

Happy Thursday, Wonderful 5th Grade Parents!

Tomorrow is crazy hair/hat day!

In **ELA**, we are almost finished reading Esperanza Rising. We will finish our discussion on the plot elements in the novel, students will complete their digital Jamboards, we will dissect the various themes of the story, and students will take their comprehension test early next week. Students had wonderful things to say about this novel; some of them expressed that it's one of their favorite times of the day. We also read two short books; My Life as an Immigrant and The Junk Man's Daughter. In **math**, we continued working on unit 3. Students practiced both the box/area method of multiplying multi-digit whole numbers as well as the standard algorithm. Our 5th grade standard is being secure with the standard algorithm when multiplying a 3 x 2 digit whole number. Ask your kiddo how they feel they're doing with this or have them show you how they would solve a multi-digit multiplication problem. It has been fun to see all of their mathematical thinking and how they process and chunk numbers to solve multi-digit problems. The best part is seeing the light bulbs go off during the day and hearing their ahas! They have a great time practicing these skills on Blooket and Gimkit. During our **Unit of Inquiry** time, students explored different aspects of immigration through two different simulations. In *Decisions, Decisions* students played the role of the President of the United States facing an immigration dilemma. In the second simulation, students planned their escape route by making critical decisions based on real stories from Syrian refugees. They also continued working on their WeVideos and their digital portfolios.

Idiom of the Week: frog in your throat

Morphology of the Week: "port" (to carry)

Cans Around McGraw

It's that time of year, McGraw!

C.A.N.S. Around The Oval is a 35-year-old CSU tradition, occurring mid-September to mid-October, and is geared toward raising awareness about food insecurity and collecting donations for the Food Bank for Larimer County. The food bank not only serves the county at-large but our local campus community via the Rams Against Hunger program. To enhance the quality and quantity of food and better meet community needs, C.A.N.S. or "cash and nutritious staples" (including online monetary donations and healthy, non-perishable food items) are now asked from donors rather than only canned food. There are multiple ways to creatively, collaboratively, and consciously "CANtribute" to help relieve food insecurity for fellow Rams and our local Northern Colorado neighbors.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE:

1. **Send your kiddo with healthy, non-perishable food items.** Examples: Peanut butter, beans, pasta, rice, canned proteins, canned fruit, macaroni and cheese, and cereal. Practically all food items are accepted, except the following: food in glass jars, frozen

foods, home-canned foods, perishable food and foods that have been previously served or heated.

2. **Make an online donation using this [link](#).** (You can also share this link with friends/relatives on Social Media to enhance who the fundraiser reaches!)
3. **Send cash in to your child's teacher!**

Start Date: NOW!

End Date: October 13th

Let's take action to make a difference in our community!

SEL Focus:

This week, we discussed a lot about having an open mind to better understand other people's perspectives and lives. The topic of discrimination comes up often throughout the book, so it allows for some pretty powerful discussions! Esperanza's and Miguel's perspective about the same circumstances was completely different solely based off where they came from! This is such a great concept for students to understand!

Important Upcoming Dates:

- ☐ Oct.1-Oct. 15 PTSO Direct Donation Drive
- ☐ Oct. 8 McGraw night at Rollerland
- ☐ Oct. 8 Odyssey of the Mind registration due
- ☐ Oct. 12 SAC meeting 2:35 pm
- ☐ Oct 13 Last day of Cans Around McGraw
- ☐ Oct. 14-15 NO SCHOOL

ENJOY your weekend! Never hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or celebrations!

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