



Grizzly Gazette

Meadow Point Elementary School

Sept. 23, 2010

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 24 No School
- Sept. 28 Tutoring Vendor Fair
3:30-4:30
- Sept. 29 Grandview Spirit Bus
- Sept. 30 Grandview Homecoming
Parade 4:30
- Sept. 30 D.I. Parent Night 7:00
- Oct. 1 State Count Day – All
students need to be in
school
- Oct. 7 Math Night 6-7:30
- Oct. 15 School Carnival

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.

Thinking Maps

Meadow Point is in the second year of implementing Thinking Maps school-wide. So you may have heard your child or your child's teacher talking about Thinking Maps. Thinking Maps are eight visual patterns. Each map is based on a fundamental thinking process. The patterns of Thinking Maps are used individually and in combination across grade levels and curriculum areas in order to provide students with a set of tools for life-long learning. The eight Thinking Maps are as follows:

- The **Circle Map** is used for brainstorming or defining in context
- The **Bubble Map** is for describing using adjectives or adjective phrases
- The **Tree Map** is for classifying
- The **Brace Map** is used for seeing the structural analysis of whole to parts relationships
- The **Flow Map** is used for sequencing
- The **Multi-Flow Map** is used for analyzing cause and effect relationships
- The **Bridge Map** may be used for seeing analogies

Thinking Maps will continue to be introduced and reviewed to students via their homeroom teachers. Students are reviewing the purpose of each map and then transferring the use of the different maps into their content area.

Remember, there is no school on Friday. We will see you on Monday.

Sincerely,

John Cramer



State Count

Each fall, school attendance is carefully monitored and reported to the Colorado Department of Education. This year our state pupil count runs **September 27th through October 8th**. Our official pupil count day is **Friday, October 1st**. Our funding from the State of Colorado is based on the number of students who attend Meadow Point during this time. **Please make every attempt for your child to be in attendance every day during the count period.**

Please help us by not scheduling any doctor and dentist appointments or vacations during this period of time. For students not attending during the defined count period, each district is required by the Colorado State Board of Education to obtain written confirmation from the student's parent(s)/guardian. We need the reason for the absence and that the student will be returning to school within 30 calendar days after the official count and without enrollment in another school. You may be asked to sign a "Letter of Intent to Return" if your child is absent during this time. Our school's state funding depends on your child's attendance at school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Destination Imagination

You are invited to a Meadow Point Destination Imagination informational parent meeting with Mrs. Schwartz.

When: Thursday, September 30, 2010

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: Meadow Point Elementary School

All are welcome!

Come find out about having your child participate in this extra-curricular activity that teaches creativity, teamwork, and problem solving. Students also gain experience in project management, budgeting, and presentation skills.

Presentation will be repeated at the PTO meeting on Oct. 13 at 5:30pm

EARLY ARRIVAL

Children should not arrive before **8:10 a.m.** if they are coming for breakfast otherwise not until **8:30 a.m.** The first bell is 8:35 a.m. and all students should be lined up at that time. If a child arrives before 8:10 a.m. the office will be making a call home to inform the parent/guardian that their child has arrived too early for school. Please be aware that we have no supervision on the playground until 8:30 a.m.



Tuesday, October 5th, 2010
EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF
RISK TAKING BEHAVIOR

As parents we all want our **children** to be **safe** and **secure**. It is sometimes difficult to determine what behaviors might be cause for concern. Do you find yourself wondering if your child's behavior is normal or not? Are you aware of certain behaviors that may be warning signs of something deeper going on? Listen to our expert panel and get answers to your questions. Our panel consists of Dr. Marla Bonds, CCSD Intervention Coordinator, Dr. Ron Lee, CCSD Mental Health Coordinator and Janise McNally, CCSD Wellness Coordinator. You don't want to miss out on all the insight, as well as, helpful tips on topics such as suicide prevention, bullying, internet safety, cyber-bullying and drug/alcohol prevention.

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) presentations.

Presentations are free and are held the first

Tuesday of each month from **9:15 to 11:15 am**

at the **Student Achievement Resource Center(SARC)**. Come at 9:00 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, www.PINccsd.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

November 2nd Parenting: When to Help, When to Step Back!
December 7th Family Connections through Traditions, Rituals & Celebrations

Meadow Point PTO/Accountability

September 15, 2009

5:30 p.m.

Minutes:

1. Aagie Barber, President Cherry Creek School Board, came to talk about Amendments 60, 61 & Proposition 101
 - Aagie informed parents & staff of the huge impact the passing of these Bills would be for Cherry Creek and all of Colorado
 - On August 19th the Cherry Creek School Board unanimously voted to oppose these measures
 - Proposition 101 would cut approximately \$32.5 Million dollars over 3 years. This is equivalent to \$500 per student or roughly 600 teachers
 - There would be substantial cuts to K-12 funding in the state
 - Amendments 60 would overturn any bond elections & cause the district to pay higher monthly payments to pay off their debts. Cash flow would also be an issue for the district
 - Amendment 61 would cut \$107 Million or 25% of the district's total operating budget & would result in the loss of 70,000 jobs in Colorado all at the state level.
 - Aagie offered up yard signs for those who wished to post them in their yards
2. John Cramer, Principal, welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - John explained the purpose of both PTO & Accountability to the parents and staff in attendance
 - PTO is generally the first part of the evening and then Accountability meets the second part of the evening
 - Accountability is an advisory committee
 - Will talk about budget, staffing, major initiatives facing the school
 - It is not a decision making committee
 - It is not for complaining or airing complaints against staff or the school
 - Welcome parent feedback and input on what they would like to know more information about what is happening in the school
 - The bottom of every PTO/Accountability Agenda will have a place for parents to write what they would like to have addressed at future meetings
 - An agenda/flyer will be sent home in the Grizzly Gazette before each meeting
3. John updated parents on the remodel
 - Kids & parents were excited
 - The renovation is mostly complete
 - There is still lots of unpacking going on in the school

- Kids love the Bear Statue in the hall, it is their favorite part
4. Enrollment
- At projections 404/405
 - The question was raised if any staffing will be released come October. District not releasing that information at this time.
 - 4th & 5th grade have high #'s (27-29 students per class)
5. AYP
- Didn't make AYP in ELA or SPED
 - Did show improvement, but not enough to make required percentages in target areas
 - Lost 13 kids due to AYP, 9 were incoming Kindies
 - Was noted that none of the high schools made AYP, but don't have sanctions since they are not Title 1
 - 19 elementary schools didn't make it this year either and the #'s are only expected to increase next year
 - Must offer Tutoring Services off site
 - There will be a vendors Fair on September 28th from 3:30 – 4:30
 - Parents will get to vote on which Vendor they want to provide services for the tutoring
 - 10% of Title 1 monies will go towards the tutoring services
 - Free & Reduced Lunch students will get the first spots
 - Spots are limited
 - School must advertise to prove they have tried to make every effort to reach those students who need the tutoring the most
6. Family Literacy Center
- Michele Daining gave a short presentation regarding the new Meadow Point Family Literacy Center
 - Funding is non-profit
 - 30 parents are currently enrolled
 - Parents receive English classes and in return must give 2 hours a week in the class of one of their children
 - There are evening classes available as well

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.