



**February 10, 2023**

"Our vision is educational excellence in knowledge, skills, and character with strong parent-teacher-student partnerships."

Dear Wolverines,

Happy Friday! I hope you've had a wonderful week. Things have been busy around here but in the best ways. Thanks for your partnership and support of our students and staff.



Traut's governance is unique, and we are one of the only public schools in Ft. Collins with a board that allows parents an equal vote on all policy decisions.

Recently, the SBMC approved an updated version of our [Class Placement Policy for Grades 1-5](#).

The purpose of this policy is to explain, in detail, how class placement decisions are made. The ultimate goal is to create well-balanced classrooms that will effectively meet the needs of all students.

We recognize that there may be unique circumstances that impact the best placement for your student. Another purpose of the Class Placement Policy is to allow parents the opportunity to share information that a teacher needs to know before finalizing class lists.

If you feel that there is an **exceptional circumstance** that you need to share with your student's current teacher, you are invited to complete an ["Input for Specific Learning Environment" form](#). This form is *not designed to ask for a specific teacher*. If there is a circumstance with a peer, another adult, or a staff member that the current teacher needs to be aware of, please complete this form. Your responses will remain confidential. Forms must be returned to your teacher by March 31.

Please know that completion of this form does not guarantee a specific class placement!

Creating class lists is one of the most complicated and involved activities that our teachers complete each year. Please know that we take the process very seriously and do our best to create well-balanced classrooms year after year. Thank you for your trust and partnership!

### Spelling Bee Update

I am so thrilled to share that our very own Nikhil G. (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) is the Grand Champion of the 2023 PSD District Spelling Bee. We couldn't be more proud and excited. Next stop, the Colorado State Spelling Bee. Good luck, Nikhil!

### Internet Safety Class - @Traut

Parents, join us for a presentation from our SRO (School Resource Officer) Meg Savage about internet safety for your family.

Officer Savage will be at Traut on **Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM**. She will answer all your questions about how to keep our children safe while they use the internet, as well as advice and tips about social media use and apps to be aware of.

### **Dine Out with Traut**

Dine Out with Traut is back. Join us at Red Robin on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 4-8 pm. 20% of all food sales will benefit Traut. Please show the flyer, [here](#) or mention the fundraiser to your server to have your sales counted. Details about how to order online are also listed on the [flyer](#).

Thanks for supporting Traut.

### **¡Club de Tarea y Tutoría! - Spanish Homework Club!**

¡Atención a los padres de habla hispana!

Traut se complace en ofrecer una oportunidad para que las familias de habla hispana se unan a nuestro primer **club de tareas y tutoría en español**.

El propósito de este club es reforzar materias como lectura y escritura. También se va a ofrecer asistencia con las tareas de esos días. Una vez a la semana la tutora se reunirá con los padres de familia a través del método elegido por la familia para repasar las áreas en las que el niño/a necesite refuerzos adicionales en casa.

Si está interesado en que su hijo/a se inscriba en este club por favor contactar a Maria Naumburg al 970-286-4184

### **SPIRIT WEAR! On Sale Now!**

The Fundraising committee is so excited to share that our new spiritwear store is up and running! It will be open 24/7 for the next year. Parents/ staff can order directly and all items will be shipped in 7-10 business days to your house. There are hundreds of different items to order and 12 designs to choose from.

Order this weekend and you'll get an additional 15% off all [pants and joggers](#).

Website: [www.trautspiritwear.com](http://www.trautspiritwear.com)

# Classified Employee Appreciation Week – NEXT WEEK!

One of the reasons Traut is an exceptional place to work and learn is the incredible dedication and passion of our classified employees. These are the hard-working folks who support your students and our staff every day. From the lunchroom, to the office, Integrated Services, to instructional support, we could not do the amazing work we do each day without our classified employees.

Classified Employee Appreciation Week is February 13-17, and I am asking for your help to make this a special event. ***Please consider writing a note of thanks to a classified staff member before Wednesday, February 15.*** This could be an instructional tutor who has helped your student, our hard-working custodians and office staff, or the ever-positive lunch servers who keep our kiddos fed.

These notes will be collected and shared on Wednesday, February 15. There is an envelope in the office where you or your child can drop your note or letter.

Thank you for helping us make our classified friends feel special! They deserve it more than I can say!

## Girls on the Run

Calling all 3rd – 5th-grade girls – Girls on the Run is coming back to Traut! Girls on the Run is ready to help girls thrive and shine, both on and off the track. Girls on the Run inspires girls to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with fun games and activities that help girls learn to define their lives on their own terms.

We will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:15 pm beginning the first week in March and ending in late May. GOTR is open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th-grade girls. **Registration opens Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 am!** For more information about the program go to [www.girlsontherunrockies.org](http://www.girlsontherunrockies.org) or [www.espanol.girlsontherunrockies.org](http://www.espanol.girlsontherunrockies.org)

Parents, we are also looking for coaches to help us out this season! If you are interested in helping to coach a team of 2-3 girls, or if you have any general questions about the program, please reach out to our GOTR site coordinator, Heather Fontenot at [hfontenot@psdschools.org](mailto:hfontenot@psdschools.org) or 970-488-7502

“If you walk down our hallway, you’ll see a huge mound of lost and found items. If you are wondering about kept stuff, we keep small stuff for preschool. We also keep a couple of jackets for kids who forgot their coats. We keep named stuff for that person.

If you want to keep your stuff, then put a name on it. Then we would not need a lost and found.”

Myles R. - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, Mrs. Wells Class

Well said, Myles. You have perfectly summed up the Lost and Found at Traut and how we might get to the place where we don’t need one at all.

It always makes me smile when I see the kids just getting it. We can learn a lot from them if we take the time to listen!!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend with family and friends, and share with me any words of wisdom your kiddos come up with. They make my whole day!

Sincerely,

Dr. Kendall