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*"The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."  
 Denis Waitley*

**September 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 No School – Happy Labor Day!	5 Beginning of Year Benchmark Assessment Window: 8/29- 9/8	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 First Day of Library Check-Out  Accelerated Reader Challenge Kick-Off!	16
17	18 No School – Teacher Professional Learning – Teaching With Love and Logic  Water Awareness Week (Sponsor: Lower South Platte Children's Water Festival)	19 Water Awareness Week: Dress for Success – Dress-up like what you want to be when you grow up!  	20 Water Awareness Week: Wear Your Thinking Caps! Wear Your Favorite hat to school to show you are thinking about Water Awareness!    <i>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to WaterFest in Sterling – 9:15-2:45 – LUNCH IS PROVIDED</i>	21 Water Awareness Week: Go Wild for Water! We will take our kids pictures "wild animal" style.    Vision and Hearing Screening  	22 Water Awareness Week: Water is Life! Wear blue to show your love for Colorado Water!  	23
24	25	26	27 4 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council Speeches and Elections (NOTE – DATE CHANGE)	28	29	30

**Student Council Speeches and Election**

It is that time of year for our Julesburg Elementary School Student Council Election. 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed to apply and once elected are part of many school-wide activities supporting our school as well as building their leadership skills. The application window is now closed. The students that have applied need to be preparing and practicing their speeches as home. They will be sharing their speech with the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We will then have all 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders go through and election process utilizing ballots similar to how they would vote as an adult in elections. Election results will be revealed on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Those members who were elected will receive a Student Council handbook as well as some information they will take home to share with parents/guardians. I (Rhonda Palic) will continue to be the elementary student council sponsor and will communicate with parents/guardians on a regular basis regarding student council events.

### Water Awareness Week

The Lower South Platte Water Conservation District is once again, planning their Children's Water Festival for Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> in Sterling. This event is for 5<sup>th</sup> graders throughout our Northeastern Colorado region. However, all students will get to take part in water awareness as a part of a spirit week and fun facts about water will be included in our morning announcements and in the classroom. Those spirit days are described in the calendar above as well.

## Water Awareness Week Dress Up Days!



### Monday

No School

School Spirit Day, show your love for your community.



### Tuesday — Dress for Success!

Dress-up like what you want to be when you grow up.



### Wednesday — Wear Your Thinking Caps!

Wear your favorite hat to school and the Lower South Platte Children's Water Festival to show you are "thinking" about Water Awareness Week.



### Thursday — Go Wild for Water!

Dress-up as your favorite animal.



### Friday — Water is Life!

Wear blue to show your love for Colorado water.

### ACCELERATED READER CHALLENGE

It's back with popular demand! We have brought back our Accelerated Reader program and are kicking off our 2023-2024 Accelerated Reader Challenge. The purpose behind this challenge is to build a love of reading and expose students to all types of genres of literature (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, biographies, etc.) while also supporting the area of comprehension and understanding of what they reading. Teachers are preparing our students as we speak for that challenge which includes expectations as well as what they earn as a result of meeting their goals. Here is some information for you as parents/guardians:

#### A.R. Requirements:

- Students are expected to read at or above their grade level (or as assigned through IEP or READ/Title Plan), meet their required points, and pass with a minimum of 85% by the end of each trimester.

#### A.R. Incentives:

- Students who meet their required points at the end of the will participate in a fun day and an award at the end of each trimester.

#### A.R. Rules:

- Tests must be taken at school from 8:00-3:30
- All tests will be taken independently by the student.
- Students must remain on the A.R. site during testing.
- Students can use the A.R. book as the only resource while taking the test if the teacher determines this is appropriate.
- All books must be verified and found in our school library, on EPIC, purchased from our book order, and/or from our Readers Read Book Nook.

#### A.R. Incentive Rules:

- Academic dishonesty can result in loss of points and/or school disciplinary action.
- Students who are academically dishonest will not be allowed to participate in the grade level or end of year award for A.R.

## Point Goals by Trimester:

### K/1st:

- First Trimester - 5 Points
- Second Trimester - 5 Points
- Third Trimester - 5 Points

### 2nd/3rd:

- First Trimester - 6 Points
- Second Trimester - 6 Points
- Third Trimester - 6 Points

### 4th-6th:

- First Trimester - 7 Points
- Second Trimester - 7 Points
- Third Trimester - 7 Points

There is a SURPRISE end of year award for students meeting all three trimester goals. Our students are already excited to find out what that is! We will continue to keep parents informed and will steadily post pictures and updates of those students who have and are meeting their goals. Happy reading!

### **Back to School Reminders:**

- PowerSchool Parent Portal Forms - Parents, you should have received a letter from the school describing the process to sign up for the PowerSchool Parent Portal. We wanted to make sure every parent/guardian had access to the Parent Portal by Monday, August 28th. If you have any questions and/or are needing any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us - we are here to help!



