

February 2016



Happy February from the school counselor. We started this year off by finishing Lesson 4 of Safer, Smarter, Kids (SSK) for all grades. The next lesson discusses the difference between 'Safe and Unsafe Secrets'. Ask your child not only what they know about Lauren, Buddy, and the many important life lessons we've learned, but also how they can apply them to their lives for years to come. SSK is a great resource for teachers, parents, and kids. If you would like to know more, please visit safersmarterkids.org.

Speaking of years to come, if you have a 5th grade child who will be transitioning to middle school next school year, please watch for upcoming information regarding important dates for surrounding schools. As most of our Cubs will go to River Ridge, please note that Tuesday **February 9th** is Curriculum Night. Watch for further information. Take advantage of these opportunities to familiarize yourself and your child with what to expect as a 6th grader. These events can help ease anxiety about the unfamiliarity of such a big transition. Talk with your child about your own experiences in middle school and the excitement of making new friends and meeting new teachers.



Make it a great week.

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