



Grizzly Gazette

Meadow Point Elementary School

Meadow Point 720-886-8600
Attendance Line 720-886-8695
Weather Line 720-554-4701

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 21 President's Day –
No School
- Feb. 22 Staff Dev. Day –
No School
- Feb. 24 CiCi's Pizza Night
- Feb. 25 Report Cards Go
Home
- Feb. 28 – Mar. 3 Conferences
- Mar. 2 Dr. Seuss Birthday –
Read Across
America
- Mar. 3 No School –
Conferences
- Mar. 4 No School
- Mar. 9 Ash Wednesday
- Mar. 11 PBS Assembly 2:30
Reception to Follow

In the event of inclement weather.

Please watch your local television channels, listen to the radio, or call the storm delay / closure hotline (720-554-4701) to learn this information. Late start time is 9:45.

En caso de condiciones de tiempo severas.

Por Favor prenda su televisor o radio en su estación local o llame a la línea de horario modificado (720-554-4703) para enterarse de ésta información. El horario modificado empieza a las 9:45.

Feb. 17, 2011

Dear Meadow Point Families,

CSAP testing will begin this month for our third graders. March involves all the third, fourth, and fifth grades completing the CSAP testing. The Colorado State Assessment Program (CSAP) is an opportunity for our students to show what they have learned and demonstrate their progress toward the academic standards.

The primary purpose of this assessment is to determine the level at which our students meet the Colorado Content Standards in reading, writing, math, and science. The data from all assessments is used to increase awareness of individual student, school, and district progress toward attaining higher achievement levels. Looking at their strengths and areas for growth helps us to continue to provide more comprehensive, prescriptive teaching.

Our teachers have embedded strategies and concepts into our curriculum throughout the year in order to prepare students for success. We request your support at home, as well, in getting your child ready for the CSAP. Talk with your child about the importance of this assessment. Please review the schedule in this newsletter carefully.

Below are additional items to help prepare your child to do their best:

Attitude - How students approach the exam makes all the difference. This test is a great opportunity to show what they know.

Rest –Your child will do best with a full night's rest before each day of testing.

Health –Ensure students eat a well-balanced breakfast each morning of testing.

Support –Encourage your child to do their very best.

Attendance –Arrive at school on time (by 8:35 am) so your child does not miss testing sessions and has time to get settled prior to testing. Students who arrive after tests are begun will wait in the library until the tests are finished and will need to make up the test.

Please do not schedule appointments or trips on the dates of assessments.

College Readiness - Taking the CSAP will build testing stamina, as they will continue taking tests throughout middle and high school, as well as in college. Each year we are proud of the effort given by our students on the CSAP tests, and we share our support and encouragement for our students.

Thank you for your partnership in the success of our students.
John



CSAP Testing Dates

We have **CSAP** testing in February and March. Please have your students here on time, well rested, and with a good breakfast. Also, during this time, try not to schedule any appointments.

Testing dates are as follows:

3rd Grade – Feb. 24-25 & Mar.8-18

4th Grade – Mar. 8-18

5th Grade – Mar. 8-18

A flyer will be coming home with your student with the times for each grade level.



Scholastic Book Fair

Meadow Point Library will be selling new books at our Scholastic Book Fair Feb. 28 – Mar. 4. We invite you to participate by visiting the library during parent/teacher conference week. You and your child will be able to order online for the first time at: **bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/Meadow Point**

We look forward to seeing you during Book Fair hours. Thank you for believing in books and in the importance of reading!

Hours: 9am – 5pm Mon.
 9am – 7:30pm Tues. & Wed.
 8am – 12pm Thurs.

Volunteers are needed to set-up and take down. If you can help, please contact Mitty Spidell at 720-886-8600.

READ ACROSS AMERICA CELEBRATION

March 2, 2011

Meadow Point is hosting its 1st annual Read Across America Day to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and **YOU** are invited! Come spend the day with us or just join us in the afternoon for our family Read-A-Thon starting at 2:30. You'll have an opportunity to cuddle up with your child and read! We also need volunteer readers to visit classrooms. If you would like to read to a classroom or know a community member who would like to read, please return the sign-up flier by February 24th.

Cafeteria News

Dear Parents,

Did you know breakfast is offered each day at your child's school? It sure is!

A healthy breakfast is the best way to kick-start your child's school day. So, don't let being crunched for time or out of milk keep your child from eating breakfast! With a healthy breakfast in their stomach, students are more attentive, more energized, and better able to concentrate in school.

Help us celebrate the most important meal of the day with National School Breakfast Week March 7-11, 2011. This year's theme, "*The School Breakfast Detectives Search for Super Energy*" encourages students to search for the energy they need in a healthy breakfast. They can

'uncover' the nutrients that breakfast can provide to them and 'discover' the energized feeling they have after eating a wholesome breakfast. This week is the perfect time to try out the school breakfast program! Check with your school kitchen for any other special events happening during National School Breakfast Week.

For students who qualify for the free and reduced price meal program, breakfast is available at no charge each day. All other elementary students can purchase breakfast for \$1.30 and secondary students can purchase breakfast for \$1.40. Students choose from a variety of entrée choices and each breakfast includes milk. Breakfast menu choices are shown at the bottom of each month's menu.

Remember breakfast is available every day – not just during National School Breakfast Week!



YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

IF YOU WANT A YEAR BOOK (\$16.50) YOU MUST ORDER NOW AS WE WILL ONLY ORDER YEARBOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN PAID FOR IN ADVANCE!!!! THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS FEB. 25, 2011.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

Cherry Creek School District will be offering camps this summer. The brochure will be available on the District's website **ON APRIL 20** at www.cherrycreekschools.org/summercamps

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM
DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD**

The purpose of the Meadow Point Teacher of the Year Award is to recognize the teaching profession by honoring Distinguished Teachers for their Excellence in Teaching.

To be eligible, the teacher nominated must have taught five complete years at Meadow Point and be teaching at the time of the nomination.

Meadow Point's teachers who are eligible to be nominated this year:

Heather Curd
Lynn Garavaglia
Sandy Gillespie
Sarah Glennon
Jim Heit
Kim Henderson
Gloria Johnson

Deb Kruckman
Stephanie Kuhn
Holly Leigh
Betty Price
Pearl Schwartz
Evie Solano
Tasha Waldron

We encourage all students, parents, friends, and family members of these fine teachers to submit a nomination form to the front office on behalf of any (or all) who have touched their lives in a special way. We need to have your nomination(s) no later than March 18, 2011. You may nominate more than one teacher, but each teacher only one time, please.

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I nominate _____ for the 2010-2011 Meadow Point Teacher of the Year Award because:

If this teacher becomes the Meadow Point nominee, I know a specific example that I could provide in a follow-up letter which relates to the items marked below:

- Uses methods conducive to learning
- Inspires critical thinking
- Provides for individual differences
- Applies motivational techniques in teaching
- Develops personal and social traits within pupils
- Shows leadership in a positive manner
- Participates in school and community activities
- Develops students to become worthwhile citizens
- Other _____

Signature

Phone

Address

Thank you for taking the time to fill out the form. Your input is greatly appreciated.
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR THE SCHOOL OFFICE NO LATER
THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011.

