

# NEWSLETTER/ BOLETIN

## Meet Our Team

### We Are Pleased To Introduce One Of Our First Grade Teacher!

**Name:** Ruth Ann Martin

**Years of Teaching:** 31... 5 in Texas and 26 at Sheridan!

**Greatest Moment of the School Day:**

Some of our greatest moments during the school day, are when we come together for Morning Meeting, first thing, each and every day. This meaningful gathering is where we share our plans, strategies, and dreams of the day.

Morning meeting is times where we connect as a classroom family, problem solve, and learn how to support and learn from one another's strengths.

Message

Every learner in my classroom is unique, precious, and capable of learning anything and everything. Teaching both eager and reluctant learners is a great responsibility I take very seriously. My career, commitment and artful passion is to assist all learners successfully cross from one learning milestone to the next. I know the learning strategies each learner acquires in first grade, become critical tools they take with them to meet the challenges waiting beyond our classroom walls. Learning is magical, exciting and never ending. Ensuring every learner builds a history of joyful learning experiences, which in turn will encourage an independent lifelong love of learning, is my daily motivator. My dream is to live in a world filled with clever, curious, problem solvers. How fortunate I am to be so closely linked to the future, and to serve the students and families of Sheridan!

Sincerely, Miss Martin

~A Few of My Favorites~

**Book:** Prairie School by Lois Lenski, **Movie:** The Wizard of Oz, **Song:** Along the Road by Dan Fogelberg, **Game:** ScrabblePlace: In the woods, near a lake, **Food:** Taco Salad

**Quote:** "Promise me you'll always remember: you're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." -Christopher Robin to Pooh".



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, PTO Meeting.
- ✓ Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL
- ✓ Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, Site Council Meeting.
- ✓ Jan 22<sup>th</sup>, Coffee with the Principal.
- ✓ Jan 22<sup>th</sup>, Martin Luther King Assembly.
- ✓ Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, Dental Clinic

## Message from the Principal and Assistant Principal

Happy New Year and Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a peaceful and enjoyable break! It's time to get back to work. The 3rd quarter (2nd semester) will be in session starting January 20th. This is the time of year when many set goals which is a good thing but more importantly than setting the goal is to make sure goals are frequently monitored to keep students on target to reach the ultimate goal. Celebrate growth along the way! This is what we continually strive to do with our students. At the end of the month, you will receive your child's 1st semester grade report card. We suggest reviewing the report with your child. Celebrate the gains they have made. It is important that students identify what made them successful in meeting their goals so they are repeated. Then discuss challenges they may face both academically and behaviorally. Set goals to improve weak areas and set dates where you will check in to assess their progress along the way. This is a life skill that is never too early to learn. If they learn it now it will certainly have a greater impact on their future.

Your child needs to be at school each day, on time, and for the full day.

If school is ever cancelled due to inclement weather or due to some other situation, you will be contacted by our school phone messenger system. Please make sure we have your current contact information so you are informed.

Our temperatures are dropping and we are getting colder. We monitor the temperature on a daily basis and will have indoor recess if the temperature or wind-chill is 0 degrees or lower. That means our students play outside in cold weather for 20 minutes every day. Make sure you are sending them to school prepared for the weather.

Thanks,

Sra Guzman and Miss Raw

### From Beacons and Werc

#### Attention Parents/Families,

Beacons/WERC has resumed program for the year beginning this week! If your student was enrolled for the Fall Session, they will have their spot held for winter. Returning students need to re-register. They will be able to stay after school this week. ( Jan. 4th-7th) but if no registration form is turned in by the 7th, they won't be able to stay at Beacons. If you have any questions feel free to call **Keem Anderson** (Director) at **612-331-9160** or **612-267-2841**. Thanks!

### From the Health Office

Children's Dental Services (CDS) will be providing dental care at Sheridan on January 28-29, 2016. Parents need to complete a brief medical history of their child and provide consent for treatment in order for their child to be seen by CDS. These forms were sent home about a month ago (blue sheets, white for Spanish). If you would like another consent form, please call the Health Office at (612) 668-1139 or let your child's teacher know. CDS accepts all forms of public and private insurance and no child will be denied care due to an inability to pay. Thanks!

### Be Prepare if we cancel school!

#### We consider closing school when:

- Wind chill is at **-35°F (-37°C)** or colder at 6:30 a.m.
- More than 6 inches of snow falls in 12 hours
- More than 8 inches of snow falls in 24 hours

#### We try to tell parents:

- By 6 p.m. the day before the cancellation, or
  - By 5:30 a.m. the day of the cancellation
- You'll hear from us:  
Phone calls, Text, Website, Facebook, Radio, TV .

### From The Office and Transportation .

1. We are reminding all parents that visits to the school need to be scheduled in advance with the classroom teacher unless you have received a call to come in to the school.
2. If you are walking your student from the attendance office to class you need to sign in at the main office and receive a visitor badge.
3. We cannot put calls through to classrooms during instructional time, but we would be happy to take a message or put you through to the staff member voicemail.
4. Mpls district bus drivers will be driving new routes starting **January 11**. With new drivers there may be a few delays the first couple days. Please be patient with the new drivers, but if you have a concern or the bus is **MORE** than 10 minutes late please feel free to call the school or dispatch office at **612-668-2300**

#### Important Attendance Information:

It is expected that all students come to school every day and on time.

Here is a reminder of when to keep your student home:

1. If your child has a fever of 100 degrees or more within 24 hours
  2. If your child has vomited 2 or more times in the past 24 hours
  3. If your child has diarrhea
  4. If your child has an unknown rash, please check with your doctor
  5. If your child has severe wheezing, cough etc... please check with your doctor
- Please call the attendance line at 612-668-1138 to report an absence or send a note with your student. If absences are not called in or a note was not sent, the absences are unexcused.

## FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



**Sheridan Arts Spanish Dual Immersion**  
**Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016 6:00pm**  
**Suggested Donation \$1**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**COME EARLY  
FOR OPEN  
GYM, PIZZA  
DINNER AND  
PTO UNIFORM  
SALE!  
4-6PM**

"Our communities  
are becoming **more**  
**diverse** which is just  
a **wonderful**  
**treasure.**"