

March 19, 2021

Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> Student of the Month,

(9am)

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>- Conferences Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> (1pm release)

April 1<sup>st</sup> Bike winners announced,

(8:45 am)

April 5<sup>th</sup>-

April 9<sup>th</sup> Spring Break

## **Caring Corner**

Creativity is an important part of family life. It brings calmness and a sense of accomplishment from a project well done. Parents who practice creative hobbies show kids firsthand the importance of beauty and art, how to complete tasks, and how to appreciate beauty and diversity in the world. Kids who are creative are better problem solvers and critical thinkers. Creativity helps develop divergent thinking abilities (the ability to look at a problem from multiple angles,) and dexterity, as well. In addition, people who create produce higher levels of serotonin, which keeps the body balanced mentally and physically. But don't think you or your kids have to be amazing artists or sculptors to be considered creative. Studies say it's not raw talent that matters, but experience. People who watch others doing creative things often get a boost of creativity themselves, too! So let

your kids see you flex your creativity muscles and then encourage them to try it for themselves. Your creative action shows them first-hand using your mind and your hands to make something has value. It soothes the soul and makes for a happy heart





#### Kindergarten Registration

Now Open
Pick up Registration
Packet
In the Office
For the
2021-2022 School Year

# Stevens Eagles Choose To Be Great!!!

Everyone coming to Stevens <u>must</u>
complete a <u>Health Check</u> and be
wearing a mask prior to entering the
building



## Counselor's Corner

#### HAPPY SPRING TO OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

"There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other, wings." Hodding Carter

I firmly believe in this quote. We, as parents/caregivers, make sure that we are the anchor for our children and grandchildren. We are also help them, as they are ready, make healthy choices, so they can learn to fly on their own.

I would like to recommend these house rules/expectations for your families. You will see that most of them resemble your student's classroom rules/expectations. It's really important that children understand, there are rules wherever we go: home, school, church, grocery store, when we drive on the road, etc. Please consider posting these on your refrigerator and discussing them with your children.

Kind words and actions
Quiet voices
Keep hands and feet to yourself
Follow directions
Use homework time wisely
Pick up after yourself

I would like to move from the house rules/expectations to age-appropriate chores. There are many benefits to having children help around the home. Giving children chores can make them feel wanted, teach important life skills, and help ease the workload for parents. Recent studies have found that giving children chores from an early age will help teach them work ethic, responsibility, self-reliance, and other vital life skills. Please go to **childdevelopmentinfo.com** to get the ultimate list of age-appropriate chores.

Thank you sooo much to Mrs. Jensen for organizing our READ ACROSS AMERICA SPIRIT WEEK, BOOK CLUB, AND READING BINGO for the month of March! Awesome Job, Mrs. Jensen!

Another big shout-out to Mr. Darren, Ms. Amy McColm, Mrs. Magee, and Mrs. Conley for procuring over 20 free bikes for our students! Please make sure your children are doing a LOT of Reading Bingos so they can a LOT of raffle tickets and they might be the one picked for one of the over 20 new bikes!!!

And, last but not least, our very own building counselor, Mrs. Magee, organized our staff and families to contribute many needed items for FAMILY PROMISE, the homeless shelter two blocks from our school. She did an amazing job in helping the students understand KINDNESS during our FEBRUARY KINDNESS MONTH!!! Mrs. Magee even found 5 wagons and decorated them to transport everything to Family Promise on March 9<sup>th</sup>. 5 students accompanied us: Joseph, Francis, Malia, Dante, and Zoe! Please bring up the story on KXLY.com to read about it. Mr. E and the director from Family Promise were interviewed!

If you have questions or concerns about your child, please call or come in to visit with Mrs. Magee or me. Our doors are always open!

HAVE A WONDERFUL EASTER AND SPRING BREAK! Plant a few flowers; visit a park; fly a kite; color Easter eggs!

Ms. Rizz, Title 1 School Counselor

#### Community Resources

Parents interested in a before and after school program at the North East Youth Center, please contact Ms. Rizz at 354-4186. NECC would provide transportation, but, parents would be responsible for the cost of the program.



#### Free Tutoring

There is free tutoring for K-12 students demonstrating financial need (students receiving free or reduced lunch and/or household income under \$45K) within Spokane County. Communities in Schools of Spokan County, Gonzaga University, and Priority Spokane have partnered to provide this service to K-12 students most in need. Monday-Friday from 3-6 pm. Limit one 45 minute session per student per week.

https://www.priorityspokane.org/free-virtual-educational-support-tutoring/



- 1. What do you call a boomerang that doesn't come back?
- 2. What musical instrument is found in the bathroom?
- 3. Where do you find and elephant?
- 4. What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?
- 5. How do we know that the ocean is friendly?
- 6. What animal is always at a baseball game?

1. A stick 2. A tuba toothpasth 3. Right where you left it. 4. Finding a half of a worm. 5. It waves 6. A bat



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Mrs. Sheila Keegan
On Becoming a
National Board Certified
Teacher

### Attendance Line 354-4242



Please call when your child will not be attending school