



# Grizzly Gazette

Meadow Point Elementary School

Sept. 9, 2010

Dear Parents,

This year is off to a fast start. We have been assessing students, collecting data and designing individual academic plans to meet the needs of our children. The staff at Meadow Point is looking forward to reviewing the curriculum at all grade levels and determining if there are any gaps in our instructional program in kindergarten through fifth grade. We are excited for this opportunity to improve. The Colorado Department of Education has changed the School Accountability Report Card. The new focus for the state and the district will be looking at student growth. The Meadow Point staff is looking at new ways to evaluate student performance so we can better track student growth during the school year.

Again this year, we will be using the MAP assessment tool, which stands for Measures of Academic Progress. This assessment will be given three times a year in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The MAP will give us another measure of student growth, while the winter MAP will help us focus instruction for students before the CSAP in March. The MAP is given in the reading and math content areas.

To hear more about our direction for the 2010 -2011 school year and for the future, please plan on attending our Meadow Point Accountability and PTO meetings. These meetings are held monthly, typically the second Wednesday of every month, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We discuss our school improvement goals, enrollment, staffing and our school budget. The meetings are open to everyone and they are a great source of information. Our first Accountability meeting will be next Wednesday, Sept. 15. Mrs. Aagje Barber the school board president, will be attending and discussing upcoming ballot issues.

I would like to thank all of the parents, staff, and students who will be joining me and my family at the Fitness Festival on Saturday. Thank you for supporting the Cherry Creek School District's Assets Program. Let's continue to build our school's participation in the Fitness Festival and run for Cherry Creek kids!

Thank you,

John Cramer

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Weather Line 720-554-4701

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 11 Fitness Festival
- Sept. 15 PTO & MPAAC Open House 5:30-6:30
- Sept. 16 Goodies for Grandparents 3:15-4
- Sept. 17 Bingo Night & Chili Cook-off
- Sept. 18 Yom Kippur
- Sept. 20 ABC Fundraiser Kickoff
- Sept. 21 M.P. PASS Meeting 6-7
- Sept. 22 Skate City
- Sept. 23 CiCi's Pizza Night
- Sept. 24 No School

## 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.

## **Call for Nominations for Legacy Stadium Educational Leadership Wall of Fame Award**

The Cherry Creek School District is seeking nominations of exemplary individuals and groups who have left a lasting legacy in their dedication and commitment to excellence in the district for induction into the Legacy Stadium Educational Leadership Wall of Fame.

Past Legacy Wall of Fame inductees are former Superintendents Richard Koeppel, Robert Tschirki and Monte Moses, as well as educator George Mansfield and community volunteer Robin Thorsen.

Efforts of nominees must have revolved around the district's mission "To inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care." Specifically, nominees must be individuals or groups who demonstrate some or all of the following:

- Capture the "spirit of excellence" that permeates the district
- Demonstrate effective and inspirational leadership
- Demonstrate and encourage creativity, innovation and best practices
- Foster cooperation between the district and the community
- Maintain a continuing dialogue with students and parents as well as faculty and staff
- Keep abreast of developments in the field of education
- Encourage team spirit and unity
- Exemplify commitment to the vision and mission of the district

Nominations must be submitted by October 15, 2010 and include:

- No more than five significant and substantive letters of support by individuals, including the person making the nomination
- A career summary
- A description of contributions in one or more of the nomination criteria described above

For a nomination form and more information about the Legacy Stadium Educational Leadership Wall of Fame award, visit <http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us/News/LegacyNominations/>.



### **Accountability & PTO Open House**

Meadow Point parents are invited to attend the Accountability Advisory Committee (MPAAC) and PTO Open House on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. in the library. The purpose of PTO and the Accountability Committee is to look at fundraising for the school, analyze school achievement data, establish goals, and then monitor progress toward those goals. Aagje Barber our school board president will be the featured speaker. She will be discussing the ballot issues for the upcoming November election. Please join us once a month on Wednesday evenings and have some input on how your school is run.



### **KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**

We have openings in our morning and afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment program. The program is a tuition-based extension to our Kindergarten classes. If you are interested or need more information please contact the office at 720-886-8600.



## Spirit Day

The last Friday of every month we celebrate Spirit Day! Please wear your school colors (blue & gray) or Meadow Point clothing available through the PTO.



Information is available in our school entryway on sports camps, programs, activities, events, etc: Please feel free to pick up your copy.



## 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 27<sup>th</sup> through October 8<sup>th</sup>. Our official pupil count day is Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. 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



**STAY “CONNECT –ED” BY KEEPING YOUR  
EMERGENCY INFO UP-TO-DATE**

The Cherry Creek School District is using a new parent notification system, called Connect-Ed, to keep parents informed of important information and emergency situations.

“Connect-Ed is similar, but superior, to a reverse 9-1-1 system,” said Superintendent Mary Chesley. “It allows us to send important information, via a recorded message, to parents’ home, work or cell phones, depending on the urgency of the information.”

Outreach calls are used for non-emergency information and are sent only to home phones. Emergency calls are sent to all numbers listed on students’ emergency contact cards. That way, parents get urgent information whether they’re at home, at work or on their cell phone.

The Connect-ED system has been used to notify parents about weather-related school and activity cancellations, and to provide the latest information about H1N1 Influenza.

To receive Connect-ED calls, parents must keep their emergency contact cards up-to-date. If your home, work or cell phone number has changed, please contact the main office and update your information.

**CCSD eNewsletter**

Want to be on the “Need to Know” list for the Cherry Creek District? Sign up for the Cherry Creek School District eNewsletter and you will receive a monthly email with information about the Cherry Creek School Board of Education, district policies, people, student achievement and accomplishments, important dates and much more. You also will receive occasional “eBlasts,” with breaking news. Go to the district homepage at: [www.cherrycreekschools.org](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org) and scroll down the bottom of the page for the link to sign up.