



Grizzly Gazette

Meadow Point Elementary School

Mar. 19, 2010

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Mar. 25 Math Night 6-7:30pm
- Mar. 29 – Apr. 2 Spring Break
- Apr. 7 PBS Assembly 1:30 –
Reception to follow in
library
- Apr. 12 Read Across America
Night 6-7:30pm

In the event of inclement weather.

Please watch your local television channels, listen to the radio, or call the storm delay / closure hotline (720-554-4703) to learn this information. Late start time is 9:00.

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 9:00.

Dear Parents:

We all know that Meadow Point is a very special place for our kids, staff, and families. I recently found myself reflecting on the many different reasons our school is so special and my thoughts caused me to take note of different people, groups and organizations who work to make Meadow Point exceptional. One group in particular is our Meadow Point PTO.

The Meadow Point PTO is a group of parents who work together as a team to enhance our school and the unique opportunities each of your children get to experience. They officially meet as a group once a month, but as individuals they work what amounts to a handful of hours each week to develop and coordinate fundraising events. They organize the carnival, McDonalds Nights and other numerous events. These events serve as a means to raise money that in the end comes back to the students and the school. The majority of the money raised is used to purchase consumable items for our students like Every Day Math workbooks that support our school math program.

With all the positive things the Meadow Point PTO does to support our school, there is a bit of an ongoing dilemma that I find quite concerning. The Meadow Point PTO has suffered in recent years with a concerning lack of membership. We are definitely not receiving the participation that we have typically seen in the past, and are therefore concerned that our kids will ultimately suffer. There are several positions available on the PTO Executive Board that remain open. These are positions that we are hoping and desperately needing to fill. It is vitally important that we find interested and committed parents to work these positions, because we cannot hope to rely on a limited few to complete all of the work it takes to provide the services our PTO gives each and every year. This is especially true during the tough economic times we are currently experiencing individually, as a state, and as a nation. I strongly encourage parents to get involved. Please contact Christin Wilton (joser1630@msn.com / 303-627-1780) or request to speak personally with me if you would like to contribute to our efforts to improve our school.

Sincerely,

John Cramer



P.E. News

Now that we are heading into the spring season and warm weather, please remind your child if they don't wear tennis shoes to school to make sure they bring them if they have P.E. that day. It is very hard to run or climb the rock wall in sandals. Also, shorts under dresses are recommended for the girls. Thank you, Mrs. Slattery



Moving

In the month of May we start planning for next year's classes. We have a prediction of how many students will be in each of the grade levels, so we know how many teachers to assign to each grade. **If you are planning to move or not attend Meadow Point next year, please call the office at 720-886-8600 immediately. This information is very helpful to us as we plan for next year.**

Preschool Early Enrollment for the 2010-11 School Year

The deadline for submitting early enrollment applications for the preschool tuition program for the 2010-11 school year is fast approaching! The applications must be received in the Early Childhood office at Eastridge Elementary (11777 E Wesley Ave, Aurora 80014-1869) by 4:00pm on March 26, 2010. Applications are available at the Early Childhood office, all CCSD preschools, elementary schools, and Admissions offices in addition to the District website.

Cherry Creek Schools will offer preschool classes that are 2-1/2 hours in length either 2 or 4 days per week at 27 different locations. Our program is for children who are 3 years old but not 5 years old as of October 1, 2010. We will also offer a Young 3's program at 5 different locations for children who turn 3 between Oct. 2 and Dec. 31, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 720-554-4000. Select option 2 for Early Childhood and then option 2 for tuition program. More detailed information can also be viewed on our website:

www.cherrycreekschools.org Select: 1. Our Schools, 2. Preschools, 3. Tuition-based Preschool.



Math Night

Plan to attend our annual **Math Night** on Thursday, March 25th from 6-7:30 p.m. There will be math games for all (parents can play too). If you go to all the math stations, you will be entered into a drawing for 2 ipod shuffles!!!! **Come have fun at Meadow Point Math Night!!!**

The Cherry Creek School District is pleased to announce the availability of our 2008-2009 Annual Report to you.

Every year, school districts in Colorado report about their performance to their communities, based on the state requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. In addition, state law requires that districts report district accreditation information.

All of the data is now available on the Colorado Department of Education's Web site at <http://www.schoolview.org/SchoolPerformance/index.asp> . Other data available includes:

- CSAP results by grade level for each school and for the district.
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results.
- Percent of classes taught by Highly Qualified Teachers

- The number and percent of students taking advanced placement courses
- Number of students taking college courses under the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act
- Graduation rates and dropout rates
- Results of the 11th grade college entrance exam (ACT) for the district as a whole, and compared to the state average.

Additional data available on the website:

- District budget, revenues and expenditures
- Attendance rates
- Evidence of a safe, civil learning environment, and
- Number of expelled and suspended students;

This information is also posted on the district's Web site: www.cherrycreekschools.org. If you would like a hard copy of this information, please contact Meadow Point at 720-886-8600.



PIN Presentation - Tuesday, April 6, 2010
Understanding and Overcoming the Many Faces of Grief and Loss

Life is a series of transitions, many of which involve loss - the loss of a job, the loss of a relationship, or the loss of a dream of what we expected our lives or the lives of our children would be. Our speaker will be Hal Goldberg who has worked as a psychologist for over 25 years, much of it in the Cherry Creek School District. His specialty is Transitional Therapy which involves dealing with life's transitions and losses. This program will be an interactive experience where we discuss ourselves and/or our children letting go of these shattered dreams and attaching to new and attainable ones.

Plan ahead to take a little time out of your day or take a few hours off of work and come to **connect** with other parents, **be informed** by local and national speakers, and **get empowered** to take a proactive approach to parenting. All parents, school administrators and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend Parent Information Network (PIN) programs. Programs are held on the first Tuesday of each month from **9:00 am to 11:00 am** at the **Student Achievement Resource Center (SARC)**. Come at 8:45 for coffee. **SARC** is located on Briarwood Avenue, south of Arapahoe between

Potomac and Jordan Roads. (Address: 14188 Briarwood Avenue Centennial, 80112). For further information, contact us at PIN@cherrycreekschools.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FINAL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR!

May 4th

Annual PIN Brunch - *Getting an A in Life!*

8:45-11:30 a.m. at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church