

# Chatfield Elementary



“There is a difference between not knowing and not knowing yet.” -Sheila Tobias

October 2018

## Important Dates

**Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

No School-Teacher Work Day

**Tuesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Family Math Night 5:30 pm

**Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No School-Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

No School (High School in  
Session) Parent/Teacher  
Conferences

**Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

No School-Teacher Inservice

**Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

PTO Meeting 4:30-5:30 pm

**Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Hearing testing for PreK, K, 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:00 am-1:00 pm

## A Message From Principal Dave McCall:

Hi Chatfield Family and Friends,

I can't believe that we are moving into October!

There are many exciting things going on in our classrooms so far this year. We have been focusing on creating student centered learning environments. This includes our goals of teaching to the whole child, implementation of workshop model, and implementation of guided reading. It has been exciting to see students working together to build their learning communities.

As a school we continue to look for ways to support learners with hands on learning opportunities. We have opened up a new learning opportunity for our students called “The Garage”. This is a dedicated space where creativity, critical thinking, communication, and collaboration take the forefront in hands on learning experiences. In addition, with the support of our Computer Teacher, Steve Friedly, our learners are diving into Google Classroom and Google forms. We also have a new Science curriculum for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade that provides hands on learning experiences. Learners are observing closely and describing what's there, reasoning with evidence, and wondering and asking questions.

Along the same lines, Chatfield has been invited to participate in an amazing opportunity through mindSpark learning. In our learning system, the network of participating schools will focus on developing practices supporting the D51 learning model and collaborate on building alignment in STEM instruction k-12. The project involves a two-day launch, monthly meetings, and a capstone project. The sessions will take place in Grand Junction and will be facilitated by mindSpark Learning. Our first step is to build our school team. We can invite two teachers on our team for this journey. This is a great opportunity as we continue to look for ways to have learners design learning experiences.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Dave McCall

Principal

Chatfield Elementary School

# Family Math Night

Save The Date!



Chatfield Family Math Night

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

5:30-6:30

Come learn Math Games with your student!  
We will be serving Pizza for families who attend.



# Letter From our Counselor

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We've had a fantastic start to the new school year! Students are already learning important social and emotional skills in the classroom provided by both teachers and myself. Social-emotional learning (SEL) helps children better understand, manage, and express emotions, as well as promote positive relationships and choices. As a school counselor, I am teaching in all classrooms twice a month on a variety of SEL lessons.

**Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** have been learning from the *Peace of Mind* curriculum which effectively integrates mindfulness and SEL to create a kinder and more positive school climate. We've recently been learning about “mindful bodies” and belly breathing. Students have also been assigned a kindness pal so that they may regularly practice and reflect on the importance of kindness inside and outside the classroom.

**3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade** have been learning from the *Second Step* curriculum which is deeply rooted in SEL and emphasizes three main areas: empathy and skills for learning, emotion management, and problem solving. We've recently been talking about empathy, listening with attention, respect, and being assertive. As a parent, you have access to several resources online with the *Second Step* program ([www.secondstep.org](http://www.secondstep.org)). Please reach out to me if you did not receive your student's access code!

As always, I welcome any feedback or questions you may have. Thank you for sharing your student with me!

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## PTO Schedule 2018

### September 4<sup>th</sup>

PTO Meeting 4:30 – 5:30pm

24<sup>th</sup>-Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> Fundraiser □ Cookie Dough

(Pizza party for the whole grade level of the highest seller!!)

\*We need Volunteers to help count the \$\$ from Fundraiser on Sat. Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9am (at school)

### October

2<sup>nd</sup> PTO Meeting 4:30 - 5:30pm / Accountability Meeting 5:30p

16<sup>th</sup> Family Math Night

### November

6<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 4:30 – 5:30pm

9<sup>th</sup> Movie Night

### December

4<sup>th</sup> PTO Meeting 4:30 – 5:30 pm / Accountability Meeting 5:30p

17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> “Crazy Week”

# Parent Right to Know Letter

## To Chatfield Elementary Parents

As a parent of a student at [school name], you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teacher who instructs your child. This is a requirement for all districts that receive Title I funds. Federal law allows you to request certain information about your student's classroom teacher. The law also requires the district to give you this information in a timely manner upon request. Listed below is the information about which you have the right to ask for regarding each of your student's classroom teachers.

- Whether the Colorado Department of Education has licensed or endorsed your student's teacher for the grades and subjects taught.
- Whether CDE has decided that your student's teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraeducators provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

Please contact Dave McCall at [mccall@d51schools.org](mailto:mccall@d51schools.org) if you would like to receive any of this information.

## Student Centered Questions Bulletin Boards



# Parent Right to Know Letter-Spanish

## Chatfield Elementary

Para: Todos los padres de familia

Referente a: carta para que los padres sepan sus derechos

Como padre o tutor de un estudiante de la Chatfield, usted tiene derecho de saber la cualificación profesional del maestro del salón de clase que enseña a su niño/a. Este es un requisito para todos los distritos que reciben los fondos del Título 1. La ley federal le permite a usted pedir cierta información sobre los maestros del salón de clase de su niño/a. También, la ley exige que el distrito le proporcione esta información de manera oportuna cuando usted la pida. En la siguiente lista, está la información de lo que usted tiene derecho a pedir sobre cada uno de los maestros del salón de clase de su estudiante.

- Si es que el Departamento de Educación de Colorado (CDE, por sus siglas en inglés), ha concedido la licencia o aprobado al maestro de su niño/a para los grados y materias que enseñan.
- Si es que CDE ha decidido que el maestro de su estudiante puede enseñar en el salón de clase sin licencia bajo las normas estatales debido a circunstancias especiales.
- La especialización del maestro; si es que que el maestro tiene cualquier título de posgrado, y si es así, en que curso tiene la especialización.
- Si es que cualquier asistente de maestro o auxiliares docentes similares proporcionan servicios a su niño/a; y si es así, pedir sus cualificaciones.

Por favor comuníquese conmigo [Dave McCall] por teléfono (970) 254-4930 o por correo electrónico a [mccall@d51schools.org](mailto:mccall@d51schools.org) si usted desea recibir cualquier otra información.

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