



Grizzly Gazette

Meadow Point Elementary School

Apr. 23, 2010

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Apr. 27 Volunteer Celebration
7:15am
- Apr. 29 Kindergarten Meet &
Greet 6-7pm
- Apr. 30 Bingo – Chili Cook-Off
- May 6 Muffins for Mom 7:15am
- May 7 No School - Teacher
Planning Day

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,

The week of May 3rd through May 7th is Teacher Appreciation Week. It gives all of us an opportunity to officially thank teachers for their endless dedication to the profession and our school. Teachers make an incredible difference in the academic, social, and emotional lives of the children they teach.

Parents witness the work of their children's teachers through the growth and changes they observe from August through May. Back To School Night, report cards, parent/teacher conferences, notes home, volunteering in classrooms and conversations with children at the dinner table, give parents an insight into the amount of time their child's teacher is putting into each and every day. But just like an iceberg, teachers do far more than what is evident.

You have to work with teachers to witness the time they put in above and beyond what is expected. Teachers spend hours preparing to make each day valuable and academically challenging for their students. An equal amount of time is spent reviewing completed work to determine who needs additional time to learn and who needs enrichment. Just like a doctor researching the newest medical treatments, teachers are constantly learning the best instructional approaches. Evenings, weekends and summers are often dedicated to trainings and workshops.

Education is the greatest gift we can give our children; and teachers give that gift everyday.

Sincerely,
John Cramer
Principal



Muffins for Mom

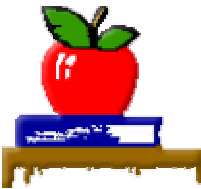
Moms join us for “Muffins for Mom” on May 6th at 7:15 in the library. It is an opportunity for you and your child to enjoy a little one on one time before the school day starts.

We look forward to seeing you there!



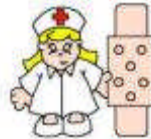
Moving

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.**



Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, May 4th is National Teacher Day and Wednesday, May 5th is Nurse’s Day. The whole week, from May 4-10, is designated Teacher Appreciation Week by the National PTA. This year’s theme is “Great teachers make great public schools!” A founding principle of our country is public education for all citizens. We encourage parents to write a short and simple note, thanking your child’s teacher and the school nurse.



Fifth Grade Parents

There is a new Colorado requirement for sixth graders. A Tdap is now required prior to entry to middle school. This immunization will protect your child against diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis. I suggest that you call your doctor to make an appointment for this soon. If you do not have a doctor, feel free to call me at 720-886-8605.

Thank you, Dianne Gonzer



Misty Maez - Teacher of the Year

I have lived in Aurora since the 5th grade and in Colorado my entire life. After graduating high school I went to Colorado State University and to Metro State College. I have also recently finished my Masters Degree in School Counseling. Teaching has been such a big part of my life starting 21 years ago in Aurora Public Schools and then moving to Meadow Point in 2000. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the Meadow Point students and their families and hope to meet many more. I am married with two children ages 18 and 13 and love spending time volunteering at Children's Hospital. I spend the summer planting flowers, swimming and playing with my 19 month old niece. I am honored to be Meadow Point's Teacher of the Year and proud to represent all of the wonderful teachers here at our school.

Cafeteria News

Students Leaving the Cherry Creek School District:

Before the last day of school, any student moving out of the Cherry Creek School District should request a refund from the kitchen manager at 720-886-8663.

Students Transferring within the Cherry Creek School District:

If students are planning to transfer to another school within the Cherry Creek School District, their meal account balance will be automatically transferred to the Cherry Creek School that they will attend next school year.

Returning Students:

At the end of the school year, all remaining student meal account balances will be carried over to the start of the next school year.

School Meal Loan Information:

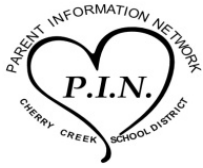
As of June 1st, we will no longer be able to allow school meal loans. Prompt payment of all outstanding loans is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions, please call the school and ask for the kitchen manager.

“Save The Date” PTO Spring Events

Great Grizzly Walk-a-Thon
To raise money for our
Bear Statue and Science Equipment
Friday May 14th
(rain date – May 21st)

Book Swap – May 24th and 25th
Start cleaning those shelves
And gathering your books

Keep Saving
Box Tops for Education and
Campbell Soup Labels
Help your class win an ice cream party



Annual PIN Brunch - Tuesday, May 4, 2010
More than Smart: Helping Our Children Get an "A" in Life
8:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Community Life Center at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church

Please join us for our annual PIN brunch featuring a keynote presentation by Joe Cavanaugh, Founder & CEO of Youth Frontiers, Inc. For almost 30 years, Joe has been working with schools to build character in young people. There is a crisis in character among our young people today- as character decreases, disrespect increases. Joe will discuss this alarming reality and give tangible tips on how to bridge the gap between belief and action. The discussion will center around four core values: respect, temperance, humility, and moral courage. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this nationally-known advocate in promoting timeless values and personal character.

The brunch will be held at the Community Life Center at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church. The church is located at **10000 E. Belleview Avenue, Englewood 80111.** Brunch will begin at 8:45 a.m. with the program and speaker from 9:30 -11:30. All parents, school administrators and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, contact us at

PIN@cherrycreekschools.org