



March 31, 2023

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

Happy Friday, Wolverines! Hope your belongings aren't blowing away in the wind today.

We had a quick response to the 20 available Spring Fling tickets that were so generously donated yesterday! All tickets are now spoken for.

LAST CHANCE! You can still purchase tickets to the Spring Fling fundraiser if you have not done so already. We would love to see you on Saturday! Click [here](#). Ticket sales will close today at 9 pm.

Ptarmigan Country Club

6:00 – 9:00 PM

Saturday, April 1

Amazing items to bid on, including [Teacher Experiences](#). Hope to see you there!

TCKS 2022-23 Yearbooks

We are excited to offer a school yearbook this year! Be on the lookout for flyers around school and in Friday Notes, or purchase at the link below before **April 14th!**

<https://psdschools.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Traut-Yearbook/SUMTU>

Odyssey of the Mind (OM)

Congratulations to our two Primary Odyssey of the Mind teams who competed in their regional tournament last weekend. The teams have been working hard since November and represented Traut well. We are so proud of their hard work and look forward to growing the OM program next year. A special thank you to coaches Matt Karn, Suresh Akella, and Leslie Wilda who volunteered countless hours to make sure the teams were ready to go. Great work, everyone!



PSD Appreciation Night – Colorado Rockies

The Colorado Rockies and Poudre School District would like to invite you to Poudre School District Appreciation Night at Coors Field on Saturday, April 29th! A portion of each ticket sold will benefit the Poudre School District Foundation. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a game at Coors Field while supporting your local community.

Saturday, April 29th at 6:10 pm vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

Discounted tickets starting at \$15 - available online only at www.rockies.com/PSD.

Alternate Dates Available:

Sunday, April 9 at 1:10pm vs. Washington Nationals

Sunday, May 14 at 1:10pm vs Philadelphia Phillies

Saturday, June 10 at 1:10pm vs San Diego Padres

Hurry and get your tickets today, as pricing is subject to change!

CSU Summer Camps for Kids!

Academic, sport, and credit-bearing opportunities for kindergarten through pre-college students! For more information and to register, visit: K12summer.coloradostate.edu

Important Dates

Saturday, April 1 - 2nd Annual Spring Fling Fundraiser

Friday, April 21 - NO SCHOOL, Professional Development Day

Monday, May 15 - NO SCHOOL, Teacher Work Day

Friday, May 26 - Last Day of School. Please note - this is a ½ day. Lunch will not be served, and students will be dismissed at 11:30.

“Kites rise highest against the wind – not with it.” ~Winston Churchill

The wind is my least favorite of the weathers. Not that I ever get any choice in the matter, but I would never ever choose wind.

That said, I think Mr. Churchill was on to something when he recognized that there is power in the things that make us uncomfortable. We learn and grow the most when we are uncomfortable despite the fact that we spend so much of our time and energy trying to be or stay comfortable. I think I am especially guilty of trying to ensure this for my own children. I don't want them to be uncomfortable and sometimes go to great lengths to make sure that they aren't. Maybe this isn't always the best approach. Letting them wrestle with discomfort (like boredom, or the consequences of a poor choice) can lead to significantly important learning opportunities. If I never allow them to be uncomfortable, I am potentially robbing them of really valuable lessons.

This reminds me of something my good friend Peggy Lundeby said to me many years ago when I was a second-grade teacher here at Traut, “You have to prepare the child for the road, not the road for the child.” Our kids need to learn how to navigate the road (and the potholes and boulders and ice patches) so they can do it when we aren't around. And that feels really scary to me, as a mom.

So if you're looking for answers, I guess I don't really have them. I am just as scared as the next parent when it comes to letting my own children soar as high as a kite, but I also know that I don't want them to be afraid to ever leave the ground. I guess, like most things, it's a balancing act.

I hope you have a beautiful weekend, with minimal wind and plenty of fun!

Dr. Kendall