

# ELEMENTARY RUSTLER NEWS

APRIL 2023

## SMARTER BALANCED TESTING

Please read the letter from Courtney Van Zee with our test schedule on the back. The goal is for each student to do the best he/she can without getting nervous about taking the test. Please take time to talk with your children as we get closer to testing about trying hard, getting plenty of rest, and having confidence in their abilities. All of us have confidence in them, and continuing to build that confidence is so crucial for their success now and in the future. Thank you for your support!

I will be challenging the 4-6 grade students to increase their individual scores from last year and the 3rd grade students to achieve strong scores. Those students that meet the guidelines will get special surprises from me as soon as we get the scores!

## LEGO EXPO

We will be hosting a Lego Expo on May 1 with times to be announced at a later date. The theme will be Rustler Pride. Students in grades KS-6 are invited to participate, and each participant will receive a small token of appreciation. Each student that has an entry will have his/her name put into a drawing for door prizes. The intention of the Expo is to demonstrate creativity and have some fun!



## GRADES KS-4 SPRING CONCERT

The spring concert for Grades KS-4 will be at 7:00 pm on May 1. I have had the opportunity to hear what they are rehearsing. It is going to be a great performance!

## INSTRUMENTAL CONTEST

The 5th-6th grade students are busy preparing for our local Instrumental Contest on April 29th. Best of luck to all of you!

## KINDNESS CHAIN

What do 100 plus sheets of construction paper cut into strips of 6, 5 staplers, 4 student volunteers, and an idea about stretching kindness in 1 week give us?!? A WHOLE LOT OF KINDNESS!

Students were challenged last week to write down acts of kindness they observed with their classmates and teachers.

How many could that be? 624 Acts of Kindness were identified. One of the classrooms noted 153 ACTS of KINDNESS in their classroom. WOW!

The length of the chain is incredible. Keep up the great work.

-Mrs. Kudmore-Cremer

## NO SCHOOL ON APRIL 7TH AND 10TH

There will be no school on Friday, April 7th and Monday, April 10th in observance of the Easter holiday. Please remember we WILL have school on Tuesday, April 11th.

## QUOTE

"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat."

-Laura Ingalls Wilder

I can't thank everyone enough for their positive attitudes that shine through each day--on late start days, days following snow days, etc. The students and staff are handling this LONG winter fairly well, but we are all very ready for spring and nice weather!

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