



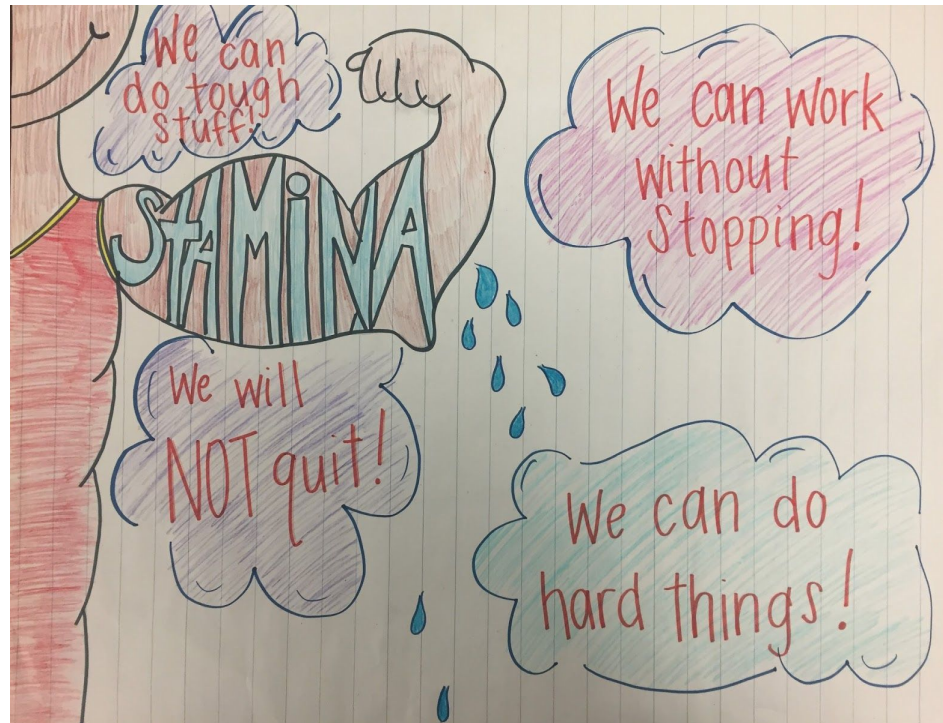
## DENVER PLACE ELEMENTARY

*A place where everyone  
is encouraged to  
wonder and to think  
IMAGINATIVELY!*

**APRIL 2017**

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### APRIL ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

Starting Monday, April 3rd, upon the return to school after Spring Break, we will have an attendance challenge for all classrooms and grade levels. 19 school days!

- ★ There will be a grand prize for the homeroom class with the best overall percentage in the school.
- ★ There will be prizes for the homeroom class at each grade level that has the highest attendance percentage of the 4 grade level classrooms.
- ★ There will be a prize for the grade level with the highest overall attendance percentage.
- ★ There will a family incentive drive-in movie night on Thursday, May 4th (late arrival at school the next day) at 7pm.

**We need LEGOs! Anyone have any to donate?**

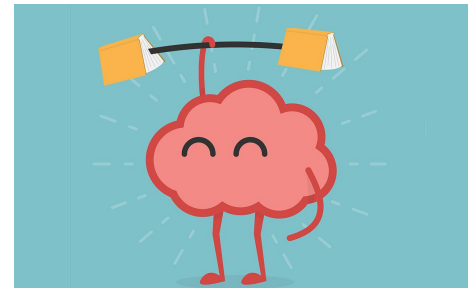
## WHAT IS GROWTH MINDSET?

- The beliefs children have about intelligence, effort, and struggle impact the choices they make about learning.
  - People tend to hold one of two different beliefs about intelligence:
    - Children with a growth mindset believe that intelligence can be developed. These students see school as a place to develop their abilities and think of challenges as opportunities to grow.
    - Children with a fixed mindset believe that intelligence is fixed at birth and doesn't change or changes very little with practice. These students see school as a place where their abilities are evaluated, they focus on looking smart over learning, and they interpret mistakes as a sign that they lack talent.
  - The brain changes and develops throughout life – a process called neuroplasticity. Certain experiences cause new connections in the brain to form or strengthen, making the brain smarter by literally rewiring it.
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- A stylized illustration of a human head in profile, facing left. The head is black with a white neck. Inside the head, there are numerous colorful circular icons representing different fields of study and learning, such as science (microscope, atom, globe), mathematics (calculator, pi symbol), music (musical notes), and general education (books, lightbulb). These icons are connected by a network of thin, colorful lines that branch out from the base of the head, symbolizing the growth of the brain and the concept of neuroplasticity.

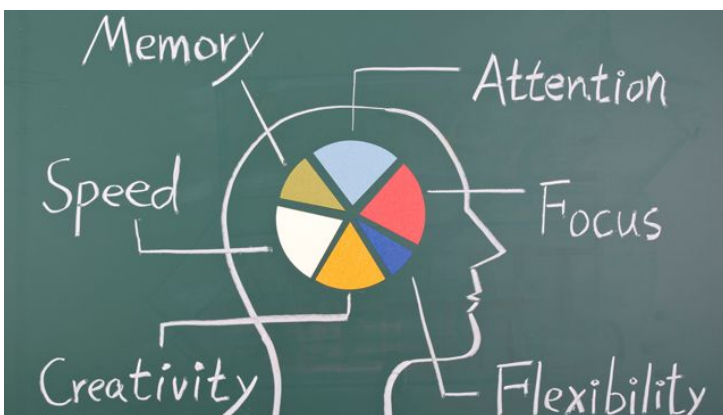


## THREE WAYS PARENTS CAN SUPPORT GROWTH MINDSET

The way parents talk about ability and learning can have powerful effects on their kids' beliefs. Below are three ways parents can instill a growth mindset. And remember, developing a growth mindset in yourself and in your kids is a process that takes time. Have a growth mindset about developing a growth mindset!



- Recognize your own mindset: Be mindful of your own thinking and of the messages you send with your words and actions.
- Praise the process: Praising kids for being smart suggests that innate talent is the reason for success, while focusing on the process helps them see how their effort leads to success.
- Model learning from failure: When parents talk positively about making mistakes, kids start to think of mistakes as a natural part of the learning process.



**YOU CAN LEARN MORE ABOUT  
GROWTH MINDSET HERE**

<https://www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents>

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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOU CALENDAR!

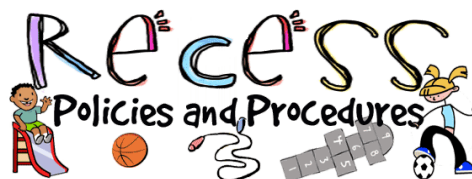
### APRIL - ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE MONTH

- 3 Return from Spring Break/March Student of the Month Lunch
- 4 Success Assemblies
- 10 PTO Meeting @ 6:30pm
- 13 4th Quarter Interim Reports home with students
- 14 No School - Good Friday
- 20 2nd Grade Field Trip to Caesar's Creek
- 24 WUSD Board of Education Meeting (WMS) @ 7pm
- 27 Kindergarten Field Trip to Caesar's Creek
- 27 4th Grade Mt. Olympus Night @ 5:30p
- 28 Denver Night at the Dayton Dragons Game



### MAY

- 1 April Student of the Month Lunch/April Behavior Incentive
- 4 April Attendance Incentive - Drive In Movie Night
- 5 Late Arrival Day (11:00)/Walkathon
- 8 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8&9 Dome Theater @ Denver Place
- 11 Talent Show @ 1:45pm
- 12 1st Grade Field Trip to Cincinnati Zoo
- 15 3rd Grade Field Trip to Carillon Park
- 17 4th Grade Field Trip to WC Quaker Heritage Museum
- 18 Kindergarten Orientation @ Denver @ 6pm
- 22 Field Day (All Day - Parent Volunteers Needed!)
- 23 Skate Night @ 6pm @ Roller Haven WCH
- 24 Student of the Month Lunch/Behavior Incentive
- 25 Last Day for Students - Classroom Success Assemblies & 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 2pm; Report Cards Home with Students



### Positive Behavior Intervention Supports

At the start of every quarter we review behavior expectations with students. With the weather getting nicer, please help us review safety expectations on the playground. You can ask them these questions to get the conversation started -

*How is everything going with your play at recess?  
What kinds of things do you like to do with your classmates? Is there a rule that your group is struggling to follow? What is something that you would like to see change about your play at recess today? If you have any problems, what will you do to solve them?*

Please reinforce that there is to be **NO PHYSICAL AGGRESSION** in their play. Remind your Denver Place student that there are adults on the playground to help them problem solve conflicts. Remind them that it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that everyone be **SAFE** at recess. Please communicate reoccurring problems to your child's teacher or the office. Safety is our top priority!

### Kindergarten Round Up @ Denver Thursday, May 18th @ 6pm

- ★ Registration Packets
- ★ Orientation
- ★ Bring your kindergartener
- ★ Tour the school
- ★ Meet kindergarten teachers
- ★ Visit Kindergarten Classrooms



Meet the kindergarten teachers!



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# APRIL STATE ASSESSMENT DATES

3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Math, Science, SS Begins	4 ELA MAKE-UPS	5 ELA MAKE-UPS	6 ELA MAKE-UPS	7 ELA MAKE-UPS
10 ELA MAKE-UPS	11 ELA MAKE-UPS	12 ELA MAKE-UPS	13 ELA MAKE-UPS	14 ELA Ends-No School
17	18	19	20	21
24	25 5th Science - AM 4th Social Studies - PM	26 4th Social Studies - AM 5th Science - PM	27 3rd Math- AM	28 3rd Math-AM

# MAY STATE ASSESSMENT DATES

3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 5th MATH-AM	3 4th MATH-AM	4 4th MATH - AM 5th MATH- PM	5 Late Arrival
8 Math/Science/ SS MAKE-UPS	9 Math/Science/ SS MAKE-UPS	10 Math/Science/ SS MAKE-UPS	11 Math/Science/ SS MAKE-UPS	12 Math, Science, SS Ends



**DENVER PLACE PTO!**  
**Monthly Skate Nights (February/March/April/May)**

Father Daughter Dance

MOTHER SON DANCE

**Scholastic Books for Every Classroom**

Holiday Shoppe @ Christmas

Christmas Tree Donations

VP Breakfast

Counting Bxotops & Soup Labels

**PARENT BOOK DISCUSSION SNACKS**

DAYTON DRAGONS GAME NIGHT (COMING UP!)



**Success Assembly Times**  
**April 4th!**

Grades 2/3  
 9:30 am

Kindergarten  
 & 1st Graders  
 10:30 am

Grades 4/5  
 2:45 pm

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