



The Studio School

*Where Creative Minds
Develop Critical Thinking*



March 1, 2016

Spring Newsletter

Studio Events

March 10 & 11: 3rd Grade Play

March 12: Daylight Savings

March 14 - April 30: CMAS Window

March 18: Sock Hop

March 24: Kindergarten Dance Theater

March 30: Art Show and Book Fair

March 31 & April 1: 1st Grade Play

April 4-8: Spring Break

April 11: No School

April 14: 2nd Grade Dance Theater

April 15: Studio Soiree Event

April 18-21: Cleo Parker-Robinson Dance Residency

April 25: Skate City Bus Party

Principal Address

Spring is a wonderful time at The Studio School because the flowers are beginning to bloom outside as our students are blooming inside! This year we have focused our attention to our writing instruction and it has been amazing to see the growth in our students' writing. My email box is filled with shared Google Documents from students showcasing what they are researching and requesting my feedback. I am so impressed with the professional development our teachers have been provided from the district, and how it impacts the instruction students are receiving. During Early Release, teachers have the opportunity to analyze student writing horizontally with their grade level partner and also align their students' writing vertically with K-5th grade colleagues. This gives our staff the opportunity to reflect and adjust instruction to best support their students. As always, The Studio staff is creative with utilizing arts integration precepts to engage students and support instruction in a meaningful way, which deepens the writing process.

Sharla Kaczar, Principal



Birthday Celebrations

Please remember that we are excited to honor your child's day of birth! Students are permitted to share a special gift with their classmates if you would like. We are asking parents to refrain from bringing in birthday food for a number of reasons. Our Healthy Schools Successful Students Team would like to provide a healthy environment free of sugar during the instructional day. Also, there are a number of students with food allergies and special diets. It is critical to provide a safe and inclusive environment. Lastly, we have found other meaningful and memorable ways to celebrate the children without including sugary snacks. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

The Colorado Measures of Academic Success

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CMAS is the state's assessment designed to measure student performance. Students in grades 3rd-5th will be administered online Literacy and Math assessments this March through April. Fifth graders will also be administered a Science assessment. Please see the school's website for specific grade level assessment schedules. This is the second year we will be administering the CMAS/PARCC tests to students in the state of Colorado.

It is important for students to be at school during the testing days. The school's PTO will be rewarding students for good attendance during the CMAS testing window. One student from each 3rd-5th grade classroom will have a chance to win an iPod Shuffle. One student from 3-5 has a chance to win a Beats Headphone Set. Lastly, the class with the highest attendance percentage during the testing window will earn a class party. Please help your child prepare for these rigorous assessments by ensuring a good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and by encouraging him/her to do their best!

Studio School kids are resilient and creative, and they have the capabilities to persevere through anything! Intermediate students took part in the Kaiser Permanente Assembly called the "Pressure Point." Students were given strategies on how to handle stressful situations like taking assessments. Students learned about S.T.A.R. S is for Stop, T is for Think, A is for Act, and R is for Reflect. This was a positive experience for students. Your child's classroom teacher will be providing more supports in the classroom as the students prepare for these upcoming assessments.

Please check out the Colorado Department of Education for more information about CMAS at <https://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/generalinfo-parents>