

# Knott Creek School Newsletter

Principal: Ms. Kari Sanders



February, 2018

## Principal's Message

Happy February Parents & Guardians! Our school year seems to be flying by and we are excited to see the growth of our students in both academics and behaviors. It is amazing that it is already getting close to the end of the 2nd Trimester on March 2nd. Our students have been busy with our mid-year STAR assessments to track how much academic growth students have made thus far in the school year. This data will assist teachers in determining the areas of student strength as well as areas where additional growth is needed. If you have questions about your child's progress, please email or call your child's teacher.

I encourage all parents/guardians to read to their child every day. There are many benefits to this practice such as: Children who read often and widely get better at it. Reading exercises our brain. Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV or playing video games, for example. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds new connections. Reading improves concentration. Children have to sit still and quietly so they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer. Reading teaches children about the world around them. Through reading a variety of books, children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experiences. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills. Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking. Reading develops a child's imagination. As we read, our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places, and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story, we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play. Reading helps children to develop empathy. As children develop, they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation. Reading is fun! A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and it is light to carry so you can take it anywhere you go. Reading is a great way to spend time together. Reading together on the sofa, bedtime stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together. Children who read achieve better in school. Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just Language Arts. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum.

While this winter we have not yet had to face the weather challenges of last year, we are dealing with a flu season that just won't go away. Both staff and students have struggled with sickness that seems to come, go and come again. We are working hard on keeping our school clean and desks sanitized to help contain the spread of the virus. Please help us to keep students and staff healthy by keeping your child home if they have a fever and are extremely sick. Students should stay home until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours.

I would also like to remind parents/guardians that all of The Creek Schools, including Knott Creek, are peanut-free schools. Students and staff who are allergic to peanuts have a severe reaction to peanuts even without touching it. Please do not send anything to school that has peanuts in it to ensure the safety of all. I appreciate our attention to this matter.

*work hard*  
STAY HUMBLE  
*be kind*

Thank you for your support!

Ms. Kari Sanders/ Knott Creek Principal

**February 2, 2018**

NO SCHOOL - Staff  
Training Day

**February 19, 2018**

NO SCHOOL  
President's Day

**Immunization  
Exclusion Day is  
February 21,  
2018.**

All children who are not up-to-date or complete on their immunizations will be excluded from their school or child care facility. For more information go to this site: <https://multco.us/school/school-immunizations>

**Weather Closures:**

Knott Creek School is located in the Parkrose School District. When PSD closes for weather, so does Knott Creek. Please check the news and MESD website for closures.



