



## IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH + DAY	TIME	EVENT
August 21		Second day of school for ALL Bear Lake kindergarten students
August 21	2:00 - 3:00	Recognition for all students achieving Summer of Accelerated Reader (S.O.A.R.) goals
August 25	6:00-6:45 7:00 - 7:45	Back-to-School Night for Bear Lake and Evergreen (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Back-to-School Night for Castle Rock (2 <sup>nd</sup> ) + Silverton(3 <sup>rd</sup> )
August 27	6:00-6:45	Back-to-School Night for Mesa Verde (4 <sup>th</sup> ) + Longs Peak (5 <sup>th</sup> )
August 25 - 27	After school + at B.T.S. Nights	Scholastic Book Fair
September 2	Morning	1 <sup>st</sup> Autumn Bike-to-School Day (Safe Routes to School sponsors)
September 3	5:30 p.m.* <b>*Note time</b>	Beattie Action Team meeting - all parents and guardians are invited to attend. Stop by the teacher's lounge!
September 7	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Labor Day
September 8	All day	Longs Peak students' field trip to Y.M.C.A. in Estes Park
September 9	Morning	Walk and Wheelin Wednesday (Wed. through October 28)
September 9	6:30-8:30 p.m.	Skating Party at Rollerland
September 10	4:00-9:00p.m.	Beattie Night Out @ Woody's Wood-Fired Pizza
September 11	All day	Red, White & Blue Day - show your patriotism!
September 11	10:00-11:30	SIL + LP to Lincoln Center for Magic Show
September 11	Lunch time	Cake for August and September birthday students
September 16	3:20 - 5:00	School Improvement Team (S.I.T.) meeting
September 17		Next parent newsletter sent
September 21	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Collaboration Day for PSD staff members
September 22	Morning	Individual SCHOOL PICTURE DAY - smile! ☺
September 24		Parent-teacher conference notes sent home with students

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

The start of a school year is an exciting time! This is especially true this year for several reasons. With grade reconfiguration in PSD and our subsequent movement of grade levels, many units are in new places. Of course improvements made to the building itself have also contributed to our enthusiasm. Mostly, though, we're glad to be working with the kids!

Thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter and other documents sent at the start of the year. This will be the only newsletter that is printed out for every family, as future editions will be emailed to everyone who has signed up for electronic messages via the PSD website (<http://www.psdschools.org/>) If you would prefer a printed copy of newsletters, please put that request in writing for our office staff. We will also email the parent handbook, and a printed copy is available for anyone requesting that. Newsletters, parent handbooks, and BAT minutes are posted on our school website (<http://www.psdschools.org/schools/beattie/>)

Sending these important documents directly to parents' email is done with the hope it is more convenient for you to read them. Even if you have been a part of the Beattie community for many years, we ask that you review the handbook since there are updates. (Of course, I *must* put my "traffic cop" hat on for a minute and ask that you are very familiar with expectations for dropping off and picking up children!)

We surely hope you also make it a priority to attend the Back-to-School Night for your child. This provides a wonderful chance to meet the teachers and to discover the great learning opportunities your son or daughter will have. During these events we ask that you (CONTINUED)

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pick up the data verification form and later review it, make any changes, and return it to school as soon as you're able. Due to space considerations, we request that children not attend the Back-to-School Nights. (Students will have already previewed the book fair.) We also ask that if you have a need for a conference with the teacher that you set up a separate time for a discussion so that our teachers can greet all the parents. It's also preferred that personal information regarding your child be shared during a more appropriate setting.

Thanks for being a part of the Beattie community. Let's make it a great year!

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## Delivering and Picking Children Up From School

Parents are asked to pick up or drop off their child(ren) on Meadowlark in front of the school south of the cross-walk, or in the cul-de-sac north of Beattie on Nighthawk. We especially encourage parents of primary aged children to use the cul-de-sac and/or the church parking lot.

### **Please remember:**

- We have a daycare van loading area on the east side of Meadowlark and it extends from the crosswalk to the parking lot entrance. **We request there be NO PARKING here during the day.**
- Red areas will be no parking zones during the day. This is for student drop-off and pick-up only. This is also on the east side of Meadowlark, extending from the crosswalk to the bike rack.
- In order to keep children safely away from bus and auto traffic, we have designated the **parking lot for staff members only**. (Certainly parking will be allowed in these areas during the evening for programs and other events.)
- Parents using the church parking lot should meet their children and escort them to their car.
- Staff members and buses will enter the parking lot only from Meadowlark and will exit only onto Nighthawk.
- Please also remember that **we need to keep our students safe by:**
  - **Not double parking on Meadowlark or Nighthawk, however briefly**
  - **Not making U-turns**
  - **Crossing on foot only at the crosswalk on Meadowlark**
  - **Staying on the sidewalk around the cul-de-sac, not crossing on Nighthawk.**



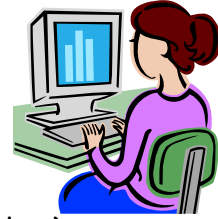
*Thank you for supporting our requests!*





E-mail Alert Sign-up

Please register!



In order to abide by the Districts' policy of "going green", we will be emailing all of our monthly newsletters to our families after this initial August 20, newsletter, unless you specify otherwise (see note below).

In order to be placed on our Beattie parent email list, please go to the District's homepage at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) and click on the star to the left of the page that says E-mail Alert Sign-up. This will bring you to a site that will allow you to register for news and information from any schools in the District. Please add Beattie to your sign-up. Our newsletters will also be posted on the Beattie school website. We urge you to read these newsletters every month as they contain important dates, times and events pertaining to your child's education.

*Thank you!*



Request for Hard Copy of Newsletter and/or Parent Handbook

Please send a **printed copy** of each newsletter with my child

\_\_\_\_\_ who is in the \_\_\_\_\_ unit.

The Beattie Parent Handbook has been posted on our website and also emailed to families who have signed up (see note above). If you would prefer a printed copy, please mark box below and return the form.

Please send a **printed copy** of the Beattie Parent Handbook with my child.

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please cut this off and submit this form to your child's teacher or the office by Monday, September 14 if you would like printed copies.

*"A discovery is said to be an accident, meeting a prepared mind."  
Albert-Szent-Gyorgyi*



### **Welcome to the Art Room, a Place Where Ideas Happen!**

The beginning of the school year is so exciting! Meeting new students, reconnecting with the returning students and our community is one of my favorite times of the school year. The art room is in full swing! Our first project celebrates ideas and how each individual artist communicates in his/her own way. It takes courage to make your own creative choices and to follow a unique idea. In the art room we honor being different. The students are beaming with excitement and new ideas for the coming year.

### **September 21<sup>st</sup> is International Peace Day**

The beginning of each new school year I introduce a project that honors International Peace Day. For our first year we planted hundreds of peace pinwheels in the front of the school, the second year we draped peace pennants throughout the school, our third year we created peace paintings and individual projects. This year we will write poetry, creating watercolor paintings and filling the hall with peace flags. The students will be exploring the many facets of peace through poetry, artwork and music to inspire their designs. Each student artist will offer his/her own unique perspective and commitment to honor peace. The Beattie community is invited to participate in the peace project by creating an artwork or by helping with the installation of the project.

### **Original Works Fundraiser**

We introduced this program last year and had great success. The Original Works program is a fundraiser that reproduces children's art work to create fun products to cherish as keepsakes or to give as gifts. All the profits raised by the OW program will be used to pay for the Evening for Art Events and a portion will be donated to an organization in honor of International Peace Day in our community. The Original Works fundraiser has many benefits; it celebrates children's art, helps build self esteem, raises funds for our art shows and it empowers students to realize that they can make a positive impact in their school and community.

### **Evening for Art Events**

We are entering our fourth year of Evening for Art Events. This series of art events celebrate the creative work of our students. This year we will showcase the work of Silverton and Longs Peak students. These events are made possible by the many volunteers who gave their time and talents to create a festive art happening. Please consider volunteering some of your time. We are looking for people to volunteer to take home projects, work on display set up, help with food preparation, and set up and clean up on the night of the event. Evergreen students will have a special event in May.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact me via email [knoel@psdschools.org](mailto:knoel@psdschools.org) , call me at school, or drop by the art room.

*As always, thank you for the opportunity to teach your children! Kimberly Noel*





## PE NEWS



The winner of the "Which class wears their PE Shoes the Most" for AUGUST is... There is no winner yet actually. Starting next week we will keep track of PE shoes for every class. Proper footwear is important for **safety and performance**. Thanks for knowing if you are BLUE OR ORANGE, and when you have PE.

*RAMFAST* and *Get Up and Go* starts Monday, August 31 at the primary playground. I will try to honor both walkers and racers. Permission slips will be available on the information bookcase by the main office.

The first **Walkin' and Wheelin' Wednesday** will be Sept. 9, beginning at 8:10 AM and every Wednesday in September. Skateboarders and walkers are eligible to select a stick to be in the prize drawing. Kids who get a ride may jump rope for 10 minutes to pick a stick and be eligible for prizes. We will again draw three random numbers to choose prizewinners.

The first Skate Party at Rollerland is September 9, 2009, from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

Don't be a COUCH POTATO, Jim Rumbold



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### **Destination Book Fair - Read Around the World**

Don't miss Beattie's Fall Scholastic Book Fair. Profits are used to purchase library books and supplies. We appreciate your support.

Sales times include:

Tuesday, Aug. 25	3- 8 pm (during BTS night)
Wednesday, Aug. 26	8 - 8:30 am and 3 - 4 pm
Thursday, Aug. 27	8 - 8:30 am 3 - 7 pm (during BTS night)
Friday, Aug. 28	8 - 8:30 am

Call 488-4242 if you can volunteer to set up Friday, August 21 (1:30), work sales times, or pack up Friday, August 28 (10:30 am). Thanks - see you there!



### Student Accident and Health Insurance

PSD is no longer sending paper information regarding student insurance. If this is something you would like to find out about, please go to the Beattie webpage and look in two places - News and Events/PSD links and on the menu bar under PSD links.

# AT BAT with the Beattie Action Team

For those of you new to our school, the Beattie Action Team is Beattie's parent/teacher organization. If you are looking for a way to volunteer and really make a difference, please consider joining this group of dedicated parents and staff! Thank you to everyone that attended BAT's first meeting of the year on August 12th. Please spend some time reading the meeting minutes to learn about the events BAT has in store for our Beattie families this school year!

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



BAT will be having monthly **Beattie Nights Out** again this year beginning in September with different restaurants that participate in donating a portion of their sales to BAT. Look for this information in newsletters, flyers, and on Beattie's website.

Our very popular **Qdoba** coupon sheets will be available for purchase in the school office for \$10, and also at Back-to-School nights.

**Fort Fun** coupon sheets are also available for purchase during Back-to-School nights and 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. If you would like more information about the Fort Fun coupons, please call Deb Tucker at: 226-4649.

**Gold C Coupon Books** will soon be available for purchase for \$10. BAT receives a percentage of the profits from these coupon books.

Also, if you've never purchased **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 that is scanned at the store while purchasing your groceries and a percentage of the total amount of your groceries will also be donated to BAT. The grocery participation fundraisers are **free fundraisers** that cost you nothing to participate and greatly help to fund additional programs for your children's' education. If you need more information about the grocery fundraising programs, please call Amber Duncan at: 689-2252.

Go to BAT for your child! There are two positions open in BAT's leadership, a co-chairperson and someone to represent our school at the District Advisory Board. Please join us at the next BAT meeting on **September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m.** in the teachers' lounge. We look forward to seeing the new and returning parents/guardians there!

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



# BEATTIE NIGHT OUT



Beattie Action Team's first Beattie Night Out is being held at **Woody's Wood-Fired Pizza** on **Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.!**

**Woody's** has generously agreed to donate 15% of the total sales of the food and beverages purchased by the Beattie patrons during these hours to BAT. Woody's is well known for its all-you-can-eat wood-fire pizza, soup, and salad bar. In addition to the wide variety of delicious pizzas, Woody's also has other mouth-watering items on its menu, such as: BBQ ribs, chicken, burgers, fish, and calzones!

Please join us with your relatives, friends, and neighbors for an evening of good food and good company while supporting a good cause. **No coupons are needed for this fundraiser, but don't forget to tell your server that you are with Beattie Elementary School!** BAT appreciates your participation in these fundraising events that serve to provide essential funds for your children's educational experience at Beattie.

**Woody's Wood-Fired Pizza**  
518 West Laurel  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
482-7100

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Walking and bicycling are going back to school!

As autumn approaches, the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program is gearing up for exciting activities. The first annual Autumn Bike to School Day will be held on September 2, 2009. Each following week, SRTS hosts "Walking and Wheeling Wednesday" (September 9, 16, 23, 30, and October 14, 21, 28). These weekly walking and bicycling events are a great chance for children and parents to meet friends and neighbors and have a great time getting to and from school. Prizes and other goodies will be available to encourage safe walking and bicycling. International Bike to School will be held on October 7, 2009 in over 42 countries worldwide.

Interested in volunteering with Safe Routes to School at your school? Contact Matt Wempe, the Fort Collins Safe Routes to School coordinator at 970.416.2040 or email [mwempe@fcgov.com](mailto:mwempe@fcgov.com).

Additional information, safety tips, and upcoming events can be found at [fcgov.com/saferoutes](http://fcgov.com/saferoutes).

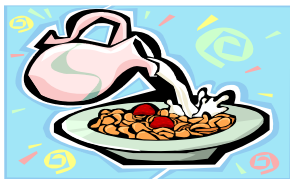


## Don't Forget to Bring in Caps & Box Tops!



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. We have earned up to \$650 from our box top collections.

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



### **BREAKFAST AT BEATTIE IS BEING SERVED!**



Students who would like to eat breakfast at school can arrive at 8:00 a.m. and will be served a variety of excellent choices, including such items as; pancake on a stick, breakfast sausage pizza, and cheddar cheese omelet. Cereal, milk and juice will be served every day! The breakfast menu for the following day will be announced every morning during our daily announcements. The regular price for breakfast is \$1.00 and the reduced price is \$0.30.

*This is a great way to start your day!*



### **Health and Immunization Records**



Miss Duffy, Beattie's Health Tech, would like to remind all parents to bring their children's updated immunization records to school. If your child needs to take any medication throughout the school day, the office has the appropriate paperwork to fill out, and remember that all medication must remain in the original container and must be kept in the office, not with the student.

*Thank you!*

## **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>

## **Busing distances, space available service changes begin in 2009-10**

Poudre School District Transportation wants parents and families to be aware of changes for the 2009-10 school year. Due to budget constraints, transportation costs and grade level changes, the following changes are being made and will impact students and families.

### **Transportation Eligibility Changes for PSD Students:**

Effective July 1, 2009, to align transportation services with grade level changes, PSD transportation policies will be revised to reflect 6<sup>th</sup> grade students moving to middle school and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students moving to high school. The transportation eligibility distances for each level (elementary, middle school, high school) will not change; the grades receiving transportation services will change:

- Elementary school students in kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> grade will receive transportation services to and from school if they live 1 mile or more from school, in the school attendance area.
- Middle school students in grades 6-8 will receive transportation services to and from school if they live 1½ miles or more from school, in the school attendance area.
- High school students in grades 9-12 will receive transportation services to and from school if they live 2 miles or more from school, in the school attendance area.

### **Space Available Busing Changes:**

Due to budget constraints and increasing transportation costs, PSD routes are being adjusted to create more efficiency within each route. This means next year more students will be transported on fewer buses and/or fewer routes, and PSD anticipates the following:

- Next year, PSD busses will be transporting more eligible students and therefore less "Space Available" busing may be available.

- Students attending a school outside of their neighborhood school (school choice) will only be transported on PSD busses if there is “Space Available.” The exception is for Poudre High School’s International Baccalaureate program, for which a fee-based pilot is planned.
- “Space Available” Bus Service forms will be accepted beginning August 1, 2009; parents will be notified in **October** whether or not a seat is available for their student on the bus. Often during the first months of school, bus routes need to be adjusted to accommodate eligible students and to create efficiencies throughout district bus routes.
- “Space Available” Bus Service forms for the 2009-10 school year will be available starting August 1, 2009, on the PSD Web site on the Transportation page, or may be obtained from your school or by calling 490-3155 to request a copy of the form.

The above changes will be in effect the first day of the 2009-10 school year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the transportation department by email [transportation@psdschools.org](mailto:transportation@psdschools.org) or by phone 490-3155.

## SEPTEMBER SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS

### **For more information, contact:**

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

### **1. PSD parent notification procedures**

The PSD communications office coordinates several efforts to notify parents and staff when **ALL** schools are closed for conditions such as bad weather or for emergency situations.

PSD will communicate information and instructions directly to parents and staff through the following:

- E-mails to parents who have signed up for PSD email alerts (sign up at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) – “Email Alert Sign-Up”) or provided their email on the student information form parents receive the first week of school.
- Text messages to parents and staff who have that capability on their phone.
- Phone messages through the School Messenger automated phone notification system.
- PSD website ([www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org)) information postings
- PSD Channel 10 (Comcast and US Cable)
- Local and Denver media including newspapers, radio and television stations

### **2. Tuition-based preschool program accepting registrations**

Registrations are now being accepted for the Poudre School District tuition-based preschool program, which will pilot at four locations for the 2009-2010 school year. The preschool program will pilot at Cache La Poudre Elementary, Rice Elementary, and Moore Elementary, and the Fullana Learning Center. Half day sessions will be available in the morning and afternoon at participating schools.

The new preschool program will have:

- **Teachers licensed by Colorado Dept. of Education.**
- **High quality, standards-based preschool environment.**
- **16 students per session. Adult to child ratio 1-8.**
- **Tuition cost \$3150/year or \$315 for 10 months.**
- **To apply go to [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org).; click on “School Registration;” then click on the upper left-hand link, “Preschool Registration.”**

For more information, call Early Childhood Education at 490-3204.

### **3. Autumn bike to school day, September 2**

Lace up your shoes, strap on your helmet, grab a friend, and start walking and bicycling today! Additional information, volunteer opportunities, safety tips, and walking and bicycling maps are available at [www.fcgov.com/saferoutes](http://www.fcgov.com/saferoutes).

#### **4. Nominate your *Coach of Character* today**

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Sonny Lubick Coach of Character Award. The Sonny Lubick Coach of Character Award is presented annually to one outstanding coach in the Fort Collins community who focuses on character development while teaching life lessons through sports. This coach has rejected the "win-at-all-cost" model and is centered on helping players develop positive character traits that will enable them to be successful in life. Furthermore, this coach has helped to build a legacy of sportsmanship and character in athletics in the Fort Collins community. In order for an individual to be eligible for this award, they must have coached school, club or recreational sports for athletes 18 and under for a minimum of ten years in Northern Colorado.

The Sonny Lubick Coach of Character Award is presented by CHaracter in Athletics – Make it a Priority at the annual CHAMP Celebration Breakfast in early 2010. Nominations must be received no later than by September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to be considered for the 2010 Sonny Lubick Coach of Character Award. Please visit [www.champfc.com](http://www.champfc.com) to download the nomination form and for more details on the award or call 970-266-2671.

### **Por favor Lea y Conserve esta información crítica del PSD. (Distrito Escolar Poudre)**

**Relacionada con: El Clima, El Comienzo Retrasado,**

#### **1. Acceder al horario de autobus por internet, en las escuelas a partir del 10 de agosto**

Las clases empiezan el 17 de agosto para los estudiantes de grados 6, 7, 9 y 10, el 18 de agosto para los estudiantes de grados 11 y 12; el 19 de agosto para los de primaria (kinder a grado 5). Los padres pueden acceder el horario de autobus (PSD BUS SCHEDULE) para ver información sobre la parada y la hora del autobus de su hijo/a de varias maneras.

- En la página web, [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) a partir del 7 de agosto (la estrellita en la página de portada que dice "Bus Stop" provee información detallada sobre las paradas de autobús, la distancia de la escuela, y mapas.
- Busque la información en el periódico (salen en el Fort Collins Coloradoan a principios de agosto).
- En las escuelas a partir del 10 de agosto

#### **2. En caso de emergencia...**

Durante una situación de emergencia, PSD comunicará información directamente a los padres por los siguientes medios:

- La página web de PSD [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org)
- Llamadas telefónicas automáticas al número de emergencia de cada familia
- Las estaciones locales de radio y televisión
- El canal de televisión del distrito escolar (canal 10, Comcast y US Cable)
- Los padres pueden llamar al centro de servicio de PSD al 970-490-3333. Los operadores tendrán la información más exacta y actualizada.

**Es fundamental que los padres mantengan al día la información de emergencia de en la escuela de su hijo/a.**

#### **En caso de que ocurra una emergencia, por favor NO HAGA lo siguiente:**

- No llame a la escuela de su hijo/a. El personal de la escuela estará con cuidado a los alumnos y es probable que no conteste el teléfono. Llame al Centro de Servicio al 970-490-3333. Los operadores tendrán la información más exacta y actualizada.
- No vaya a la escuela de su hijo/a. La llegada de muchos padres a la escuela causará mucho abarrotamiento y dificultará el proceso de cuidar a los alumnos. Los padres recibirán información e instrucciones por los medios anteriormente mencionados.