

# Sellers Sez

SELLERS ELEMENTARY

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## February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1 First Day of Black History Month	2	3 Early Out	4 Hats for Jose	5
6	7	8	9	10 Early Out	11	12
13	14 No School—Staff Development Day  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17 Early Out	18	19
20	21 No School—President's Day	22	23	24 Early Out	25 Vikings Awards End of 2nd Trimester	26
27	28	1 First Day of Women's History Month	2	3 Early Out	4	5
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center; gap: 20px;"> <span>←</span> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px 20px;">Book Week</div> <span>→</span> </div>						

### Coming up next month!

- March 7 - 11: Parent Conference Week—Early Dismissal
- March 28 - April 1: Spring Break

# From the Principal's Desk

Hello Sellers Families,

How many times have we heard our children say, "I can't do math" Or, "I'm not good at writing". Or maybe it is you who is saying this. How much does this mindset play into our ability to become successful? I remember my first teaching job. I was teaching high school Geometry and Algebra. I was surprised at how many students would just use these phrases and then believe they could not be successful in math because they had this mindset embedded in their brains.

There are two types of mindset and the terms used are 'fixed mindset' and 'growth mindset'. A fixed mindset is what we may call a negative view; the glass is a half empty view. The growth mindset is the positive thinking view. In the September issue of Educational Leadership, author Mark Jacobson describes the typical behavior of students with a fixed mindset. "Fixed belief students concern themselves with their teacher's every glance. They see the teacher not as a facilitator and resource for their learning, but as a rewarder and punisher, as a judge and a critic." These students constantly ask themselves, "Am I good enough? Am I smart? Am I right? Did I make a mistake? How will others see me? Does my teacher like me?" These are signals that these students are focused on the external and they tend to be overly sensitive to mild criticism.

How do we help our children develop a 'growth mindset'? In an article by Carol Dweck from Creative b'stro, she provides some guidelines and suggestions. First learn how to hear and identify your 'fixed mindset voice'. When they are challenged, they might hear "Are you sure you can do it?" When they face criticism, they might hear their voice say "It's not my fault. It was something or someone else's fault." Next, recognize you have a choice. Lastly, talk back to it with a growth mindset voice. If the fixed mindset voice says, "What if you fail- you'll be a failure." Reply with, "Most successful people had failures along the way." Over time, which voice you listen to pretty much becomes your choice.

This reminds me of the Old Cherokee Legend of the Two Wolves. The Old Cherokee is telling his grandson about a battle inside himself between two wolves. He said there is a terrible fight and the first wolf is full of anger, hatred, envy, sorrow, regret, lies, ego and self-pity. He continues to tell him the second wolf is full of good. 'The wolf is full of kindness, truth, caring, hope, love, and compassion. The grandson asked, "Which wolf will win the fight, grandfather?" The grandfather simply replies, "The one you feed."

Feeding the right mindset is a daily battle that we must face. It is very easy for all of us to fall into the fixed negative mindset. This only prevents us from finding solutions. Let's take on this fight and make a commitment to realize our mindset and choose the growth mindset and have a positive look on our challenges.

Sincerely,  
*Mr. Bishop*

# Honorary Service Award Nominations

*Do you know someone who has gone the extra mile for the SELLERS Community this year? It's time to nominate that person for an Honorary Service Award! The PTA seeks to recognize those in our school community who make a difference in the lives of the students of SELLERS!*

*If you know of a parent, teacher, staff member or other community member who deserves this recognition, please fill out [this form!](#)*

***Due Date: Friday, February 25th, 2022.***

- **Questions? Please contact Michele Serhan ([michele.serhan@gmail.com](mailto:michele.serhan@gmail.com)) or Tracy Laing ([tracymw81@aol.com](mailto:tracymw81@aol.com))**
- **Google Form Link: <https://forms.gle/v8Ck5tpFGArqinww8>**

**Each year Seller's PTA chooses one or more individuals to receive the *Honorary Service Award*, in special recognition of outstanding service. If you know someone who goes above and beyond in supporting our children, either on campus, in our community, or both, we'd like to hear about it. We're looking for the names of teachers, parents, school staff...anyone you think provides outstanding service to the youth of Glendora.**

**Sellers would like to  
congratulate our  
winners for the  
Reflection Program.**

**1st-Place**

Logan Burnett  
for his "Better Earth" Film  
Logan will be moving on to the  
State level for judging

**2nd-Place**

Isaac Fang  
for his "I am an Architect" Visual Arts

**3rd-Place**

Kalea Scoffinger  
for her "Kindness can change the world"  
Dance

**Reflections 2021-22**

# Festival of Lights!



**Thank you** Sellers Families for driving through the PTA's *Festival of Lights* and **for donating** SO MANY toys some of which were donated to the Department of Children and Family Services (picture below).





# CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE PARENTS

The time has come to start planning for the 5th grade party

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FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

If you are interested in helping with the planning of this event  
please email [michellesieger@yahoo.com](mailto:michellesieger@yahoo.com)



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***Let your student wear a hat to school for a good cause  
in honor of a beloved custodian!***

# HATS FOR JOSE



**February 4**

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