unique opportunity! Ask your children what their favorite P.E. activities are!

**Library** – So many good books and just not enough time to read them all! Our librarian, Mrs. Jenny Aker, shares so many beautifully written books with our children to encourage them to develop a love of reading. Each week library time is like receiving a gift students can't wait to open when they get to check out books. What a wonderful lifelong pleasure!

**Computer lab** – Learning to use and be safe with technology is an essential skill in this age of computers. Mrs. Amy Kirch, our computer teacher, uses many computer programs to help our students learn important skills and internet safety. Many helpful programs are available on our Thunder Mt. website. Look through them and you will be amazed at how many are available to help your children develop skills and enjoy learning.

**Student Council**- The activities that Student Council has sponsored have helped give our community great spirit and fun! We have had fun spirit days of wearing certain clothing, growth mindset skits at SOAR assemblies, art and talent show, and fundraiser events. Our 5K Wack Attack to raise money for shade sails has been a highlight of the year! Thanks so much to Jenny Aker and the other sponsors for taking on this additional work. It has been a great addition to our having a positive community!

I have only mentioned a few of the special things that go on with your children at Thunder Mountain. I think the most important thing is that Thunder Mountain is a happy place to be and learn with a caring staff, great students, and great parents!

Sincerely,

Diane Carver, Principal

## Office personnel:

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- Diane Carver, Principal
- Stephanie Williams, Assistant Principal
- Tanya Daniel, Secretary
- Jackie DiThomas, Secretary

## Important Dates

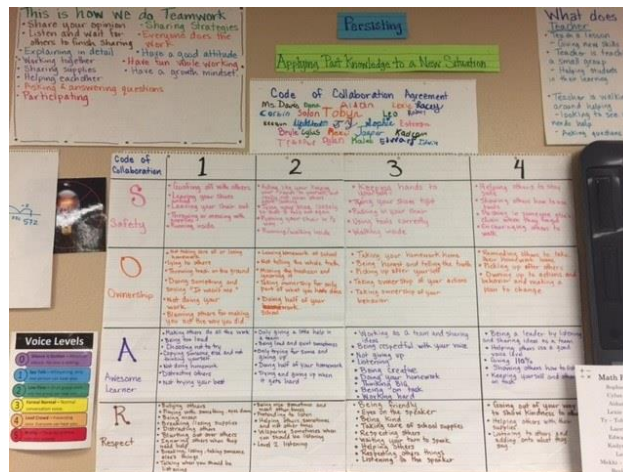


- **Monday, April 23, 5th grade orientation at middle schools**
- **Monday, April 23-30, NWEA assessments**

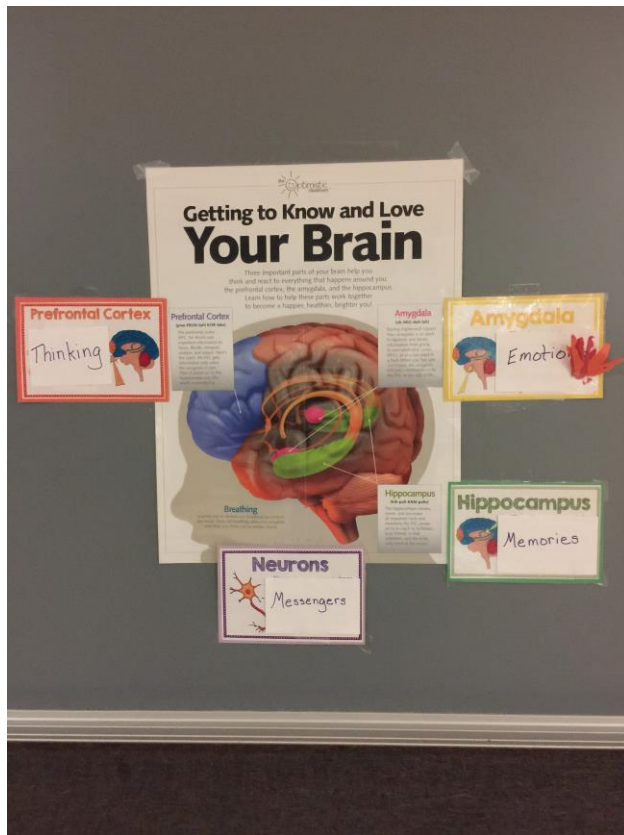
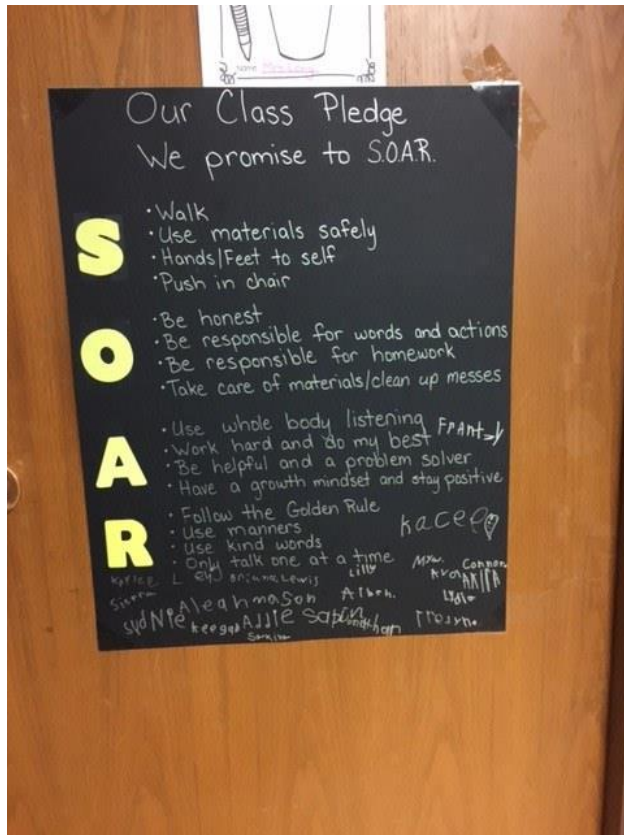
- Wednesday, May 2-4, Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Thursday, May 3-4, School out for conferences
- Monday, May 7, 6:00 - Music Program - 3rd grade- Mrs. Manuppella and Mr. McKissen's homerooms
- Tuesday, May 8, 6:00 - Music Program - 3rd grade- Ms. Chandler and Ms. Carey's homerooms
- Thursday, May 10, 4:15, PTA/SAC
- Wednesday, May 16, 6:00, Kindergarten Music program in gym
- Friday, May 18, Field Day- K-2nd is 9:00-11:35 A.M., 3rd-5th is 1:00-3:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, May 23, 10:00, 5th grade graduation in gym
- Thursday, May 24, 9:15, Kindergarten graduation in gym
- Thursday, May 24, last day of school

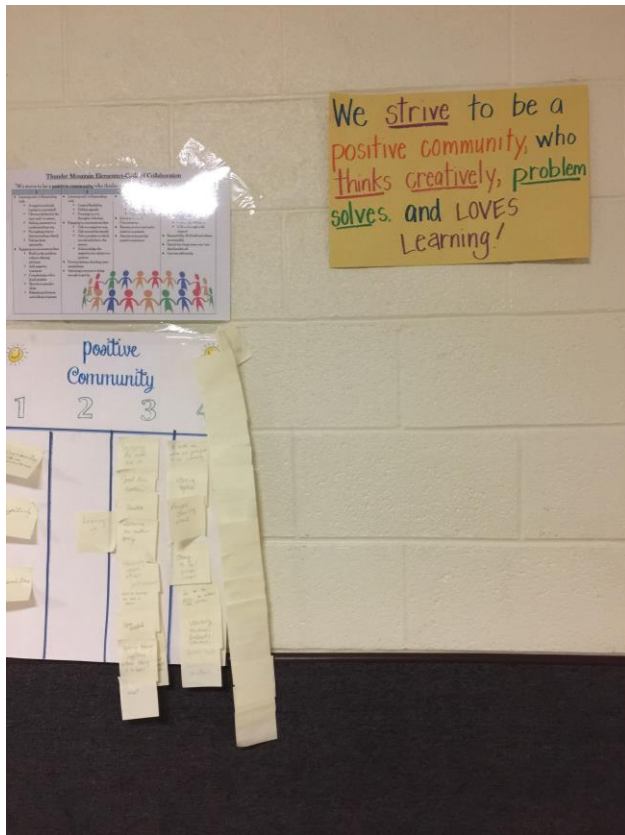
We learn to live our Shared Vision

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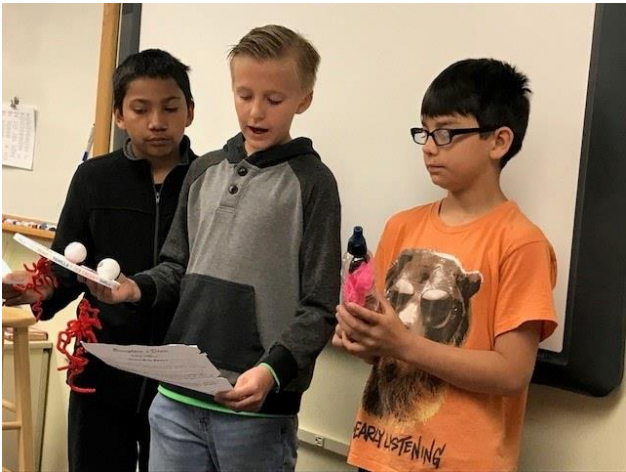




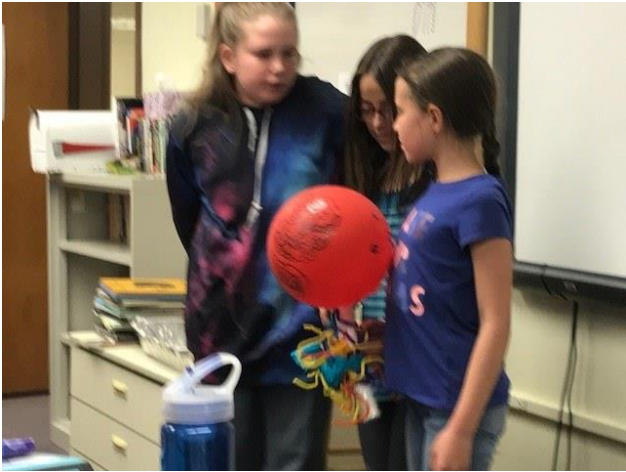


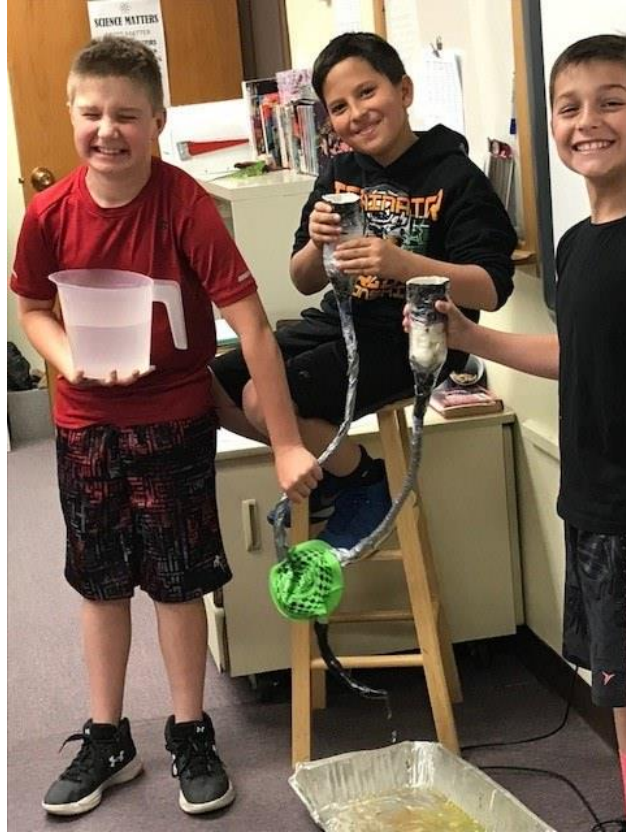


Awesome Learners

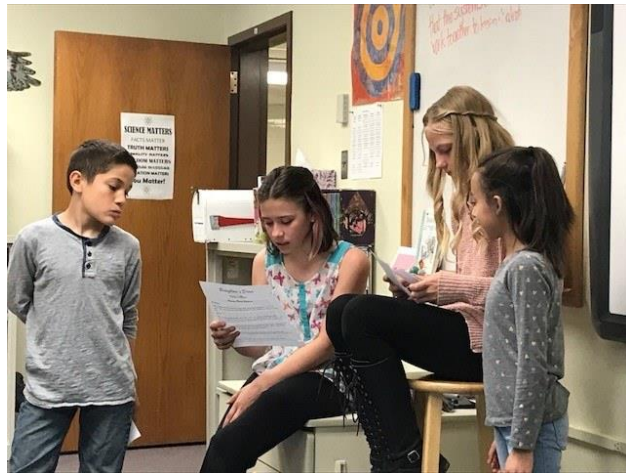
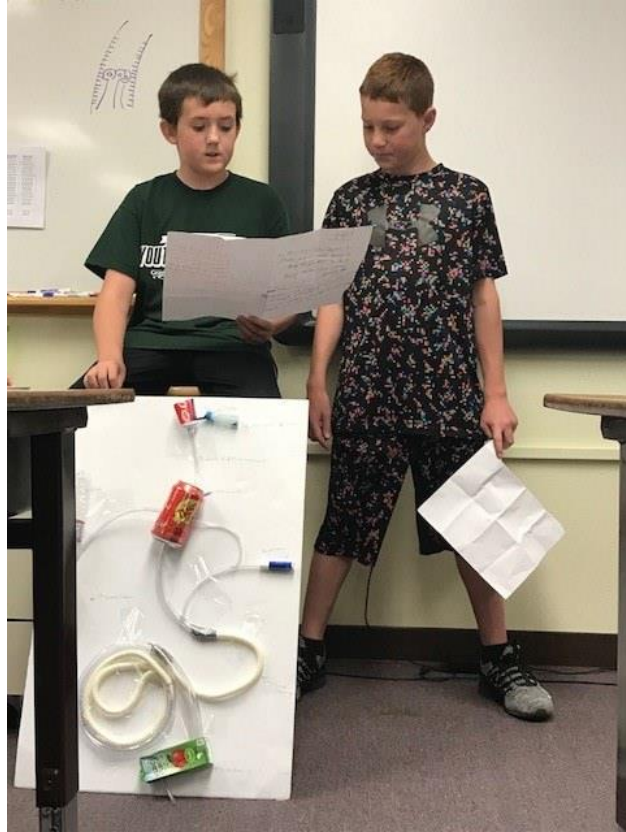


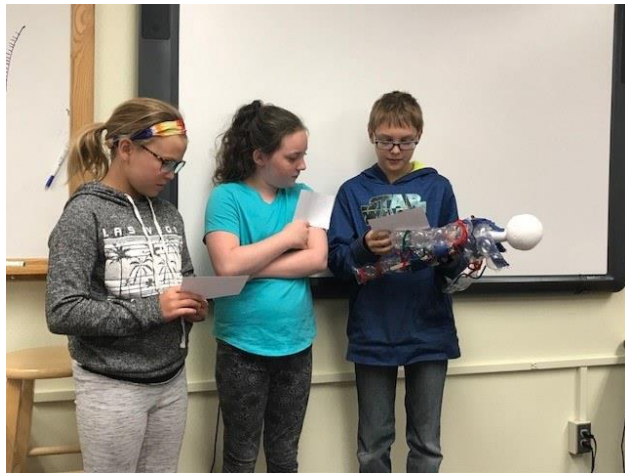
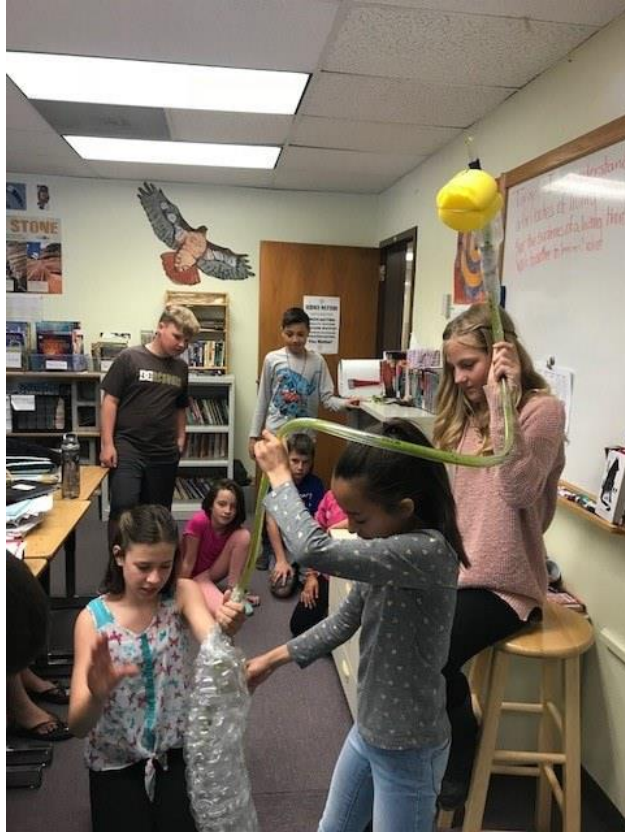
*2 - 5th grade science students demonstrate body systems*





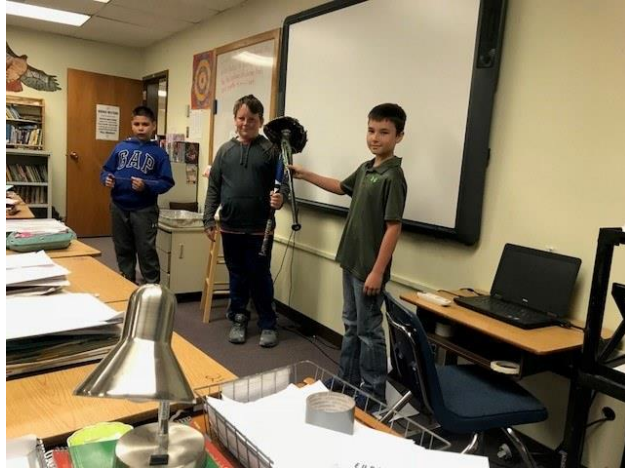








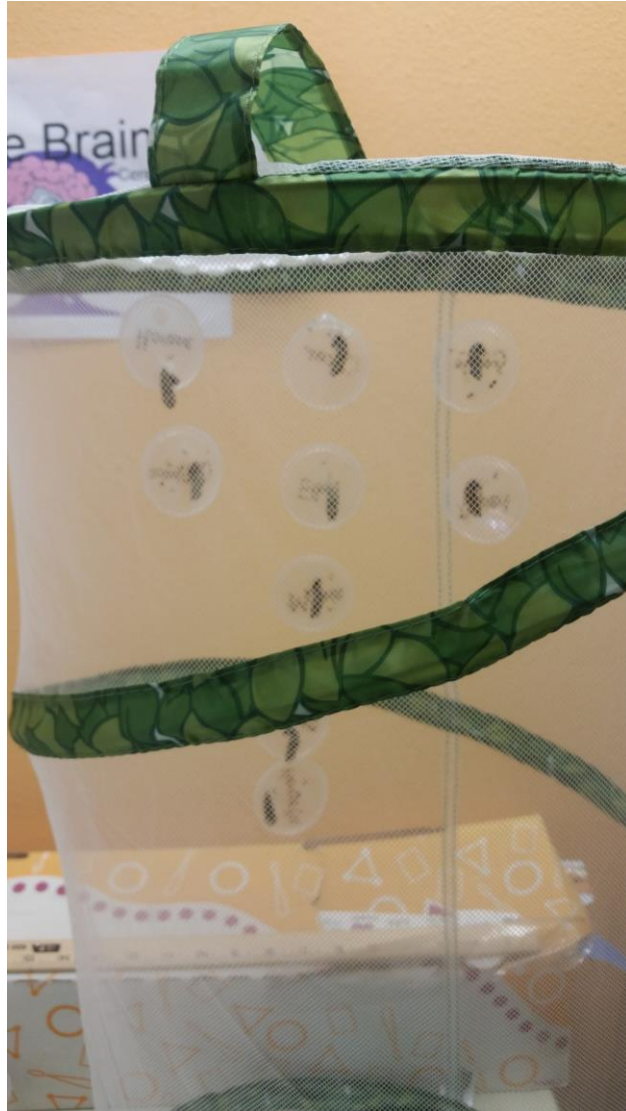




*3 - 3rd grade math with Mrs. Mitchell*

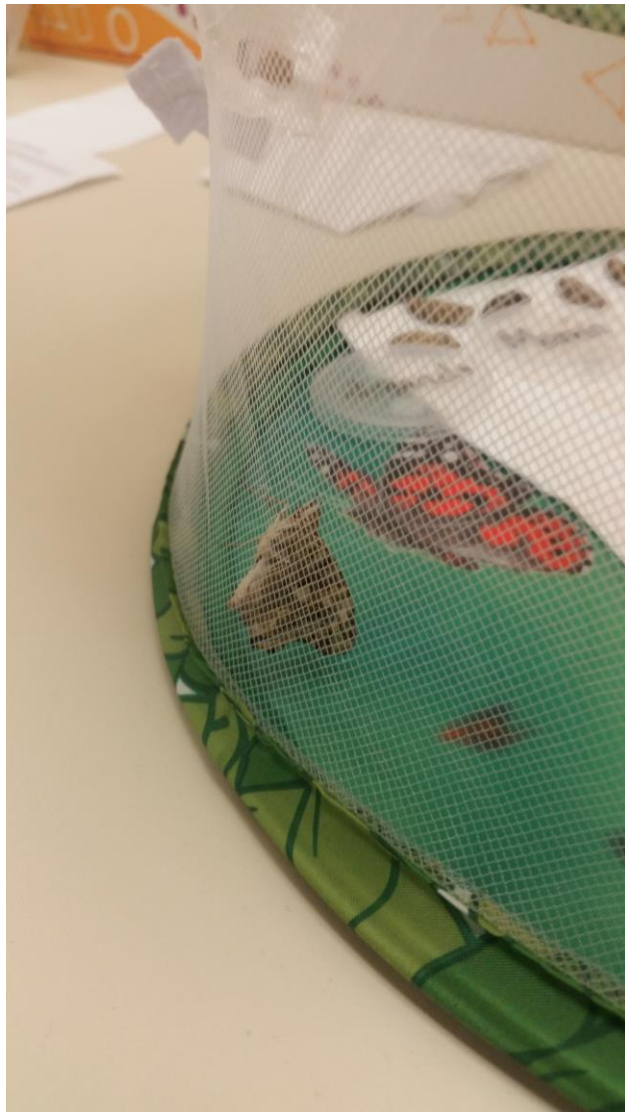






4 - Kindergarteners learn about the life cycle of butterflies



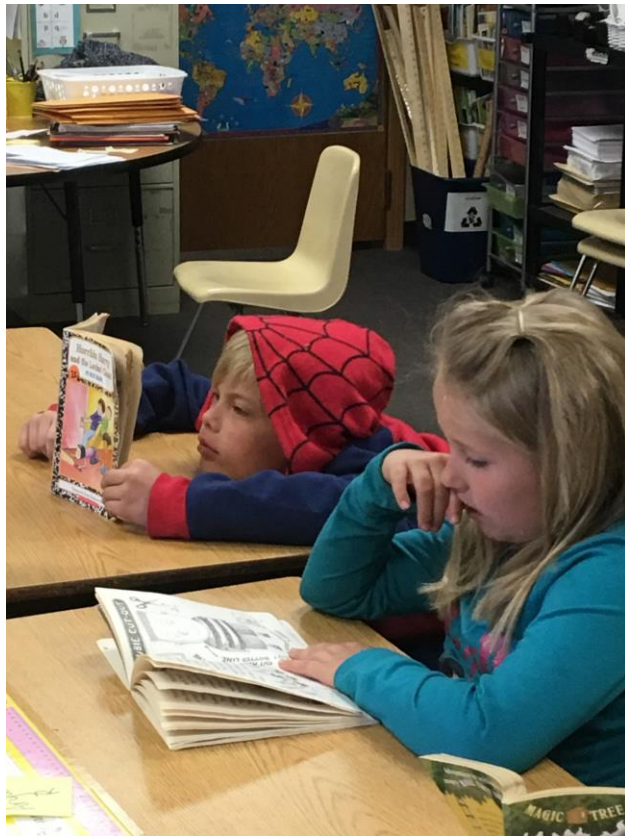






*5 - 2nd graders get comfy to read*







*6 - 1st graders field trip to the Math and Science Center*











Dr. Arthur L. Moss  
& Family  
Fluorescent Drift













7 - Mr. McKissen's 3rd grade science studying life cycles



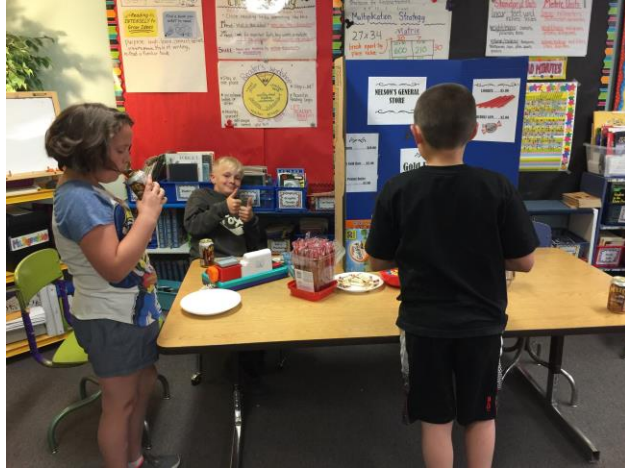
8 - SEL movie night





9 - Mrs. Nelson's 4th graders study the Colorado gold rush by panning for gold, getting money for their gold, and buying supplies at their store.

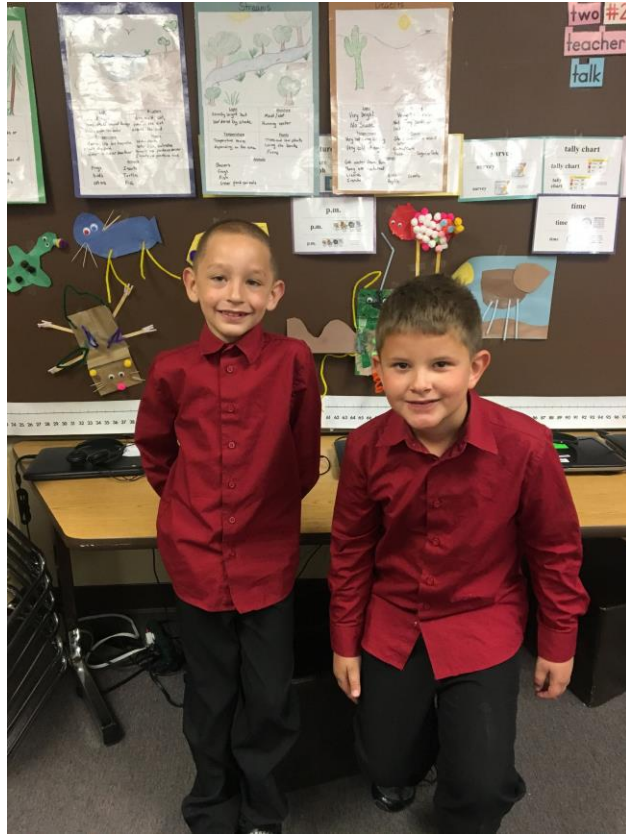




*Spirit Day - Twin Day*



10 - Spirit Day - Twin Day













11 - Student Council members at work

## MUSIC NOTES



### **Music Concert Dates 2017-2018**

**(I will send your student home with an informational note containing further details as we get closer to their concert date)**

**All concerts will start at 6pm in the cafeteria unless noted otherwise**

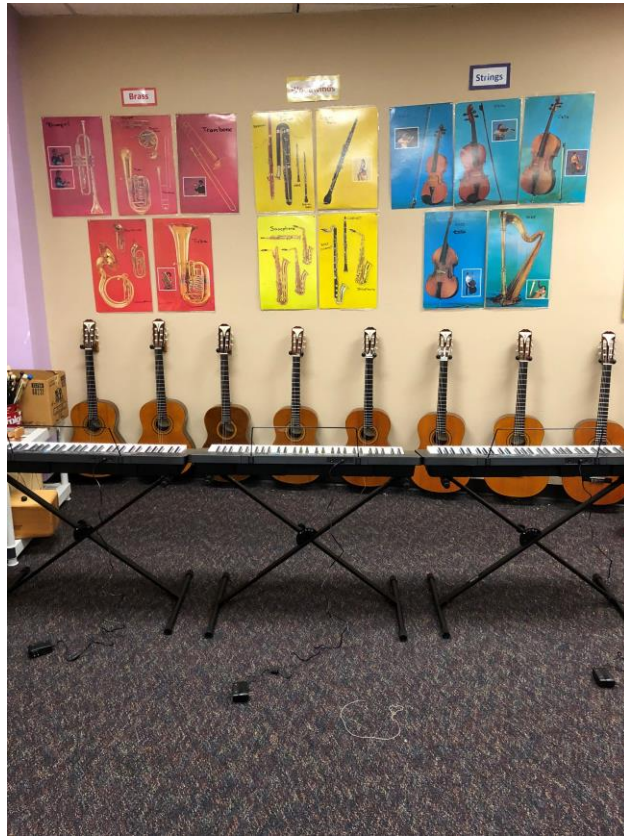
**Manuppella/McKissen- Monday, May 7th**

**Carey/Chandler- Tuesday, May 8th**

**All Kindergarten- Wednesday, May 16th \*in the gym\***



Please also note, ALL concerts will be in the spring this year so mark your calendars! If there is ever a time you have questions or concerns about anything we are learning or doing in music, please contact me at [angela.johnson2@d51schools.org](mailto:angela.johnson2@d51schools.org).



*12 - New instruments for the music room!*



*13 - 2nd grade music program*







14 - 5th grade music program











## *News from the Library*



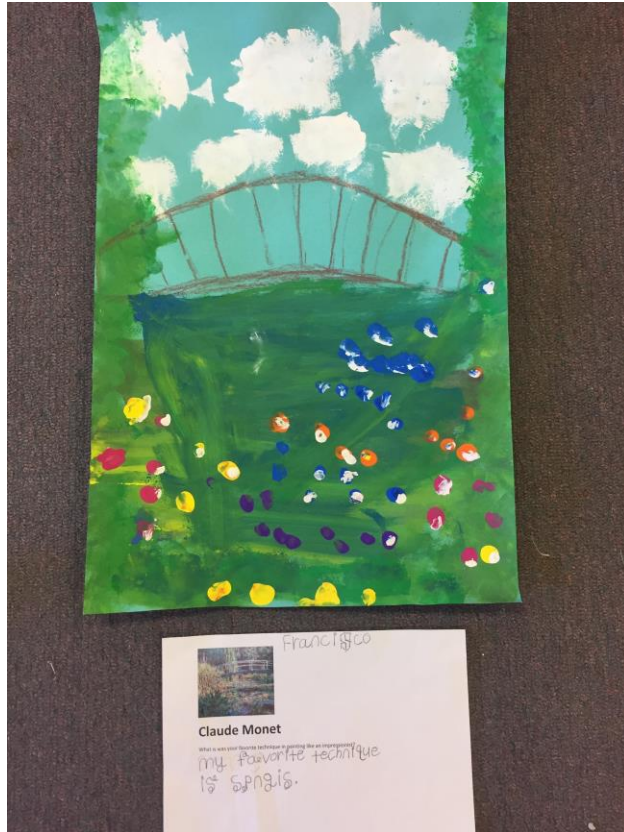
We like to build our reading stamina in the library by reading in the dark with flashlights.





News from the Art Room











News from P.E.



15 - 4th grade snowshoeing field trip to the Grand Mesa





<https://sway.com/D5TcxZ9rHVGGs8Am#content=VTCmBx3Qb7Wcoh>

16 - Noodle hockey



17 - Pickle ball



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## *Note from the Health Office*



### **Note from the Health Office**

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

Reminder for 5th grade parents, Your son or daughter will need to get their Tdap immunization before entering middle school. Proof will be required by the first day of 6th grade.

The Tdap is a 3-in-1 immunization and booster that consists of diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (whooping cough). As you know these are serious diseases that can be life threatening. If you plan on going to the Mesa County Health Dept. call ahead at 970-248-6900 to schedule, as they often book up fast.

**MEDICATIONS**

If your child has any medications in the health office please be prepared to come in and sign them out by the last day of school. This includes as needed medications as well as Inhalers and Epi-Pens. Any and all medications left behind will be discarded on Friday, May 25th.

**Lucie Strippel**

Health Assistant

Thunder Mountain Elementary

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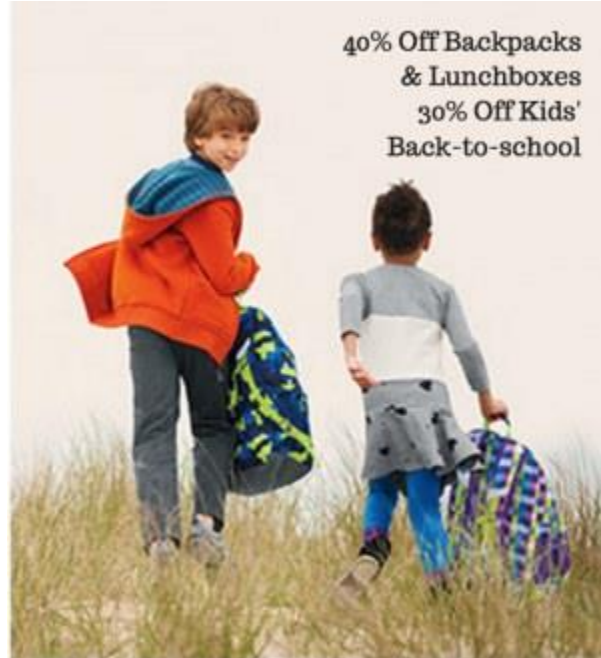
I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
I HAVE A	I AM	I HAVE	I HAVE A	I HAVE	I HAVE AN	I HAVE BEEN IN
FEVER	VOMITING	DIARRHEA	RASH	HEAD LICE	EYE INFECTION	THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication <small>ie. Tylenol, Motrin</small>	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.



## Notes from the Office



*18 - Please label your students personal items: coats, hats gloves, lunch boxes, etc... Our lost and found is continually growing. Please feel free to stop by and look for lost items.*

Please always update your child's records as changes are made, it is especially important for emergency contact information.

We are asking when picking up your student during the school day; give yourself enough time so your student can be called out of class when you arrive.

### ONLINE REGISTRATION

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** All registrations for the 2018/2019 school year will be online. You must have an active ParentVUE account and access to a computer. If you do not have a ParentVue account, please stop by the office and fill out a form. If you do not have access to a computer, you are welcome to come to the school and we will provide access to one.

More information will come later.

Jackie DiThomas

Secretary

Thunder Mountain Elementary

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## 5K Wack Attack Fundraiser



*19 - Sponsored by Student Council to raise money for shade sails for the playground*



































Girls on the Run













