



# Shelledy Elementary

## Newsletter: March 2017

Mission: We empower, challenge, and inspire all students to reach their full potential.

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### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Shelledy Families,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of the third quarter of school. It won't be long and we will be faced with decisions for the next school year. With this in mind please mark dates for important upcoming events on your calendars.

The School of Choice Window opens up at 10:00 am on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and closes on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have already completed a School of Choice application for your student(s), it is not necessary to apply again. However, please remember that an application is necessary for each child. You should have received more detailed information in your child's Take-Home Folder last Thursday. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call our office.

Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from at 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This kicks of the registration period for incoming kindergartners. When you register your child, you will be able to schedule beginning of the year assessment as well. Also, our Kindergarten Teachers and PTO team up together on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> to host a Bar-B-Que and information night for families of incoming 2017-2018 kindergartners.

If you are interested in completing a Teacher Request form(s) for your learner(s) the window will open on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> and close on Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. Forms will be available in the front office. Forms that are completed in entirety and turned in by the deadline will be considered.

I would like to provide you with one last reminder to check the Lost and Found before Spring Break. During Spring Break we will gather up all the items and take them to Good Will.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to spend time at Shelledy this year please consider a visit. We welcome your presence and your thoughts. If there are any processes or structures that you do not understand or are wondering about please ask. Mrs. Morton-Cohen and I love to share information about Shelledy and the positive changes that are happening to improve learning for all.



Best Regards,

Deb Lamb



Motto: Making Tracks toward Excellence

## Spring Assessment

District 51 students will be taking the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) in science (fifth grade) and social studies (fourth grade) as well as the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) in Math and English Language Arts during the spring window that begins March 27<sup>th</sup> and ends April 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions regarding spring assessments, please call or make an appointment with Deb Lamb or Stacey Morton-Cohen at 970-254-6460.



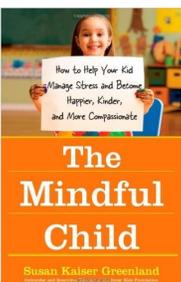
## Social and Emotional Learning

Kindness, Perspective Taking and Optimism

From Mrs. M.C.

Shelley Elementary kicked off a Kindness is Contagious Challenge with high school students from around the valley on Valentine's Day to support our social and emotional learning. This challenge will culminate in early March with a Heavenly Hats fundraiser, an organization that provides hats to heroes who have lost their hair due to medical treatment or conditions. We also worked on setting our opinions aside to look at situations and problems from multiple perspectives through our MindUp curriculum and the Habits of Mind. As our work continues we will focus on optimism. Have a wonderful March!

Have you heard your student mention mindfulness activities that they have done at school? Are you looking for a resource to learn more? Check out [The Mindful Child : How to Help Your Kid Manage Stress and Become Happier, Kinder, and More Compassionate.](#) Susan Kaiser Greenland



“The techniques of mindful awareness have helped millions of adults reduce stress in their lives. Now, children—who are under more pressure than ever before can learn to protect themselves with these well-established methods adapted for their ages. Based on a program affiliated with UCLA, The Mindful Child is a groundbreaking book, the first to show parents how to teach these transformative practices to their children.”



# PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Will your child be 3 or 4 years old by July 15, 2017?**

**Interested in a preschool program through School District 51 for 2017-2018?**

**Your child must meet eligibility requirements to attend our program.**

**Mark your calendar to attend the Early Childhood Preschool  
Open House**

**Come visit with teachers, pick-up an application and have your questions answered  
about our eligibility process for School District 51's preschool programs.**

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

**4:30-6:30 PM**

**At the following schools: Shelledy - 353 North Mesa St., Rim Rock - 1810 J.6 Road,  
Loma - 1360 13 Road**

**Classroom size is limited come early and find out if your child will qualify  
Early Childhood Education 254-5429**

## Shelledy Scholastic Book Fair

Dear Shelledy families, 



**BOOK FAIR** is on its way! February 27-March 3. The theme this year is "Read Across America" (to include Dr. Seuss). The schedule is: Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday will be pre-viewing during the students **scheduled** library times. Wednesday will also be our "Family Night". The doors will open at 1:50 when the release bell rings. We will be open until 7:00 that night. Please come and bring your families and friends and share in our PTO dinner as well as the Book Fair. Thursday and Friday will be purchase times for the students during their **scheduled library times only**. The Book Fair will **not** be open before school all week. It will only be open afterschool on Wednesday. Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day we will be selling. The doors will close at 3:30.

As always I will be needing volunteers to help run the Fair. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful fundraiser for you library please give me a call at 970-254-6460.

Last year we made \$3741.01 to spend on new books for our Library!

Thank you all so very much!

Debi Hedges

# MARCH

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## Important Upcoming Dates

Feb. 27- March 3: Shelledy Scholastic Book Fair

March 1: Shelledy Book Fair Family Night, 1:50-7:00 PM

March 2: First Grade Music Program, "Dr. Seuss"  
2:45 and 6:30 PM, gym

March 7: PTO Meeting 5:30 PM in the library, child care provided  
: Preschool Open House, 4:30-6:30 PM, Preschool Room

March 9: End of 3rd Quarter

March 10: No School, Teacher Work Day  
: Kindergarten Round-up, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

March 11: District Honor Choir, 3:00 PM, Grand Junction High School

March 12: Daylight Savings Time

March 14: Dominos Dough Night

March 20-24: No School, Spring Break



Vision: All students prepared for their future.

# PTO NEWS

PTO Meeting Tuesday, March 7th – Do you have ideas or suggestions on how to improve our school and our PTO? Join us at 5:30 PM in the Shelledy library. All Shelledy parents and guardians are invited to attend. Free childcare is provided and we will have a door prize drawing! The following meeting will be Tuesday, April 11th.



**We need YOU!** – Every year there are new opportunities for parents, guardians and teachers to be a part of the PTO Board and the board members are vital to the continued success of the organization. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to Jen Oliver for her past service. With her term being complete, will be searching for a new Treasurer for the upcoming year. Positions are two year terms and more information is available if you are interested.



**Box Top Reminder** – Don't forget to continue to clip and return those box tops and as a reminder, please do not return expired or incomplete box tops. The class with the largest total at the end of the school year will receive a pizza party!

**Banana's Fun Cards** – Thank you to all the families who participated in the Banana's Card fundraiser. With your support, the PTO raised \$819.00. Our top selling grade was 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, our MVP was Gage C. and our Top Seller was Maelin G. Way to go! Also, just a reminder that there was an expiration date inadvertently printed on the cards by Bananas. This was an oversight on their part and the cards will be honored.



**Dominos Dough Night** – Our next Dominos night will be on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Watch the Thursday folder for the Purchase Form slips to turn in when you pick up your order or have your pizza delivered.

If you would like more, please ask!

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## Music News

Please mark your calendars and attend the District Honor Choir on March 11 at 3:00 p.m. at Grand Junction High School Auditorium. There will be eleven schools represented in the choir. These students will be representing Shelledy at the concert: Destiny Bixler, Kylar Holt, Alyssa Janusz, Owen Dean, Ava Pfaffendorf, Navaya Steele, Jillianne Sims, Malayiah Mead, Aubree Trujillo, Mona Reis and Rebekah Keen.

Second grade students will perform their program on April 27 at 1:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the gym. They will be performing a concert about birds. Students should wear their “best” clothes for the performances.

If you have any questions about music classes, programs, or other issues, please feel free to see Mrs. Barger at any time.

