PTO Newsletter, 1-19-2018

Hello parents,

We hope you have been enjoying this crazy spring like weather, and that you have had a good week. We have a few upcoming events to make note of:

ZUPAS family night out

If you eat at the Sugarhouse Zupa's this next Tuesday, Jan. 23rd, between the hours of 5-9, and let them know you are with CRA when you check out, Zupas will donate a portion of the amount spent back to the school. This is a fun and easy way for our school to earn some more money towards learning activities for our kids. Thanks for all the support you give to our school!

Science Night - Friday Feb. 9 from 6:00-8:00pm

Make sure to save the date for Science Night coming up next month. We have a lot of fun stuff planned! Want a sneak peek of what we'll be doing?? Then check out Signup Genius and see descriptions of all the stations we're doing this year, from DNA to slime to weather to ice cream. And while you're there, PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP if you can, of course. This is a fun event that takes good volunteer support to be great. See you there!

<u>Perspectives-</u> Our Perspectives Contest will be in full swing soon! Our theme this year is "*If I Could Change the World!*" Last week we introduced each class to someone who changed the world in big ways with her words and voice, even at a young age. When Malala Yousafzai was told by extremists in her country that she was forbidden to attend school because she was a girl, she spoke out. She published her writings about education and preached equal treatment for girls in Pakistan, even when her life was in great danger.

We read to each class part of "Malala's Magic Pencil," a children's book written by Malala. In the book, Malala dreams of a magic pencil with which she could erase things out of the world and draw good things into the world. We asked CRA students those very questions: "*Think about changing the world. What would you erase? What would you draw?*" We encouraged students to take that idea and turn it into an art project, in whatever medium they would like. It was so fun to see the light in the students' eyes as they started to think about how they could improve the world. Link below to a 2 min video with Malala talking about her children's book, and how each child can change the world.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWKYalbPLRY&t=63s

Please remember, all entries must be **original**. Entry forms went home this week and entries are due **Friday, February 2nd**. Gallery Stroll **March 1st**. This year, Principal Fuller and our CRA staff will chose a **Falcon Legacy Award** winner in which they will purchase that students art to be hung permanently in the school. Over the years, we hope to create a permanent art installation of original works by CRA students. Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered. If you are interested in helping, please email Catherine Arveseth. <u>cath.arveseth@gmail.com</u>

Thanks so much for all your support to our awesome school!

Michelle and Jill