

# CLIMAX-SCOTTS ELEMENTARY PANTHER CUB PUBLISHER

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## Hello Parents ~

We hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday break with friends and family!



### Art Club Calendar:

1/17, 1/31, (this is new and replaces 2/7) 2/21, 3/7 & 3/21, 4/18, & 5/2

### Elementary K-5 Valentine's Dance:



Our Kindergarten – Fifth Grade PTA-Hosted Valentine's Dance will be February 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00! With safety as our number one goal, it will be structured much like last year for our K-5<sup>th</sup> grade students, with pizza, chips, and pop for dinner. Tickets will be sold and taken at the door. We are once again asking for a donation of cookies. Please plan to get a sitter for your little ones and come dance with your grade-school children ☺ *More info to follow soon!*

### Half Day Schedule Coming Up:



January 24, 25, 26, & 27 are half days due to exam schedule. We will have a regular school schedule from 8:45-12:11 on each of those days here at the elementary. The upper elementary will be taking their online NWEA testing that week. Also, on one of the days we will rotate the students through a review of our PBIS (*Positive Behavior Intervention and Support*) strategies to remind our students what it looks like to be respectful member of our school campus-wide! We review classroom, hallway, cafeteria, library, assembly, and bus expectations. Please discuss with your child what was learned ☺

### Welcome Rachel Slager to AM Kids Corner!



Sadly for us, Mrs. Bell is moving onto a job with her church in a couple of weeks. Fortunately, we have hired our Pre-K and Kindergarten intern, Ms. Rachel Slager, to fill her position! Ms. Slager has been with our staff working in Pre-K and Kindergarten since September and will graduate soon with her teaching degree! She has agreed to stay with us through the end of the year. We are happy she'll be working with Mrs. Bell to transition into the program, and will take over soon. *Welcome, Ms. Slager!*



**Testing**

Our second round of testing will begin this month:  
**DIBELS 1/11 – 1/20 (Takes about 5 min/student)**  
*(DIBELS is a reading test which helps us determine which students are on track to become successful readers and what types of*

*interventions are needed)*

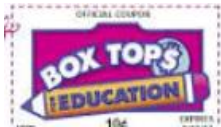
**Delta 1/16-1/20 (Takes about 20 minutes for the class to take)**

*(Delta is a math test which helps us determine which students are gaining an appropriate conceptual understanding of our state's essential math strands what types of interventions are needed)*

**NWEA 1/23 – 1/31 (This is done on a computer and takes approximately 45 min per test)**

NWEA tests various grade-levels throughout the year in math, reading, language, and science. These tests help teachers understand which concepts may need to be re-visited and re-taught and helps guide overall lesson instruction.

**Why all three?** It is important for us to collect comparative data so we are certain we stay on track with teaching the students necessary concepts at an appropriate pace to best prepare them. Additionally, it helps us determine if a student needs further re-teaching (*intervention*) and/or more time to understand a concept.



**Box Tops**~ Thank you for bringing in box tops! Your box top donations help get funding for our school for extra things like technology, Valentine's Dance, rewards, etc.!

**Calendar**~ A quick glance:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| January 24, 25, 26 & 27 Half Days | Exams + Teacher Records Day        |
| February 24 Half Day              | Teacher Professional Development   |
| March 30 Half Day                 | Teacher Records Day                |
| <b>April 3-7 Spring Break</b>     | <b>School Resumes April 10</b>     |
| April 19 & 20:                    | <b>K-5 Conferences 5:00 – 8:00</b> |
| May 29:                           | <b>Memorial Day/ No School</b>     |
| June 12, 13, 14 Half Days         | Jr/Sr Exams (6/14 is last day)     |

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**Start your day out right and join us for breakfast at 8:45am each day!**

**Breakfast Menu:**

Cereal, Cereal Bars, Ultimate Breakfast Round  
 Welch's PBJ

**Hot Choices:**

- Monday: Egg and Cheese Muffin
- Tuesday: Blueberry Pancake Stick
- Wednesday: Waffle or Breakfast Boat
- Thursday: Maple Pancake Stick
- Friday: Mini Blueberry Pancakes

Hello parents and students! We are continuously trying to improve our school learning environment.

Please take a moment to take our survey and turn into your classroom teacher or bring to the office.

I am a:

Student

Parent

**1. Our teachers have attended KRESA workshops and have been participating in coaching to review new strategies. How would you rate your teachers at teaching?**

Exceptional      Good      Okay      Poor

**2. We had a request for more information and organization from the school office. We now try to be sure we not only pass out newsletters and half sheet reminders, we also post to Facebook. How would you rate the communication from the office?**

Exceptional      Good      Okay      Poor

**2. The past few years we've added a new ELA series and a new Math series. This year we also added Chromebooks. How are the resources at Climax-Scotts (books, worksheets, technology, etc.)?**

Exceptional      Good      Okay      Poor

**3. How well do you feel your child is supported in their learning?**

Extremely      Very supported      Somewhat      Not at all supported

**4. How do you feel about the school climate? (Do children and adults seem happy? Are they safe? Do they get help when they need it?)**

Almost always      Usually      Sometimes      Almost never

**5. How often do you do extra things at school? (sporting events, dances, clubs, etc)**

Usually      Often      Sometimes      Never

**6. What are some of the best things about Climax-Scotts Elementary?**

**7. In what areas does Climax-Scotts Elementary need to get better?**