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*My favorite thing  
about learning is  
science because it has  
animals and I love  
animals!*

~Michael W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

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**Important Dates:**

**December 5** – SRES  
Chorus Concert

**December 7** – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
music performance

**December 8** –No Students,  
Assessment day (by appt.)

**December 12** – PTO/SAC  
meeting 6:00 P.M.

**December 15** – No  
Students

**December 18- January 2** –  
Winter Break

**January 3** – Students  
return

**January 5** – Pride  
Assembly

**January 15** – No Students,  
MLK Jr. Day

**January 16** – PTO Meeting

**January 22** – Sand creek  
Zone Partners meeting

## Principal's Post

Wow! December is here and in just a couple of weeks we will be starting another break. We have had a great first half of the year. We have had opportunities to come together as a school community whether it is Reading Night, chorus performances, or special assemblies, there has been much to celebrate. Our Learners have made a great deal of progress thus far and we want to keep learning and growing. We also want to thank you for your continued support. What you do with your kids at home makes a big difference here as well. Thank you for getting them up and to school ready to learn, thank you for asking about their day and what they are learning, thank you for keeping in touch with teachers, and thank you for partnering with us as we help your child learn and grow. Together we can provide our learners with a great elementary experience!



5<sup>th</sup> grade “doctors” help a mock trauma victim. Students learned how different life choices can affect your whole body.

## Real Life Learning!

Providing students with real world models can be an effective and memorable teaching tool. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were able to have a great opportunity to engage with real life surgeons from UCCS Medical School recently. Students learned about various body systems and how making good choices in life can help protect those body systems. Students were transformed into “doctors” and provided care for a “trauma victim.” They even had a chance to perform sutures on a pig skin. Look for ways in your real world to provide your students with opportunities to learn. Have a conversation with your child about their dreams and how they might use those interests in the future.

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*My favorite thing  
about learning is  
reading because  
you get to use  
your imagination  
and has  
adventure!*

*~ Hayden H.  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade*

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**School Web Site:**  
[www.d49.org/sres](http://www.d49.org/sres)

## Did You Know?

Did you know that our students have access to a variety of internet resources, and that they can use them both here at school and at home? You can access these links all in one place:

[d49.org/bobcatlinks](http://d49.org/bobcatlinks)

Some of the available resources include:

[Pebblego.com](http://Pebblego.com)

➤ This is a wonderful site for students to use to do research and to learn more about a variety of topics. Suitable for our primary grades.

Username: sreslab

Password: bobcats

[Worldbookonline.com](http://Worldbookonline.com)

➤ An online encyclopedia with access to articles, images and videos.

Log-in ID: sreslab

Password: bobcats

[Myon.com](http://Myon.com)

➤ All SRES students have access to this resource which allows them to sign in and read from up to 6,000 electronic books!

Schoolname: Springs Ranch Elementary

Username: (your lunch number)

Password: abc123

[Brainpop.com](http://Brainpop.com) and [Jr.brainpop.com](http://Jr.brainpop.com)

➤ Watch wonderful educational videos with Tim and Moby! Students can log-in using either their own account if they know it, or with:

Username: sreslab

Password: bobcats

## From the PTO

**Thank you for your participation in all the events we have had this first semester of school. You are always welcome at our PTO/SAC meetings. Our next meeting is December 12 at 6:00 p.m. Be sure to check us out on the links below.**

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