



# BEATTIE BIGHORN NEWS

September 17, 2009

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## IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH + DAY	TIME	EVENT
September 15		Hispanic Heritage month begins (goes until 10/15)
September 17		United States Constitution Day
September 17		Cans Around the Oval canned food drive begins (ends 10/14)
September 17	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.	Title 1 and Literacy Parent Orientation
<b>September 21</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Collaboration Day for PSD staff members
September 21		International Peace Day
September 22	Morning	Individual SCHOOL PICTURE DAY - smile! ☺
September 23	8:15-8:30	Walking and Wheelin' Wednesday (Wednesdays through 10/28)
September 23	8:30-3:00	Silverton field trip to the Denver Zoo
September 24		Parent-teacher conference notes sent home with students
September 30	9:00-12:00	Silverton to CSU Agricultural Adventure
October 1	6:30 p.m.	Beattie Action Team (B.A.T.) meeting - Come join us!
October 12-16	All week	Classified Employees Week
October 14		Last day for Cans Around the Oval contributions
October 14	9:30 - 1:00	Mesa Verde students to CSU for Math/Technology Day
October 15 + 16	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Parent-teacher conferences
October 16	4:00 - 9:00	Beattie Night Out at Fazoli's (details inside)
October 21	3:20 - 5:00	School Improvement Team meeting
October 22	10:30	Billy Branch - blues harmonica assembly
October 30	2:15	Halloween parade and party

### PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING.....Mr. Sam Aldern

We are now well into our fifth week of school – more than half way through the first quarter! I mentioned at each of the Back-to-School meetings that the year started out very well, and I certainly am glad to report that we are settling in nicely as a Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade school.

Though Back-to-School Nights were several weeks ago, it is not too late to thank those of you who made the effort to join us. So: *THANK YOU!* As I shared at the September BAT meeting, we had less than half of our parents or caregivers who attended their child's Back-to-School Night. This is not intended to be a guilt-inducing comment, as we are aware of the many demands on your time, especially at the start of the school year. Rather, this gives me the opportunity to emphasize an even more important upcoming event, parent-teacher conferences.

As noted above, students will not be in school on October 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> to allow us time to visit directly with parents regarding their child's progress to date. The scheduling process will begin next Thursday when we send home the initial conference notes. We schedule sibling conferences back-to-back to help parents. We certainly appreciate your help in getting those notes back to us just as quickly as you can so that we can firm in conference times and reschedule if necessary. Thanks in advance for your efforts in creating time to join your child's teacher(s).

Incidentally, if your child is in Mesa Verde or Longs Peak and you were not able to pick up his/her CSAP results from last spring's testing, I strongly encourage you to stop by our office to do so. Please let us know if you want your child to take these results home for you.

As also noted above, we have our first staff collaboration day this coming Monday, September 21. Students do **not** attend school that day. Staff will schedule sibling conferences, have transition meetings with students' teachers from last year and this year, and we'll work on using our analysis of assessment data to develop school goals and strategies that support the four learning goals in Poudre School District. Thanks for reading this month's parent newsletter!!!

# MUSICAL NEWS with MS. SPARKS



## This Year's Music Events

PSD Elementary Honor Choir Auditions last week of October

Mesa Verde Music Program November 17 1:45 and 6:00

Fort Collins Symphony YES Concert January 12 for Mesa Verde and Longs Peak

Sunshine Singers Auditions will be in February for Mesa Verde and Longs Peak

PSD Elementary Honor Choir Concert February 16 7:00 at Lincoln Center

Castle Rock Music Program March 2 10:30 and 6:00

Beattie Showcase Auditions will be in April

Sunshine Singers Performance April 27 1:45 and 6:00

Kindergarten Musical Informances May 11 and 13

Beattie Showcase May 25 1:30



## Sunshine Singers

Auditions for the Beattie Sunshine Singers will occur in April. This extra-curricular musical ensemble performs two concerts at school on April 27. This commitment requires lots of work, is educational, and oodles of fun. Students who participate will sing great music, develop their acting skills, improve their vocal techniques and develop the skills necessary for singing in a group. Every 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student is welcome to audition for the Sunshine Singers. Interested students may sign up for an audition in February.

## Poudre School District Elementary Honor Choir

The top elementary singers in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades are selected from every elementary school for the PSD Honor Choir. They will perform at the Lincoln Center along with 4 other elementary school choirs on February 17, 2010 at 7:00. Tickets will be available at the Lincoln Center box office for \$5.00 each. Rehearsals will be at CSU's University Center for the Arts from 6:30-8:00 on Jan 20, Jan 27, Feb 3, and Feb 10.

Auditions for interested students will be held during the last week of October in the Beattie Music Room. Students need to prepare "My Country Tis of Thee" and solfege exercises (do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, ti, do). [Stay tuned for more information.](#)

## Music Memory CD's

The Music Memory Curriculum for Poudre School District encompasses Kindergarten through Grade 5, during which years students will learn nearly 60 pieces of music. The goal with this curriculum is to nurture the beginnings of a lifelong appreciation for the diverse world of music.

Students in grades 3-5 will take a District Music Memory Assessment in May. There is a listening section as well as a multiple choice section to the Assessment. In preparation for the listening section CD's may be checked out from the library. The CD's are organized by grade level so make sure you get the correct one.

Hurry to the library and check-out a Music Memory CD now!



## Recorders

All students in Mesa Verde and Longs Peak need recorders. Recorders can be purchased for \$5.00 from Ms. Sparks or from a local music store.

## Musical Quotes

"Teaching music is not my main purpose. I want to make good citizens. If children hear fine music from the day of their birth and learn to play it, they develop sensitivity, discipline and endurance. They get a beautiful heart."

-*Shinichi Suzuki*, created an educational philosophy which strives to create "high ability" and beautiful character in its students through a nurturing environment



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## PE News

The winner of the "Which class wears their PE Shoes the Most" for AUGUST is... Ms. Stapp's Orange CASTLE ROCK students. They will receive a choice day in PE. Do you think they might want to play...DODGEBALL??

Proper footwear is important for **safety and performance!**  
Thanks for knowing when you have PE.



*Get Up and Go* started Monday, August 31. You may sign up for *RAMFAST* and/or *Get Up and Go* between now and November 9. Permission slips will be available on the information table by the main office and at the club meetings on Mondays.

The next **Walkin' and Wheelin' Wednesday** will be Sept. 23, beginning at 8:10 AM and every Wednesday through October. **Skateboarders and walkers** are eligible to select a stick to be in the prize drawing. **Kids who get a ride** will have to jump rope for 10 minutes to pick a stick to be eligible for prizes. We will draw 3 random numbers to select prizewinners!

The first Skate Party was September 9, and Holy Guacamole was I surprised!!! The place was full of skaters and families enjoying the *new and improved* Rollerland. The next Skate Party will be November 11. ***Come out and support Beattie!***

***We will miss you Mr. Rumbold! See below.***

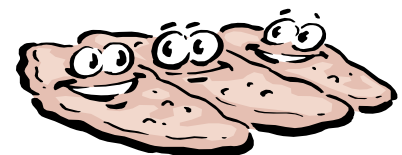


To Parents and Students of Beattie,  
Two years ago, I followed Mr. Stuart Holley's footsteps here at Beattie and began a wonderful experience. I would not have had such a productive and positive time without staff, parents and kids helping me find my way. I owe *everyone* at Beattie a "thank you", especially to the classes that helped remove the dreaded "shoe marks" off the gym floor after some rousing games of rapid nuggets and to all of the other helpers that took responsibility to pitch in. You are part of a great school community and it is very hard to leave. On Wednesday, September 16, I accepted a Physical Education position at another school in the Poudre School District where I will teach 5 days a week.

It is an opportunity I have to take. I wish everyone well!

A BIG piece of Beattie is going with me to Johnson Elementary.

Don't be a couch potato, Jim Rumbold



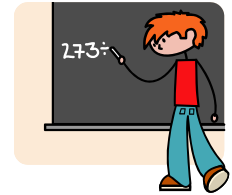
## Counselors Corner

I have heard from many of you that you appreciated the information I wrote for the last newsletter. I truly appreciate you taking the time to read it and am glad you found it helpful!!

I have been visiting classrooms once a week to do guidance lessons. Some of you may have heard your child talk about "filling buckets". In case you are not familiar with that term, there was a book published in 2005 entitled How Full Is Your Bucket? Our "bucket" represents our feelings about ourselves. The book describes how the interactions we have with others either fills our bucket or empties it. Since the publication of that book, there have been a few books written for children with the same theme. Many teachers read this book to their classes at the beginning of the year. I also have used it in some classes. So if your child talks about putting a drop in someone's bucket, they have said or done something kind for someone. It is a concept that children really seem to easily relate to and enjoy. It also ties in very well with empathy, which I discuss with all classes in the fall. If you would ever like to look at any of those books, please call or stop by my office.



At each level right now I am presenting Student Success Skills. This is a research-based program that teaches students the skills necessary to succeed in school. I have the program for each level and also one for small groups. Right now we are working on listening skills, focusing on important information, creating a caring community in which to learn, and believing in ourselves and others. These lessons will last at least through first quarter.



Something I am very excited about is the Kindness Club which started this year at Beattie! We had our first meeting last week and our initial project will be a food drive for Cans Around the Oval. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information!

As always, if I can be of any support to you or your child, please contact me!

Mrs. Pat Fleming  
School Counselor  
488-4271 / [pwelte@psdschools.org](mailto:pwelte@psdschools.org)



## A New Club at Beattie!!



This year we will be starting a **Kindness Club** at Beattie! This group of students will be taking on the service and helping tasks that traditionally may have been done by a student council. We will meet the first Wednesday of every month during lunch. Any interested student is welcome to come to any meeting. As much as possible we will let students know what projects are going to be taken on for that month. If they have an interest in helping with one of those projects, they will come to that meeting. This will allow all students an opportunity to participate and also continue to spread the caring, generous spirit we already have here at Beattie.

To get us started, many Longs Peak Students will be helping organize our first project which will be a **food drive for Cans Around the Oval**. As you are probably aware, this is a food drive CSU has sponsored for many years. All donations go to the Larimer County food bank. There is such a need to help the food bank right now; we decided to start our year with this project.

### Here is the important information for our food drive:



**What:** Cans Around the Oval food drive

**When** September 17<sup>th</sup> to October 14<sup>th</sup>

**What:** Non-perishable food items. The food bank is especially in need of peanut butter, canned tomato products and meals in cans, such as ravioli, spaghetti's, etc.

If you have questions about this, please contact me! Thank you for your support,  
Pat Fleming, School Counselor  
488-4271, [pwelte@psdschools.org](mailto:pwelte@psdschools.org)

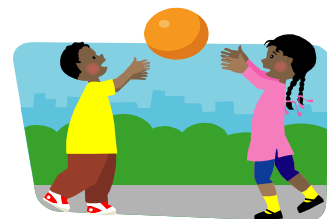
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### New Staff Member

I am a counselor with Student Assistance Services in Poudre School District. I am assigned to several elementary schools, and I am available to help support students in a variety of ways. One of the methods I use as a way to support children is sand tray therapy, a dynamic process that allows students to internalize concepts they have been taught and to express their feelings. I may also use a non-therapeutic variation of sand tray, along with other methods, to provide short term academic interventions to students during I/E time. I am here on Tuesday afternoons, and am very much looking forward to working with the students, staff, and families at Beattie!



*Shannon Lewis*  
Student Assistance Services  
Poudre School District  
(970) 567-3360 [slewis@psdschools.org](mailto:slewis@psdschools.org)





## FORT COLLINS POLICE AND THE CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER HAVE TEAMED UP TO HELP KIDS STAY SAFE ON THE INTERNET!

1 in 5 kids are subjected to unwanted sexual solicitation on the Internet.

25% of kids sexually solicited on the Internet told a trusted adult.

64% of teens report posting personal photos on the Internet and 58% report posting personal information such as where they live.

Fort Collins Police will be hosting an Internet safety presentation for families the first Tuesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. September through December 2009. Families will be divided into adults and 5<sup>th</sup> grade through high school for age appropriate presentations.

The topics covered will include:

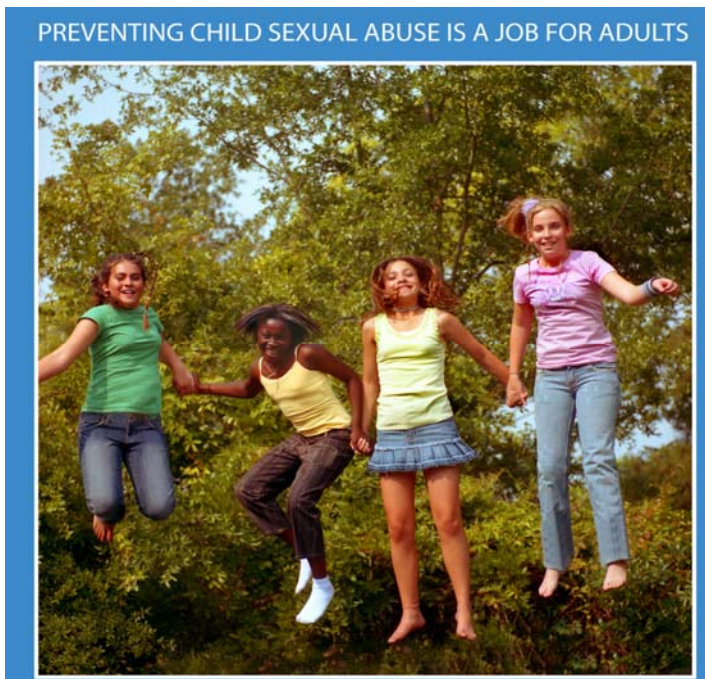
- ❖ Sexual predators
- ❖ Online enticement and grooming
- ❖ Social networking websites
- ❖ Spyware, spam and scams
- ❖ Cyberbullying
- ❖ Email, Instant Messaging (IM) and chatrooms

Much like a large metropolitan city, the Internet is a wonderful place with so many available resources. You would never drop your child off in a big city and expect them to explore it and remain safe. The goal of this presentation is to give your family awareness and tools to keep everyone safe from the dangers of the Internet.

Please attend **one** of our next trainings on: Sept 1, Oct 6, Nov 3 and Dec 1 2009 at the Fort Collins Police Department Community Room at 2221 Timberline Road.

Please RSVP to Ana Sluss at (970) 407-9739 ext. 14 or email [ana@larimercac.org](mailto:ana@larimercac.org).

*Thank You!*



## The Larimer County Child Advocacy Center would like to introduce their new Stewards of Children Prevention Program

1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before their 18<sup>th</sup> birthdays. The median age for reported sexual abuse is **9 years old**. And incredibly, there are over **39 million survivors** spread across all socioeconomic classes! Only 10% of child sexual abuse cases are committed by strangers; **90%** of these incidents involve an adult known by the child and/or the child's family.

**Darkness to Light's® Stewards of Children** is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention-training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. **The program believes and teaches that child safety is an adult's job.** **Stewards of Children** is designed for organizations that serve children and youth

You can help lower those numbers and protect the children in this community by attending **one** our next Prevention Program's:

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, November 17<sup>th</sup>  
6-8:30pm  
Fort Collins Police Department  
2221 S. Timberline Rd in EOC Room  
Cost \$15.00**

Please contact Ana Sluss at 970-407-9739 xt14 or email: [ana@larimercac.org](mailto:ana@larimercac.org)

## AT BAT with the Beattie Action Team

Thank you everyone that attended BAT's meeting on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The minutes of the BAT meetings can be read at:

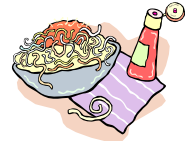
<http://www.psdschools.org/schools/beattie/batparentgroup.aspx>



October's **Beattie Night Out** will be held at **FAZOLI'S** on Friday, 10/16/09. Come join us for **unlimited** pasta; including spaghetti, fettuccini, breadsticks, and a drink from 4PM to close.



*All for just \$5.00 per child or adult!*



We will be pre-selling tickets for this event. They will be available for purchase beginning on Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in Beattie's front office. If you purchase tickets and can't make it to the event, Fazoli's will gladly honor your tickets.

BAT would like to thank all the families that turned out to support the September Beattie Night Out held at Woody's!

**Fort Fun** coupon sheets are still available for purchase in the front office for \$10 a sheet, with BAT receiving \$8 for each coupon sheet purchased. The coupons do not expire until 6/30/2010, and have a nice variety of indoor and outdoor activities with a value worth \$80 for only \$10. **Subway** coupons are also on sale for just \$5.00. They expire in December 2009, so buy one today at the office for a great deal! If you would like more information about the Fort Fun or Subway coupons, please call Deb Tucker at: 226-4649.

Also, if you've never purchased the **King Soopers**, **Safeway**, or **Vitamin Cottage** grocery certificates from the school, please consider trying it. Simply purchase the grocery certificates from the school and use the certificates to pay for your groceries at these stores. If you shop at **Albertson's**, you can pick up an Albertson's Community Card in the school's front office. The card is scanned at the store when you check-out and a percentage of the total purchase amount will be donated to BAT. The grocery participation fundraisers are **free fundraisers to you!** They cost nothing extra to participate in and greatly help to add funds for our children's education. If you need more information about the grocery fundraising programs, please call Amber Duncan at: 689-2252.

BAT sincerely appreciates everyone's participation with the fundraising events that help to provide the school with extra funds for enhanced learning opportunities for our children's excellent educational experience at Beattie!

Go to BAT for your child! BAT is looking to fill the very important **co-chairperson** position. If you are interested in learning more about this position, or would like to become an active member please join us at the next BAT meeting on **October 1st at 6:30 p.m.** in the teachers' lounge. We look forward to seeing all new and returning parents/guardians there!



## Parents—please take our online survey! October 5-18 improve our school!

Parents—our school values your input! Please take a few minutes to go online between October 5-18 and take a short survey about the educational experience your child is receiving at our school. Go to [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) and click on **SCHOOL SURVEY** under PSD News (top right). If you don't have access to the Internet, come to the school to take the survey from October 5-18. Your input will be very helpful for our school's ongoing improvement efforts.

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Qwest and Colorado State University were proud to present the Qwest Play-Maker Award to **Cassidy Noeldner** in our Silverton unit. The Qwest Play-Maker Award is designed to recognize elementary students, grades 3-5, who demonstrate leadership, citizenship and make a difference in their schools and/or communities. Students are nominated by their teachers.

Cassidy was presented with 4 tickets and 1 parking pass to a CSU Football home game and the opportunity to join the Team Captain on the field for the coin toss during the September 19<sup>th</sup> CSU game against Nevada! Beattie will also receive a \$250.00 grant from Qwest.

**Way to go Cassidy!**

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### [Don't Forget to Bring in Caps & Box Tops!](#)



1. **CAPS 4 CASH** - *Morning Fresh Dairy Farm* will donate 5 cents for every cap we collect. Please save the caps from your milk and juice bottles and bring them to school. We have a collection bucket by the office.
2. **BOX TOPS for Education** - Clip the box top coupons from the many products available at the grocery store and drop them in our collection box by the office. Our first submission to Box Tops for the year will be at the end of October, so please bring in those box tops that you were saving throughout the summer!

*All the money earned from these fundraisers goes to enhancing your child's educational experience!*

Dear Beattie Families,



**Original Works** is back!! Because we had such a tremendous response last year from students and parents our art fundraiser raised over \$1600.

We selected the Original Works art based program to raise money and make a positive impact in our community through art. All the profits raised by the OW program will be used to pay for the food provided at the Beattie Evening for Art Events and a portion will be donated to the Food Bank of Larimer County in honor of International Peace Day.

The Original Works fundraiser has many benefits; it celebrates children's art, helps build self esteem, and it empowers students to realize that they can make a positive impact in their school and community.

You can check out examples of some of the products in the art room and on display by the office.

Look for the Original Works packets to come home with your child in early October.

Please know the program is completely optional, if you choose not to order any of the products you may keep the art work and you are done. If you would like to support our project and celebrate your child's art work, please watch for important order dates to come. If you do make an order you will also get the original artwork back when you receive your gifts. **The deadline for returning orders is Thursday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> and the finished products will be sent home in early December, just in time for the holidays.**

For more info check out the web site [www.originalworks.com](http://www.originalworks.com)

Please email me with any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help. [knoel@psdschools.org](mailto:knoel@psdschools.org).

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your kids art!

Kimberly Noel, Beattie Art Teacher



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## OCTOBER SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS

**For more information, contact:**

Jody Margheim, communications specialist, (970) 490-3543, [jmarghei@psdschools.org](mailto:jmarghei@psdschools.org)

### 1. Superintendent hosts “listening sessions” for community

Parents and community members are invited to visit with Superintendent of Schools Jerry Wilson, during upcoming “listening sessions.” Listening sessions are an opportunity to talk with Dr. Wilson about issues and concerns, ways to enhance student achievement, and ask questions about Poudre School District (PSD). Everyone is encouraged to attend. No registration is necessary. For more information, call 490- 3607 or e-mail [info@psdschools.org](mailto:info@psdschools.org).

Following are the dates and locations for the 2009-10 listening sessions:

- **October 1, 2009**, Traut Core Knowledge Elementary from 6-7p.m., in the media center
- **November 11, 2009**, Webber Middle School from 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the media center
- **November 13, 2009**, Putnam Elementary from 9:30-10:30 a.m., in the flex room
- **April 1, 2010**, Boltz Middle School 7-8 p.m., in the media center

## **2. Parents – review proposed graduation requirement changes**

PSD is inviting the Fort Collins community to learn about proposed graduation requirement changes. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

- **Community and Parent Forum**, 7-8:30 p.m., October 20, Fort Collins High School, 3400 Lambkin Way
- **Community and Parent Forum**, 7-8:30 p.m., October 28, Rocky Mountain High School, 1300 W. Swallow

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Graduation Requirements Committee has been meeting since February 2008 to develop a recommendation for PSD graduation requirements based on district policy, state guidelines, and input from Fort Collins' employers, PSD's pre-school through grade 16 partners and other local leaders.

**Process and Timeline:** Community members and parents are invited to provide input during October. The committee will then examine input and make revisions as appropriate. The final draft will be presented to district administration and the final recommendation will be made to the Board of Education. The Board will vote on the final recommendation in February 2010. New graduation requirements may impact the class of 2014 or 2015 and all classes to follow. Committee meeting minutes, updates and timelines are available on the PSD Web site at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org).

## **3. No School**

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Monday, September 21 – Collaboration Day

Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, October 15, Parent/Teacher Conference Day

Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, October 16, Parent/Teacher Conference Day

## **4. PSD seeks community volunteer to serve on Audit Committee**

**The PSD Board of Education is seeking a community member with financial experience to serve on the PSD Audit Committee for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2010.**

The audit committee, which consists of five community members and two PSD Board of Education members, assists the board of education in fulfilling its financial oversight responsibilities. Committee responsibilities include overseeing the independent external audit of the district's financial statements, quarterly reviewing the district's financial statements, evaluating the efforts of the external auditor and recommending the selection of the external auditor, and providing input to help conduct two-hour meetings in the morning (7 to 9 a.m.), six times a year (January, March, May, August, October and November). Occasionally additional meetings are held to work on special committee projects.

Interested community members are asked to submit a letter of interest outlining pertinent qualifications by **October 15, 2009** to: [dboileau@psdschools.org](mailto:dboileau@psdschools.org) or **Deb Boileau, PSD Accounting Department, Johannsen Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521.**

Employees and contractors of the district **or immediate family members** are not eligible to serve on the committee. The present committee will recommend an applicant to the board of education, who will appoint the new committee members in December 2009. For more information, contact Deb Boileau, PSD finance staff member, at 490-3649 or **Peggy Dowswell**, community member and chairperson of the PSD Audit Committee, at **231-9303**.

## **5. Community Learning Center announces fall classes – Register now! Adult classes begin soon!**

Expand your knowledge and skills in 2009! The fall sessions of the Community Learning Center (CLC) begin soon. The CLC is a PSD sponsored, adult enrichment program available to all members of the community, ages 18 and up.

Upcoming classes include: **Excel, PowerPoint, Web Design, Zumba and Nia**

All CLC classes are non-credit, non-graded classes. Please call 266-0150 or visit [www.communitylearningcenters.com](http://www.communitylearningcenters.com) for registration information.

## 6. Volunteers wanted!

If you have a few hours to share your skills and expertise, you could make a huge difference in the lives of our students. Please contact Cyndi Gile at [cynthiag@psdschools.org](mailto:cynthiag@psdschools.org), or 490-3208. We have many opportunities available!

## 7. Businesses and community partners wanted in the classrooms!

Wouldn't it be fun to go back to school? We have just the opportunity for you! Volunteers and Partnerships Program is looking for businesses to come into the classrooms and enlighten students with how you decided on your career, what your career and day-to-day tasks entail, and what education is needed. If you'd like to be a part of this great opportunity to share with students, please contact Kris Cord at [kcord@psdschools.org](mailto:kcord@psdschools.org) or 490-3207 or Cyndi Gile at [cynthiag@psdschools.org](mailto:cynthiag@psdschools.org) or 490-3208.

## 8. Online School Choice application available for 2010-11, policy changes implemented

The online School Choice application is now available at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) under "School Registration," which may be accessed from a home computer or any computer with Internet access; a public use computer is available at the PSD Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Ave., or any of the district's schools. The first consideration deadlines for 2010-11 are:

- **January 29, 2010, for secondary (grades 6-12)**
- **February 12, 2010, for elementary (grades K-5)**

School Choice applications may be submitted after the first-consideration deadline until the first day of class at the beginning of the school year of requested enrollment.

The School Choice policy now offers parents of multiple-birth siblings the opportunity to submit one application for each set of multiple birth siblings. If a parent chooses this option, the siblings will be considered for available spaces together. The school will need to have the appropriate number of spaces available to accept the siblings as a group, if the number of siblings exceeds the number of spaces, the students will remain on the waiting list until enough spaces are available. For more information, view the School Choice policy and timelines on the PSD Web site.

## 9. PSD Shares policy regarding treatment of students, parents

PSD would like to inform parents about a policy that assures the proper treatment of students, parents/guardians and the general public. A summary follows, and the entire policy can be accessed at:

[www.psdschools.org/psdinfo/boardofeducation/policygovernancepolicies](http://www.psdschools.org/psdinfo/boardofeducation/policygovernancepolicies). To request that a copy be sent to you, please call 490-3302.

Board of Education Executive Limitation policy 2.1 stresses the importance for PSD to: obtain public input in decision-making; collecting appropriate information; safely store student information; assure discipline is appropriate and consistent; provide safe and accessible school facilities; provide equitable and reasonable access for non-disruptive activities; provide families with educational choices; clearly communicate student expectations; adhere to consistent and timely grading practices; be responsive to inquiries; never retaliate against students or parents; use written rules that state school expectations, standards and procedures; follow internal grievance procedures and access the Board of Education if the policy is violated; and provide families with many ways to voice their concerns about the education of students.

## 10. Character First! Family Seminar Saturday, October 17

Don't miss out on the Character First! Family Seminar coming up on Saturday, October 17. Enjoy this day-long seminar focused on putting character first in your family. Your \$35.00 seminar fee includes the "Achieving TrueSuccess" book and workbook materials, a light lunch and free childcare for children under the age of 9 years. Scholarships are available. Please contact Character Fort Collins at [reservations@characterfortcollins.org](mailto:reservations@characterfortcollins.org) or 970-266-2671 to reserve your seat today!

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## 1. We Need Your Help to Control the Spread of H1N1 (Swine) Flu

Because flu can be easily spread from person to person, Poudre School District is taking steps to reduce the spread of flu in schools. We want to keep schools open and functioning in a normal manner during flu season. **We need your help to do this.**

**Prevention is the best strategy, and here's how you can help:**

- **Teach children to wash their hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- **Teach children to cover coughs/sneezes and not share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Students should cover their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
- **Clean surfaces and objects that your child touches frequently** with appropriate cleaning agents.
- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are sick while at school *will be sent home*.
- **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours *after* they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people infected.
- **Get your family vaccinated** for seasonal flu and H1N1 flu when vaccines are available. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), a vaccine specific to H1N1 may not be available until mid-October. They are recommending the vaccine be made available to individuals in priority groups, including school-aged children.

We are working closely with the Larimer County Department of Health and Environment and other city, county and state agencies to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning schools. **Please make sure you are on the PSD Parent E-mail Alert list, so we can provide you with new information as it becomes available** (sign up at: [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) by clicking on the *E-Mail Alert Sign Up* star). This also assures you receive email updates from your child's school.

#### **Helpful websites and phone numbers:**

H1N1 Flu Information and Resources: [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), or call 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)

Steps if Children are Sick or School is Dismissed: [www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet.html](http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet.html)

Steps to Protect Your Family from Flu: [www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet2.html](http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet2.html)

Steps for Children at High Risk for Flu Complications: [www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet3.html](http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet3.html)

Q&A from the Center for Disease Control (CDC): [www.flu.gov/plan/school/questions.html](http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/questions.html)

Larimer County Department of Health and Environment: [www.co.larimer.co.us/health](http://www.co.larimer.co.us/health) or call 498-6700

## **2. Health department offers immunization clinics**

The health department's three immunization clinics are ready for to provide required immunizations for children. Larimer County Health Department's immunization clinics offer low-cost immunizations under the Federal Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. Through the program, families without health insurance, who are low-income or otherwise can't afford full-priced immunizations can have their children under 19 years old vaccinated for \$14.50 per shot. However, no one will be turned away for inability to pay.

Larimer County offers child, adult and travel immunizations at its three locations: Fort Collins, Loveland and Estes Park. Walk-in hours for Fort Collins and Loveland are listed below. No appointments are necessary, except for travel immunizations.

### **Loveland Clinic, 205 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 679-4580**

Mondays 12:30 - 3:30 pm; Fridays 9 am - 12 noon; and 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 3-6 pm. **Travel immunizations:** Mondays only, call for appointment.

## **Fort Collins Clinic, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, 498-6700**

Third Saturday of August, September, October and November, 9 am -12 noon; Mondays 9 am -12 noon and 1 - 3:30 pm; Tuesdays 3 – 6pm; and Fridays 9 am - 12 noon. **Travel immunizations:** Monday mornings and Friday afternoons: call for appointment.

For more information on childhood immunizations, adult immunizations, travel immunizations or Larimer County Health Department clinic hours, call 498-6700 or visit <http://www.larimer.org/health/chs/immunizations.asp>

### **Para obtener mayor información comuníquese con:**

Jody Margheim, especialista de comunicaciones, (970) 490-3543, [jmarghei@psdschools.org](mailto:jmarghei@psdschools.org)

## **1. Necesitamos su Ayuda para Controlar la Propagación de la Influenza H1N1 (Porcina)**

Debido a que la influenza se puede propagar fácilmente de una persona a otra, el Distrito Escolar Poudre está tomando medidas para reducir el contagio de la influenza en las escuelas. Queremos mantener las escuelas abiertas y funcionando de una manera normal durante la influenza de temporada. **Necesitamos su ayuda para lograrlo.**

### **La prevención es la mejor estrategia, y a continuación se indica cómo usted puede ayudar:**

- **Enséñele a los niños a lavarse las manos** frecuentemente con jabón y agua, o con un desinfectante para manos a base de alcohol. Puede dar un buen ejemplo al hacerlo usted mismo/a.
- **Enséñele a los niños a taparse la boca al toser o estornudar, y a no compartir artículos personales** tales como bebidas, comida o cubiertos (tenedores o cucharas) que no se hayan lavado, y taparse la boca, al toser o estornudar, con pañuelitos desechables. Los estudiantes deben cubrirse la boca con el codo, el brazo o la manga, en lugar de la mano, cuando no se tenga acceso a los pañuelitos en mención.
- **Limpie las superficies y los objetos, que su niño toca con frecuencia**, con los limpiadores apropiados.
- **Conozca los signos y síntomas de la influenza.** Los síntomas de la influenza incluyen fiebre (por lo menos 100 grados Fahrenheit, 37.8 grados Celsius), tos, dolor de garganta, secreción o congestión nasal, dolores de cuerpo, dolor de cabeza y fatiga. Algunas personas también pueden vomitar o tener diarrea.
- **No mande a los niños a la escuela si están enfermos.** Cualquier niño que esté enfermo en la escuela, *se mandará a casa.*
- **Mantenga a los niños en casa** por lo menos 24 horas *después* de que no presenten fiebre o síntomas de fiebre, sin usar drogas que la reduzcan. Al mantener a los niños que tengan fiebre en casa, reducirá el número de personas que se contagien.
- **Haga que su familia se vacune** contra la influenza de temporada y la influenza H1N1, cuando las inmunizaciones estén a disposición del público. De acuerdo al Centro para el Control de Enfermedades (*CDC, por sus siglas en inglés*), puede que se tenga acceso a la vacuna específica contra H1N1 solo hasta mediados de octubre. Este centro recomienda que la vacuna esté disponible primero a los individuos en grupos que tienen prioridad, incluyendo a los niños en edad escolar.
- Estamos trabajando muy de cerca con el Departamento de Salud y Medio Ambiente del Condado Larimer, y otras agencias de la ciudad, el condado y el estado para observar la condiciones de la influenza, y tomar decisiones acerca de las mejores medidas que se deben seguir en las escuelas. **Por favor cerciórese de estar en la lista de padres del PSD, que reciben información sobre alertas por medio del correo electrónico, para que así podamos actualizarlo/a a medida que se tengan datos disponibles** (regístrese en el sitio Web, [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org), haciendo clic en la estrella “E-Mail Alert Sign Up”, que significa “Registro para Recibir Información sobre Alertas por Medio del Correo Electrónico”). Esto también asegura, que pueda recibir correos electrónicos con información de última hora provenientes de la escuela de su niño.

### **Sitios Web y números de teléfono de utilidad:**

Información y Recursos sobre la Influenza H1N1: [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), o llame al 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636).

Medidas para los padres si los niños están enfermos o se cierra la escuela:

[www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet.html](http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet.html)

Medidas para los padres para proteger a su familia de la influenza: [www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet2.html](http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet2.html)

Medidas para los padres de niños con un alto riesgo de sufrir complicaciones por la influenza:

[www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet3.html](http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/parentfactsheet3.html)

Preguntas y respuestas del Centro para el Control de Enfermedades (CDC):

[www.flu.gov/plan/school/questions.html](http://www.flu.gov/plan/school/questions.html)

Departamento de Salud y Medio Ambiente del Condado Larimer: [www.co.larimer.co.us/health](http://www.co.larimer.co.us/health) o llame al 498-6700.

## **2. El departamento de salud ofrece clínicas de inmunizaciones**

Las tres clínicas de inmunizaciones del departamento de salud están preparadas para proveer las vacunas requeridas por los niños. Las clínicas de inmunizaciones del Departamento de Salud del Condado Larimer ofrecen vacunas a un costo reducido, bajo el Programa Federal de Vacunas para Niños (VFC). Por medio del programa, las familias sin seguro de salud, que tengan pocos ingresos, y que de otra manera no podrían pagar los costos sin descuentos de las vacunas, pueden lograr que sus hijos menores de 19 años de edad se vacunen por \$14.50 por inmunización. Sin embargo, a nadie se le negará recibir vacunas, aunque no tenga los medios para pagarlas.

El condado Larimer ofrece vacunas para niños, adultos y las requeridas para viajes en sus tres localidades: Fort Collins, Loveland y Estes Park. Las horas para recibir vacunas sin cita en Fort Collins y Loveland se listan en la parte de abajo. No es necesario pedir cita para recibir las vacunas, excepto cuando se requieran por motivos de viaje.

### **Clínica en Loveland, 205 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street, 679-4580**

Los lunes, de 12:30 a 3:30 p.m.; los viernes, de 9 a.m. al mediodía; y el 2º miércoles de cada mes, de 3 a 6 p.m.

**Inmunizaciones para viajes:** El día lunes solamente, llame para pedir cita.

### **Clínica en Fort Collins, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, 498-6700**

El tercer sábado de agosto, septiembre, octubre y noviembre, de 9 a.m. a mediodía; los lunes, de 9 a.m. a mediodía, y de 1 a 3:30 p.m.; el martes, de 3 a 6 p.m. y el viernes, de 9 a.m. al mediodía. **Inmunizaciones para viajes:** Los lunes en la mañana y los viernes en la tarde. Llame para pedir cita.

Para obtener más información sobre las vacunas de los niños, adultos y las requeridas para viajes, o el horario de las clínicas del Departamento de Salud del Condado Larimer, llame al teléfono 498-6700 ó visite <http://www.larimer.org/health/chs/immunizations.asp>.



**THANK YOU  
FOR READING OUR  
NEWSLETTER!**

**Support the “Apples for Teachers” 2009 Mini-Grants Fundraiser**



My name is Kirstan Morris, and I am an hourly grader for the staff at Boltz Middle School. For 11 years now, I have been selling my father-in-law’s high altitude Western Slope apples, direct from Red Mountain Ranches, their ranch in Cedaredge, CO, to raise money for small projects and lessons here in Poudre School District. This year will our **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “Apples for Teachers” \$100.00 Mini-Grants Program** for PSD teachers who are looking for that extra bit of funds to pull off that project or lesson or program that will make a special difference for students. This type of mini-grant fills a real need in the schools—they are a way to get funding directly into the hands of teachers to create the extraordinary types of lessons and units that we parents love our students to be a part of.

In 2008, this fundraiser funded 20 grants at 17 schools around the district. This year, we would love to double or triple that number! A couple of the grants from last year are listed below:

- Purchased class sets of dry erase boards for teaching 1<sup>st</sup> graders math, phonics, and handwriting at Traut Elementary and for teaching middle school kids a foreign language at Preston Middle School.
- Funded a Life Skills Moderate Needs Unit at PHS. Students make a menu and grocery list, go shopping for food, compare prices, follow recipes, and eventually cook for themselves in class

Apples will be on sale from Saturday, October 3 thru Tuesday, October 13 by 5:00 PM. There will be an ordering web link that becomes active on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, and if you wish to support the teachers and order apples or their pressed apple cider, then email me at [kirstanmorris@gmail.com](mailto:kirstanmorris@gmail.com) or call me at 282-3554 to get on the emailing list. I will send you the active ordering link on October 3, and that link will have all of the varieties of apples available, prices, and much more. Pick up for all of the produce and cider will be Saturday, October 17 from 9-11 AM in the front Boltz Middle School parking lot.

The amount of grants awarded will obviously depend on how many apples we sell so COME BUY YOUR FALL FRUIT FROM US! This is the best the Western Slope has to offer—his ranch is high altitude, and that really makes the taste of his apples special. Anyone you know can order—just forward the information around town! Support PSD teachers and make the Apples for Teachers Mini-Grants a big success!

