Message from the Principal

I want to first begin by thanking all of you for your continued support! It is hard to believe we are already beyond our halfway point to the 17-18 school-year. As always, I continue to be so honored and proud to serve as your Principal and I am filled with enthusiasm for the continued experiences and learning opportunities that are in store for the remainder of the year!

Stober Community Garden

Members of the Applewood Valley Sustainability Group have approached us with the interest of beginning the process to establish a community garden here on the Stober property. I see this as an undertaking that will not only promote our continued connection to the broader community, but will further solidify Stober as a bedrock and gathering place here in Lakewood. After a successful presentation at PTA on January 24th, we are excited about the opportunity to partner with the community to support the sustainable efforts in Lakewood, as well as provide additional learning opportunities for our students. I see the learning experiences that we can promote with students through their work in the garden as great lessons in sustainability, science, collaboration, and the list goes on and on. This project is a marathon, not a sprint, and I anticipate will take the course of a few years before we begin to see the actual development of the garden here at Stober. Please let me know if you have any interest in being involved at the ground floor. I truly want this to be a collaborative effort between our broader community, our parents, and students.

Spelling Bee

We were so proud of our two contestants in the Wheat Ridge area Spelling Bee! Congratulations to Cal Gordon and Natalie Gagliardo on their participation! We are so proud of you! Stober alumni Elliott Anderson, 7th grader at Everitt Middle School was the champion of the Wheat Ridge area Bee. Congratulations Elliott!

Destination Imagination

I want to thank Robin Chalker, who has been graciously volunteering her time to facilitate Destination Imagination here at Stober. In the month of January all of our classrooms K-6 have had the opportunity to work with her on the Feather Flight challenge. Their creativity, problem-solving, and ability to develop unique solutions has been impressive. DI is a national program whose vision is to encourage students to have fun, take risks, focus and frame challenges while incorporating STEM, the arts, and service learning.

Technology, Economics, and More

We have had some exciting learning happening in classrooms this month. Everything from enhanced technology integration to developing empathy in the frame of economics. Our 3rd graders have been utilizing Design Thinking to prototype their Market Day products for their big sale. In Kindergarten, our students have been building empathy as they learn important skills around being both consumers and producers. They have partnered with our 6th grade students to film commercials to promote their Kinder Town businesses. Our 1st graders have been
learning multiple technology presentation formats including I-movie, Book Creator, and Stop Motion, so they can select how to best present their How-To writing. It is an exciting time here at Stober, and I could not be more proud of our thoughtful and creative staff and students!

As always, it is such an honor and joy to serve as the Principal of this incredible community.

Thank You,

Anne DiCola