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What can you do to help at Little Elementary?

May 4th- Teacher Appreciation week begins-

You can never say thank you enough. Take this opportunity to ask your teacher if they need any help in or outside the classroom.

May 14th – 15th- Field days –

If you are able to help with our outdoor events on either day, please contact Lissa Heaviland –
lheavila@jeffco.k12.co.us

May 14th -15th – Read a Thon make – up days –

If you want to participate or visit your students classroom during this event, please ask your teachers when it would work best for their class. Or you could always stop by the office and see if you could be put to work in another class.



The Principal's Corner

May 1, 2009

Dear Parents,

So many things to do and so little time! We are approaching our final hectic month of school. From teacher appreciation week, to field trips, read-a-thon, field day, monster art show and many more activities, this promises to a busy month of May.

The Little Elementary staff, parents, community and students have much to be proud of. I want to take this time to congratulate all of our students, parents, teachers and support staff for an excellent year of teaching and learning. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by caring, competent adults. We are very proud of our students' academic achievement and their continuing growth in demonstrating respect-responsibility-kindness and learning.

At this time I would like to acknowledge some staff members who will not be with us next school year. Ms. Patty Lucas, special education teacher will be teaching at Parr Elementary next year. Mrs. Kristen Thomson, speech/language pathologist will be assigned to schools in the south part of Jeffco. Ms. Shelly Pizutti, speech/language assistant, will also be reassigned to other schools. Ms. Amanda Biles will continue her leave of absence to stay home and be a mommy. Ms. Megan Waterman and Ms. Jacki Sobota have done a fabulous job serving as long term substitutes. Mr. Steve Martinez will be leaving us as well. He has accepted a position at Vanderhoof Elementary. We wish all these staff members the very best in the future. Little Elementary will miss you!

I want to welcome some new staff members joining us next school year. Ms. Karen O'Leary will be here ½ time as a special education teacher. Ms. Kathy Scarpitto will also be here ½ time as our speech/language pathologist. Ms. Kathy Page will be joining us as a 1st grade teacher. 2009-2010 promises to be an exciting year at Little Elementary!

Again, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We pride ourselves in having an outstanding school and we couldn't do it without the help and support of parents and community.

Your Principal,

Esther G. Valdez

Letter from the PTSA President

Dear Family's and Staff,

We will be discussing our upcoming school year goals at this month's meeting. As well as having our "old" board members pass the torch, as it were, to our new leaders.

I'm overjoyed to announce two new presidents for next year **Anna Topkoff and Cyndy McKee**. Treasurer will be taken over by **Tiffany Jones**. The V.P. of outreach post will be **Jennifer Strong** and she will be working with **Robin Kriss** as her right hand, so to speak. **Dawn Kelly** will take on our secretary position. **Deanna Duray** will help as our new website liaison. Science fair will be overseen by **Cyndy McKee**, who has also volunteered for the web site and the news letter. Finally, we still are fortunate to keep **Kim Judson and Susan Stearns** as V.P.'s of Ways and Means. **Esther Valdez** will remain as the Vice President.

We welcome the new officers, and say Thank you to the people who made this year work so well! Please, come join us during the next meeting May 20th, to support our great organization.

Thank You so much,

Tiffany Jones
PTSA President

Please contact me with any questions - tiffanyjpts@aol.com



Teacher Appreciation Week Appreciations

We have a lot of companies to thank for their support of our teachers this year. First and foremost our leader in the application department is **Jennifer Strong!** This amazing woman started her quest for outstanding gifts for our teachers in August. Thank you so much for your commitment to the staff that supports our children. **Allison Lough** also deserves another thank you for her donations. We will finish with all the places that also donated to our school very generously: Village Inn, 3 Margaritas, Applebee's, Arby's, Beau Jo's Pizza, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Beyond the Blackboard, BJ Brewery, Blackjack Pizza, Boondocks, Botanical Gardens, Brunswick, Burger King, Butterfly Pavilion, BW3 (80th), BW3 - Walnut Creek (Church Ranch), Costco, Dave & Buster's, Denny's Nathan, Denver Zoo, Dress Barn, Egg & I, Grease Monkey, Hacienda Colorado, Hestera Family Wellness, Joe's Crab Shack, Johnny Carrions', King Soopers - 80th & Wads, King Soopers - 80th & Sheridan, Le Peep, Macaroni Grill, Madcap Theater, McDonalds, Mr. Goodcents, Museum of Nature & Science, Noodles & company, Old Chicago, Olive Garden, Outback, O'Toole's Nursery, Papa J's Italian, Perkin's, Quizno's, Rock Bottom, Rosati's, Safeway, Splitz, STARBUCKS - 101 Wads, STARBUCKS - 80th & Wads, Sweet Tomatoes, Taco Bell, Target - Church Ranch, Target - 80th & Wadsworth, Texas Roadhouse, Uno, Walgreens, Wal-Mart, Wendy's, Whole Foods, Wits End.



UPCOMING END OF YEAR EVENTS

- May 1**—Pride Celebrations for March & April/5th Grade Colonial Day
- May 7**—4th Grade to Nature Center
- May 8**—**NO SCHOOL** In-service Day All School Art Night 5:00-7:00 pm
- May 13**—Early Release @ 1:15
- May 14**—Field Day Grades 4-6/Read-a-Thon Grades 1-3
- May 15**—Fields Day Grades 1-3/Read-a-Thon Grades 4-6
- May 18**—Raindate Field Day Grades 4-6
- May 19**—Raindate Field Day Grades 1-3
- May 20**—4th Grade to Phoenix Gold Mine-Idaho Springs
- May 21**—Pride Celebrations for May
- May 22**—End of 3rd Trimester/Staff vs. 6th Gr Kick Ball Game @ 2:00 pm
- May 25**—**NO SCHOOL** Memorial Day
- May 26**—End of Year Assembly @ 2:15
- May 27**—Last day of School-1:15 Dismissal 6th Grade Breakfast-7:30 am/6th Gr Graduation Ceremony-8:00 am/ Kindergarten Opera following graduation ceremony.



MONSTER ART NIGHT
Friday, May 8th from 5:00 - 7:00
Right here at Little Elementary!

Little Elementary's 2nd Annual All School Art Night is in the Works!

Last year, we celebrated our students' creativity in a frenzy of medieval frivolity. This year our Little Artists are busy creating "monstrous" (but very cute!) creations. All students grades 1-6 will have art work displayed! We are all looking forward to seeing their creations at our *Monster Art Night!*

PARENTS of fifth grade students need to be aware that new state requirements mandate that incoming sixth graders need to have a Tdap immunization. This is a booster for tetanus and whooping cough. As your children have doctor appointments this summer please request that they have this required immunization. It will make registration for school in the fall much easier. Thank you. For any questions, you may call Sabrina in the clinic. 303-982-0310



The Value Awards!

Four of Little Elementary's staff won Value awards for the 2008-2009 School Year

For **Exemplary Performance** -Kimberly Bench.

For **Integrity**- Carrie Halbasch

For **Teamwork** –Patty Babcock,

And for **Valuing People**- Esther Valdez.

We also have our own Susan Stearns winning **Teamwork** for her school.

Congratulations! Thank you for all of your hard work!

Meadow Glen Swim Team

Attention all students, we are looking for boys and girls of all ages to join our swim team. The season begins May 18th and ends July 26th. The Meadow glen Dolphins have competed in the Boulder Valley Summer Swim League for the past 23 years. Our head coaches have been with the team for all 23, one as both a competing swimmer and coach. The BVSSL is comprised of 13 teams with approximately 1800 swimmers competing.

Our program is designed for swimmers to have a fun, fulfilling summer. The meets are exciting, the friendships lasting and the experience rewarding.

We do ask that every new swimmer is water safe and can make at least one length of the pool without adult assistance in the water. Our facility is located in the Meadow glen subdivision at 81st and Everett.

If you are interested in having a great summer please call Carla at (303) 422-0366, for more details.

Hope to see you this summer!





Great Job Reach for the star's winners

Ms. Vann's kindergarten classes, Ms. Bell's first grade class, Sasha Rosset, Ashley Strong, Jacob Seeker, Savannah Yarzebinski, Alexis Swanwick, Kaila Gottschalk, Thea Whelan, Reagan Nix, Kaileia Moland, Thomas Kamsickas, Brayden Murphy, Ronnie Garcia, Sophie Imperial, Elizabeth

Seeker, Brandon Heller, Haley Archuleta, Isiah Castro, Nicki Bishop, Patricia Trujeque, Emma Sargent – Conklin, Dylan Duke, Mrs. Quinn, Ms. Hjelden, Ms. Comcowich, and Lisa Polacsek.



With your help we collected \$4,891.10. Half will go to books for students. The library and PTSA will use the rest!

Thank you all!

Newsletters and Website

We will have one more newsletter coming out at the end of May with year end/summer information, supply lists and other information. If you have any information that you would like to add, please email littleptsa@comcast.net.



Keep in touch over the summer by checking out PTSA website located at www.LittlePTSA.com. We will have a community page where you will be able to check out local family events and festivals that occur this summer. We plan on participating in the Arvada Harvest Festival next fall as a school, so keep watch for float decoration times at the end of the summer. We will post next years events and registration information as soon as they are known as well. If you have any questions or concerns over the summer, please contact us at littleptsa@comcast.net.



Friendship Skills Group

Does your child struggle with friendships? Learn about social dynamics in a fun way. Focus on improving social skills, increasing attention, self-esteem, coping and calming skills, conflict resolution, and more.

Rebecca McCreary, Ed. S, NCSP, a state licensed, nationally certified School Psychologist is dedicated to helping children feel successful with peers by offering tools needed to develop positive, effective social skills.

New material each session

Age: 5-8

933710-1A M CP 4:00-4:45pm Jun 8-Jul 13

\$130/\$156

933710-1B M CP 4:00-4:45pm Jul 20-Aug 24

\$130/\$156

Age: 9-11

933710-2A M CP 5:00-5:45pm Jun 8-Jul 13

\$130/\$156

933710-2B M CP 5:00-5:45pm Jul 20-Aug 24

\$130/\$156

Questions? Contact Cindy McDonald at 303-658-2219