Congratulations to Audriana Allen for taking 6th place in the KUSD Spelling Bee on January 28, 2016. Audri earned the opportunity to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee in February. Way to go, Audri!

Penny Wars: A total of $832.15 was collected. Half of the donations were presented to the Shalom Center with Barth Storage matching our donation. The other half was put into the FPSA budget to help with the yearly activities for our students. Thank you to all families that contributed. The winning grade level was first grade. They enjoyed decorating cookies as the prize.

Fifth Grade Snack Sales are continuing. Fifth grade students are trying to raise money to defray the cost of their field trip to Madison in April. Thank you for your continued support.

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents,

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Teachers will also be talking with you about summer school. (Believe it or not—summer is fast approaching.) Summer School meets Monday through Friday from 8:00 until 12:00 at Stocker Elementary. It is good for students to continue to learn and practice their skills throughout the summer.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at 359-6319.

Sincerely, Mrs. Rohde

Spring Break is March 25—April 3.

Winter Gear: Children must have full winter gear to be able to play in the snow (coats, boots, snowpants, gloves or mittens). If they do not come fully winterized—they must stay on the playground and out of the snow. Students are kept indoors when the temperature is below 10 degrees or 0 with the wind chill. Also, students will be kept indoors when the playground conditions are too icy or unsafe for play.

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News to Note: February/March

Feb. 1—Vision Screening with School Nurse for grades 2 & 5.
Feb. 8—Dental Month Presentation for Grades 1 & 2
Feb. 12—Valentine’s Parties and Candy Gram delivery.
Feb. 16—Election day (voting takes place @ Forest Park)
Feb. 17—FPSA meeting 6:00 PM
Feb. 19—FPSA Open Gym Night 6:00—7:00 pm
Feb. 24—regular school day.
Feb. 25—Dismissal at 12:00
Feb. 26—No School for students.
March 1—Grade 2 and 3 Music Concert 2:00 PM
March 11—ALICE training taking place at school for all staff.
March 22—Spring Concert for Grades K and 1 at 2:00 PM
March 23—Spring Picture day
March 24—No School

Check the KUSD.edu webpage or Facebook or call 359-SNOW for school closings due to weather.

Students enter the building every day at 8:05. The tardy bell rings at 8:10. Please help your children be on time!

Playground supervision begins at 7:55 in the morning and ends at 3:20 in the afternoon.

Special points of interest:
- Breakfast begins at 7:35 in the morning. There is no supervision provided for students that arrive before that time. So please do not send your child to school too early in the morning. We want everyone to be safe. Breakfast closes at 8:00. Please make sure your child arrives with enough time to eat and leave the lunchroom by 8:05.

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Parent Pick up and Drop off

Thank you for all of your cooperation in keeping all of our students safe when dropping off or picking up your students. Following the rules of the circle drives helps all of us.

Please understand that in order to enter the building you must come to the front door and be buzzed in. This is a safety measure to ensure that we know who is entering the building and for what purpose.

Please do not be offended when a staff member or a safety patrol student asks you not to enter a door that is not the front entryway. It is to keep all of our students in a safe environment.

Letting your child enter on their own is also a way to help them become independent at school. By doing this they learn to advocate for themselves and ask for help from others besides their parents. Staff is always available and willing to help out.

On March 11 from 12:45 to 3:45, all staff will be trained in ALICE. ALICE is the new active shooter response program that was approved by the Board of Education in August 2015 that entails alert, lockdown, inform, counter and evacuate. This training will be done on a Friday afternoon when students are not in session. A notification will be sent home closer to that date with those students that attend the YMCA program at school.

If you have any questions about this please give me a call at 359-6319. Also, if you ever have any concerns or feedback about the pick up and drop off—please share with me as well. We are always looking for ways to make Forest Park a safe and friendly place to be.

If your child is going to be tardy please also call and let the office know if we need to order a lunch. If you bring your child to school after 8:45 they will need to have a cold lunch with them if you do not inform the office to order them a lunch. Thank you for your cooperation!

Office phone is 262-359-6319

January attendance—95.06%

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5th grade—96.23%
2nd grade—95.15%
3rd grade—95.06
4th grade—94.99%
Kindergarten—94.44%
1st grade—94.23%

Flu and cold season is always a difficult time to stay healthy and in school. We appreciate all that you do to keep your children healthy and in attendance at school.

Please remember to call school when your child is absent. We need to report sicknesses to the Health Dept. so please understand when we ask for details or reasons when you call your child in sick. If your child has a fever or is throwing up—they need to be home. We understand that.

Remember to watch KUSD’s local Cable TV Channel 20

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