

Grizzly Gazette

Meadow Point Elementary School

Meadow Point 720-886-8600 Attendance Line 720-886-8695 Weather Line 720-554-4701 DATES TO REMEMBER Mar. 11 Duffy Roll Fundraiser Delivery **Correction - PBS** Reception 3:15 Mar. 13 Daylight Savings Time Begins – Set Clocks ahead one hour Mar. 15 PASS Meeting 6-7pm Mar. 16 Class Pictures Mar. 16 PTO / MPAAC Meeting 5:30 Mar. 17 St. Patrick's Day Mar. 24 CiCi's Pizza Night 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 linea de horario modificado (720-554-4703) para enterarse de ésta información. El horario modificado empieza a las 9:45.

Dear Meadow Point Families,

Mar. 10, 2011

We will be implementing the S.T.O.P. Program. This program is designed to proactively address traffic related concerns in school zones. The program was developed by the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office in 2006, where it continues today with great success. S.T.O.P. is being adopted and implemented by the Aurora Police Department, in partnership with the Aurora and Cherry Creek Public Schools. The amount of time it takes for us to Slow down! Think! Observe & Obey posted signs! Proceed with caution! (STOP) only takes a few extra minutes from our day.

If a violation does occur in a school zone, a letter will be sent to violators and will serve only as a notice to the violator. However, subsequent violations could result in a traffic citation. The Aurora Police Department encourages you to obey all traffic laws. Proceed with caution!

COMMON VIOLATIONS:

- Failed to stop for pedestrians in crosswalk
- Made an illegal U-Turn in a school zone
- Parked where prohibited by sign, or within 5 feet of a private driveway
- Proceeded thru school zone, while children present, at an inappropriate speed, between 6:00a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Illegally double-parked for curbside pick-up or drop off
- Left vehicle running and/or unattended

Thanks for your support in keeping our students safe!

John



CSAP Testing Dates

We have **CSAP** testing in 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 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.



Keeping the Children Safe

Since we are going into our fourth month of winter weather, let us remember how important it is to be safe on the roads and parking lots around school. Most parents drive their children to school on bad weather days, unfortunately many children still need to walk to school. Please watch out for them. Many times the roads are slick and children need to take more time to cross the street. Traffic often backs up on these days but **please don't block the crosswalks.** When the crosswalks are blocked there is no safe way to cross the children.



Kindergarten Roundup

Pre-registration for children who are eligible for kindergarten enrollment in the Cherry Creek School District for 2011-2012 school year began Feb. 1, 2011. The East Admissions office is open Monday – Friday from 7:30 – 4pm. For registration please bring:

- Birth certificate 5 years old as of 10/1/2011
- Immunization Card
- Proof of Residency

Flyers are available in the office for more information.



Mark Your Calendars! CCSD Family Wellness Summit - Saturday, April 9th, Grandview High School, 8 am to 1 pm

Thanks to the generous support of our corporate sponsors, we are able to offer this FREE Open House to our community. Come "Reach the Peak" of your healthy living goals by visiting various interactive and informative activities along different Wellness trails. There will also be a 9Health Fair offered from 7 am to noon. For a list of 9Health Fair's free and low-cost screenings to be offered on April 9th, plus more information about the Family Wellness Summit, visit <u>www.assetsconnect.org</u>.



<u>Van Gogh Class Pictures</u>

On March 16th, Van Gogh will be here to take class pictures. Individual pictures will be taken upon request. Please make sure your child is here on time and in their class. Van Gogh starts taking pictures right at 9:00 a.m. and if your child is not here they might miss being in their class picture.

Smoky Hill High School Spring Craft Fair March 19, 2011 Break your cabin fever! Free Admission and Free Parking! March 19 2011 from 9am to 4pm Over 150 local vendors and crafters showing their labor of love. We have breakfast and lunch service as well. Come join us for a full day of fun crafting. For more information contact us at 720-886-5390, email shhsptco@cherrycreekschools.org or Facebook us at Smoky Hill PTCO.

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 <u>www.cherrycreekschools.org/summercamps</u>

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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OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

DISTINGUISHED TEACHER AWARD

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

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 _____

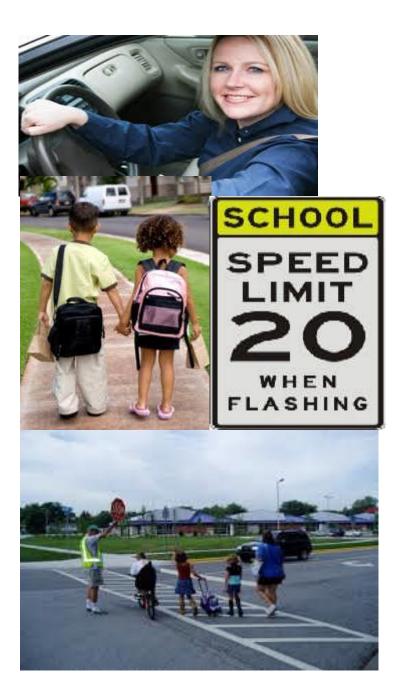
Signature

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





S- Slow down

Nearly 60% of parents and children walking to school encountered at least one serious hazard. A national survey of speeding in school zones found that 2/3 of drivers exceeded the posted speed limit during the 30-minute period before and after school

T-Think

In Aurora the number one complaint around elementary schools, is child safety due to traffic complaints. Children ages 14 and under are more likely to suffer pedestrian injuries in areas with high traffic volume and a higher number of parked cars on the street.

O- Observe and obey posted signs

- Pay attention to posted signs while driving in and around school zones.
- You may see the child, but the child might not see you

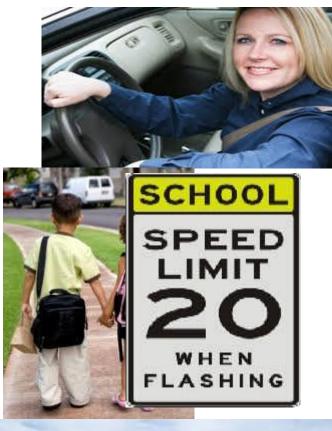
P-Proceed with Caution

Be the example, patience is a learned behavior. It is better to have lost a few minutes than to endure the civil, criminal, and emotional liability for unintentionally injuring or causing the death of a child.



For more information on the **STOP** program, please contact the Aurora Police Department, Police Area Representatives (PAR) or you may visit our website at









S.T.O.P. por favor pongase en contacto con el Departamento de Policla en Aurora, con los Policlas Representantes del Area (PAR) o pueden visitarnos en la Red en www.auroragov.org

D — Despacio

Cerca del 60 % de padres y niños que caminan para Ilegar a la escuela se enfrentan con serios peligros. Una encuesta nacional de conductores que manejan a alta velocidad en las zonas escolares encontró que las 2/3 partes de los conductores sobrepasan la velocidad mínima anunciada en las señales de tránsito durante los 30-minutos antes y después de la escuela.

P — Piensa

En Aurora el motivo de quejas alrededor de las escuelas primarias es la seguridad de los niños debido a los problemas de tránsito. Niños comenzando de los 14 años hasta más pequeño están en peligro de sufrir lesiones en áreas con mucho tráfico y con un alto número de carros estacionados en las calles.

O — Observe y obedezca las señales de tránsito

- Ponga atención a las señales de tránsito mientras maneja dentro y alrededor de zonas escolares.

- Usted puede ver al niño, pero el niño puede que no lo vea a usted.

P — Proceda con precaución

Sea un ejemplo, paciencia es conducta que se aprende. Es mejor perder unos pocos minutos que vivir con la responsabilidad criminal y emocional de causar lesiones o Ia muerte de un niño involuntariamente.