

Stephensen Elementary Newsletter

October 2017



It's officially fall and the 1st quarter is coming to an end soon. There is a lot going on this month, so here are some details.

- **Congratulations** to our very own Mrs. Pritchard for being selected at the **MHAFB SAC Teacher of the Year for 2016-17!** Mrs. Pritchard is an outstanding 3rd grade teacher here at Stephensen. She was nominated by you and selected as the top teacher for the entire district. SES is honored to have her as part of the staff.
- We are welcoming a new 2nd grade teacher to Stephensen, Mrs. Shaffer, who will be taking over for Mrs. Carter as she is PCSing with her husband to a new location. We wish Mrs. Carter the best and are excited to have Mrs. Shaffer join the SES family.
- The PTT is sponsoring a **Giving Campaign** for the month of October. Funds collected will go to ensure every class will go on at least one field trip. For more information, go to the PTT Facebook page. Donations can be collected at school or online at the Giving Campaign link. Classes collecting the most donations will receive merit badges.
- The **Book Fair** is coming! Saddle up and read at our Wild West book fair Oct. 16-19 in the SES library. We'll see you there partner. If you want to volunteer to help out, go to our website and sign up with the link provided.
- Our **Spirit Day and Assembly** will be on Oct. 13. The theme will be Wild West to go along with our book fair. Classes with the highest spirit day participation will win a merit badge. Also, the monthly classroom award winners will be given the opportunity to participate in the spirit activity and could win an additional merit badge for their classes.
- **Federal Survey Cards** will go home on Oct. 10th. Schools receive the majority of their funding through property taxes. Families residing on federal property do not pay property taxes. The purpose of the cards is to determine the number of students living on federal land and the federal government can provide financial assistance to educate those students. Please fill them out and return them quickly to the school. Classes returning all of their cards the fastest will receive a merit badge.
- The **Golden Eagle** award is presented to students that represents Stephensen's Core Values: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. This prestigious award is only given to 1 student in each class each month. Students receiving this award (and their parents) will be honored at a special breakfast called "Pancakes with the Principal." Our Golden Eagles will receive a certificate, will have their picture displayed, and be our morning pledge leaders for the month. Our September Golden Eagles will be recognized during the breakfast on October 5th.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** are Thursday, Oct. 19 as scheduled with your child's teacher. We will be releasing school at 1:30 to accommodate conferences. *(Please note: half-day kindergarten does not attend school Oct. 18 or 19 to accommodate the conference schedule.)*



October dates to remember:

- 2 – PTT Giving Campaign begins
- 3 – PTT meeting in art room at 8:15am
- 5 – Pancakes with the Principal at 8:00am
- 5 – Vision Screening with Lion's Club (K, 1, 3)
- 5 – Family Fun Bingo Night 5-7pm
- 6 – Final day for T-Shirt/Sweatshirt orders
- 6 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Development
- 10 – Federal Survey Cards go home
- 12 – School Store at lunch time
- 12 – Full-day kindergarten field trip
- 13 – Wild West Spirit Day (assembly at 2:30pm)
- 13 – End of 1st quarter (regular schedule)
- 16-19 – Book Fair
- 19 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – 1:30 dismiss
- 20 – NO SCHOOL
- 26 – School Store in lobby after school
- 26 – Picture retake day
- 26 – Popcorn money due
- 27 – Popcorn Day