



# Grizzly Gazette

Meadow Point Elementary School

Jan. 22, 2010

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 27 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Play  
1:45 & 6:30 pm

Jan. 28 Skate City 6-8pm

Feb. 1-26 Pennies for  
Patients

Feb. 3 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Play  
1:30 & 6:30 pm

### 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 Meadow Point Families,

We are having some issues out in the parking lots when our students are being dropped off at the beginning of school and when they are being picked up at the end of the day. We hope that you can support our efforts to keep our students safe during these high traffic times. Safety is the first expectation in our ever familiar "Great Grizzlies are. . . Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Life Long Learners" motto.

Please keep your speed in mind when approaching and leaving the school and notice all signs and markings in our parking lots. Our staff will be more present and vigilant in the mornings and afternoons with regard to driver behavior and procedures. Help us keep your children safe!

Remember, the best lessons you can provide your children comes by modeling or setting a good example. Following laws, expectations and school guidelines for safety, respect and responsibility provides children with knowledge and expectations for proper procedure. The following is a list of procedures we can all follow in and around school to make it a safer place for everyone and as a result, promote a positive learning environment.

- DRIVE SLOWLY and do not pass when in a safety zone or near school grounds.
- Watch for pedestrians in our parking lots. Always PULL TO THE DROP OFF ZONE. Do not drop off in front of the school, this blocks traffic and creates a walking access dilemma for your children getting to class.
- DO NOT park by the dumpsters. This is a school rule for all vehicles at all times including before and after school.
- PARK IN DESIGNATED AREAS ONLY...be especially mindful of red fire lanes and crosswalks.
- DO NOT leave your vehicle unattended in a fire lane or unmarked space... even for just a minute at any time of day. Never leave small children in the car alone.
- Be mindful of CROSSWALKS when pedestrians are present.

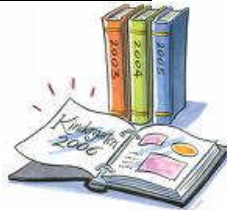
- USE CROSSWALKS. Please teach your child to cross the street at a crosswalk, even if it means going out of the way, so that your children will continue this habit when they are alone.
- BE ON TIME. Supervision is available from 7:35 AM to 8:00 AM when school begins and from 2:30 PM to 2:45 PM when school is dismissed.
- No roller blades, "Heelys," skateboards, bikes or scooters may be used on school grounds.
- Students should enter and exit, walking through grade level area doors: PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO USE THE FRONT ENTRANCE ONLY AND AT ALL TIMES.
- ALWAYS SIGN-IN and OUT of the office using the front door when visiting our school.
- Wear a VISITOR BADGE even if you are just dropping something off. You must sign-in and wear a badge to be on our campus, in classrooms, the lunch room, and playground etc. during school hours.
- UPDATE YOUR EMERGENCY CARDS. Have more than one way for us to reach you and list multiple contacts other than yourself in case of emergency.
- Support Bully-Proofing, Asset Building and the Caring Community by asking your children what they are learning and have them teach you the "HA HA SO' strategies.

Thank you for keeping all of our children safe.



## YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

**IF YOU WANT A YEARBOOK (\$16.50) YOU MUST ORDER NOW AS WE WILL ONLY ORDER YEARBOOKS THAT HAVE BEEN PAID FOR IN ADVANCE!!!! THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING IS JAN.29, 2010.**





Ouch!

Toothaches hurt, and they can hurt your overall health. There are low-cost dental clinics, and your school nurse has all the information. Ask her! Consider applying for CHP+ (Child Health Plan+). This is a low-cost health insurance that provides dental insurance as part of the coverage. For more information, call or e-mail Cecilie Richardsen-Maestas, Insurance Outreach Liaison for Cherry Creek Schools, 720-554-5063, crichardsen-mae@cherrycreekschools.org



### **School of Choice 2010-11**

The School of Choice applications for the 2010-11 school year are now available in the front office. Forms can be picked up, filled out, and turned back in at any school as well as the District Admissions offices. The deadline to turn in an application is February 1, 2010 and parents will be notified of the decision in March 2010. Approval of School of Choice applications is done on a first come-first serve basis and will be limited to the space available in the program or grade level requested.

### **Bully Proofing**

By Vicki Temple, School Psychologist, and Stephen White, School Social Worker

#### **Bully Proofing Update-What are the different types of bullying?**

As part of the bully proofing curriculum, students are taught about three different kinds of bullying. First, there is physical bullying which includes any action that hurts another's body. Examples would be hitting, kicking, pinching, pulling hair, pulling on clothing, throwing rocks, tripping, etc. Second, there is verbal bullying which includes name calling, rude or negative comments, threats, gossip, rumors, put downs, teasing, etc. The last category is referred to as social bullying. This involves those situations where students are excluded in a purposeful way either from a group of children, a "club," a game or activity, or a victim feels excluded or alienated due to rumors, gossip, racial/ethnic comments, etc. With students in older grades, we discuss the difference between having a group of friends and when a "group" exists in a way that excludes others and conveys a sense of being more important or better than others.

An important aspect of bully proofing is teaching students that the victim decides whether a particular behavior is bullying or not. Often times, a student may be confronted about having made a teasing comment which was humiliating or demeaning. When confronted, the response is, "I was just joking around. Can't they take a joke?" We talk about the victim making that determination because if the comment made them feel unsafe or not included, then it is not acceptable. This goes for physical contact also. A student may define a shove or a push as "I just accidentally bumped into them," but if it felt unsafe or intimidating to the "victim," it is not acceptable.



### **Kindergarten Roundup**

Pre-registration for children who are eligible for kindergarten enrollment in the Cherry Cheek School District for the 2010-2011 school year will begin Feb. 1, 2010. The East Admissions office is open Monday-Friday from 7:30-4pm. For registration please bring:

- Birth certificate – 5 years old as of 10/1/2010
- Immunization Card
- Proof of Residency

Flyers are available in the office for more information.

**PowerSchool now available to elementary parents!**  
**Use it to update student information now!**

The Cherry Creek School District is excited to let you know that PowerSchool, our Web-based Student Information System, is now available to all elementary school parents! You can now use PowerSchool to check attendance, read school announcements, email your child's teacher, and update some student information.

In early February, you will receive a letter with your PowerSchool username, password, and more information about using PowerSchool. All you need is the letter and a computer with Internet access. If you don't have a computer with Internet access at home, you can use one at your local public library or here at school. If you have any questions about PowerSchool, please contact Trudy Koopman at 720-886-8600.

Changes in federal law require all school districts, including Cherry Creek, to have parents update their child's race and ethnicity information. This will allow individuals of multiracial background to select multiple categories to better represent their culture and heritage. For more information about the federal requirements, please visit the Colorado Department of Education Web site at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdereval/rvRace-Ethnicity.htm>

**Please log in to PowerSchool and update your child's information by March 1, 2010.**

By the beginning of the 2010-11 school year, you will also be able to use PowerSchool to update emergency contact phone numbers, to ensure that you receive important phone calls about weather delays and closures, special events or emergency situations.

Thank you in advance for using PowerSchool to update your child's information and help us provide an outstanding education to your child!

**CHERRY CREEK DISTRICT CHESS TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, March 6, 2010**

**DIVISIONS:** Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Middle School (6-8), and High School (9-12). K & 1st Grade sections may be combined. Students must attend a school in the Cherry Creek School District to play. This is a non-rated tournament. Similar age groups may be combined. USCF rules will apply.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$15.00 per child. Registration fee waivers are available through the Cherry Creek Gifted and Talented Office (720-554-4257) for students in financial hardship (must submit written request). Money and registration **MUST** be received by **February 28, 2010**. **There will be no on-site registration. No confirmation letters will be sent.**

**TIMES:** Check in is 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. The Player Meeting is at 9:00 a.m. (All competitors must attend). Round 1 begins at 9:30 am. Each round will take approximately one hour. There will be no scheduled lunch break and no food will be provided. Players should bring their own sack lunch and snacks to eat in between rounds. This is a 5-round, non-elimination tournament - players should plan to participate in all five rounds. The tournament should end in around 3:00-3:30.

**TIME CONTROL:** Time control is G/30 (30 minutes, per player, per game). A clock will be placed on games still in progress 40 minutes after the round start time, with each player getting 10 minutes. Most of the children are not experienced with chess clocks. We will explain how to use the clock to the children, as needed.

**PRIZES:** In each division, the top finishers will be awarded trophies. Participation awards will be given to non-trophy winners. Awards ceremony will follow the final round and will occur mid-late afternoon, after Round 5 is completed. Ties for trophies will be broken with the following tie-break systems: 1.Solkoff, 2.Modified Median, 3.Cumulative.

**LOCATION:** Overland High School, 12400 E. Jewel Ave; Aurora (Enter west side of Overland High School off Jewel Ave. (just east of Peoria St.), go south to the rear of Overland HS and park. Enter Overland HS from the south entrance.

**SUPERVISION:** Good behavior of all participants is expected. However, all players 12 years old and younger must have a parent/guardian present for the entire tournament. While parents are not allowed in the competition area once a round begins, parents are required to supervise their children between each round. If it becomes clear a child does not have supervision between rounds, he/she will forfeit the opportunity to compete further and will be asked to leave.

**QUESTIONS:** Todd Bardwick, 303-770-6696

We must receive a check payable to **Cherry Creek Chess** by **February 28**.

Enter early as space is limited. Mail checks and the attached entry form to:

Cherry Creek Chess

1 Red Fox Lane

Englewood, CO 80111

**Lunch will not be provided.** Bring snacks, beverages, and lunch for your child. Every child needs adult supervision for the entire tournament. Parents are not to drop off their children for the day and leave them unattended.

**Result crosstables and downloadable entry forms will be posted at [www.ColoradoMasterChess.com/CherryCreek.htm](http://www.ColoradoMasterChess.com/CherryCreek.htm) (CherryCreek must be in caps)**

No confirmation letters will be sent. If you enter early and your check is cashed, you know your entry has been received.

*PLEASE SAVE THIS PAGE FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION*

**2010 CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHESS TOURNAMENT  
REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

USCF Rating \_\_\_\_\_ (For pairing purposes only. If you do not have a rating or don't know what a rating is, disregard and leave blank.)

*Participant's signature* \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of Parent/Guardian* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date* \_\_\_\_\_

***Please attach a check for \$15.00 made out to Cherry Creek Chess and mail with this entry form to:***

Cherry Creek Chess

1 Red Fox Lane

Englewood, CO 80111

Entries must be received by February 28, 2010