

THE PULSE ON THE PLAYGROUND

The latest news and updates from Superior Elementary School

Our staff and students returned from Christmas break ready to teach and learn! At the beginning of the second semester we adopted a new English Language Arts resource, CKLA-Amplify. You may have noticed some different papers, spelling lists, or stories coming home. The teachers are working hard to implement the mid-year changes and the students seem very excited about the new stories they are reading. Folk tales and poetry are the focus for some grade levels right now and it's fun to watch the students enjoy these genres.

Our teachers also participated in on-site professional development for our math resource and instructional practices and they completed their Unit 2 LETRS training during our early dismissal teacher inservice. So, while our students are busy learning, so are our teachers! I'm amazed by their dedication to continuous professional growth and excited about the great things that are happening at Superior Elementary! In addition, we have had a wave of illnesses come through our community this month. Adjustments with staffing are a daily occurrence. However, our students continue to work hard for their classroom teachers and subs, and I'm so grateful for everyone's patience and perseverance this month!

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS:

FEBRUARY 10 - PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (1:30-8:00PM)
2022 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION (1:30-8:00PM)
KIDS CLUB MOVIE DAY

FEBRUARY 11 - NO SCHOOL (P/T CONF. COMP DAY)

FEBRUARY 14 - CLASSROOM VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES (2:30-3:30PM)

(Note: The family fun night that was originally scheduled for February 28th has been moved to March 28th.)

Reminder: The "Elementary Events" calendar is now posted on our school website or you can subscribe/add the calendar to your own calendar with the following link: <https://bit.ly/37lcrQf>

I Love Public Schools Day

January 19, 2022

Our staff and students celebrated I Love Public Schools Day during Wildcat Prides this past month.

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Kindergarten Registration for 2022!

If you have a child who is eligible for Kindergarten in August 2022 please complete their registration at the Elementary office during Parent Teacher conferences (Feb. 10). Children are eligible for Kindergarten when they turn 5 years of age on or before July 31st. Please share this information with any family or friends who have kindergarten-eligible children as well. Below is a link to the NE Department of Education website with information about: Getting Ready for Kindergarten.

<https://www.education.ne.gov/oec/school-readiness/>



Unless you've been in an elementary school building on the **100TH DAY OF SCHOOL**, you can't quite understand the excitement in the air. If you would've been at Superior Elementary on our 100th day of learning you would've seen and heard: Kindergarteners cheering when they counted to 100 at calendar time; 100 Days Smarter crowns being proudly worn; little old men and little old ladies shuffling through the hallways; math games galore; and some very creative 100 day shirts worn by both students and staff. Hopefully you saw some pictures of the fun on social media. Thanks to all of the parents who glued/taped/painted things on shirts, too!

Congratulations to Mrs. Jennifer Utecht

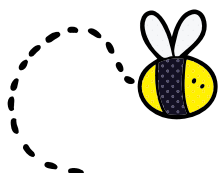


Mrs. Jennifer Utecht has been named the *Teacher of the Quarter* at Superior Schools. Mrs. Utecht is our PK-5 Reading Specialist and is a valuable asset to our district. She has led the way through our English Language Arts local curriculum writing process, provided valuable insights regarding the newly released ELA state standards, and is our resident expert about the Science of Reading. Mrs. Utecht works with students in small groups as well as in their classrooms. This year she has made an even deeper impact on our students by organizing our Elementary Book Room which contains valuable resources for our teachers to use. She collaborates with our teachers during their weekly ELA lesson planning, coordinated the adoption of our new reading series, and provides professional development training to our staff.

We are so lucky to have Mrs. Utecht in our school!

Child Find

Superior Public Schools has the responsibility to identify, locate and evaluate all children (birth through age 21) with disabilities regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who need special education services. If you have questions or concerns about your child's development please contact the Elementary Principal Jodi Fierstein, at 402-879-3257 ext. 225.



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