



## IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH + DAY	TIME	EVENT
March 5	10:30 , 6:00	Castle Rock music program
March 5	5:00 -6:30 p.m.	Student Artists Reception at the Lincoln Center
March 5	7:00 p.m.	Beattie Action Team meeting (B.A.T.)
March 7	All day	Science Olympiad at PHS for 10 I.P. students ( <i>Go team!</i> )
March 9, 30	7:00 p.m.	Spring Fling Planning Committee meeting in teacher lounge
March 9	9:00	CSAP testing begins; continues through 4/8 ( <i>see unit schedules</i> )
March 10	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Young Scholars presentations at FRHS
March 12	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Silverton Evening of Art
Friday, March 13	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	ELEMENTARY TEACHER WORK DAY ( <i>Secondary in session</i> )
<b>March 14 - 22</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	Spring Break for all PSD
March 27	9:00-2:00	CR field trip to Butterfly Pavilion
March 27		3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards sent home
March 28	All day	Odyssey of the Mind Tournament at FRHS
April 2	3:30 - 5:00	Retirement Celebration for Mrs. Abrams! ( <i>Families are welcome!</i> )
April 2	6:30 p.m.	Beattie Action Team meeting (B.A.T.)
April 16	5:00 -8:00 p.m.	Spring Fling!!!!

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

March came in pretty much like a lamb, so we'll see how lion-ish the rest of March will be!

As has been communicated, we are entering "CSAP season". The results of these state assessments have long been used to rate the performance of schools, thus they take on a "high stakes" significance. There is a new and reasonably interesting twist to CSAP this year. The Colorado Department of Education has introduced a growth model that puts a new emphasis on individual student progress. (<http://www.cde.state.co.us/media/cdeedserv/growthmodel/index.html>) Though we don't get results back until late summer, it will still be gratifying for families to learn the individual progress their child makes. One more reason for kids to give it their best effort!

I really want to thank everyone who drives to school for generally honoring our requests regarding traffic flow, parking, and picking up and dropping off students. It's those times that adults *aren't* following those expectations that cause me to mention this again. Our neighbors on Meadowlark have expressed repeated frustration with cars blocking their driveways – even temporarily. Thanks for respecting their property. Also, we still have a small problem with some folks using the staff parking lot for dropping off or picking up children. This request isn't because staff members have preferred status; it is because we need to keep our children out of the way of buses, PSD vehicles, and other service vehicles that need to use this area. I have seen some very close – and scary – calls between children and vehicles. Please share these requests with family members or friends who might pick up your child.

Given these difficult financial times, budget concerns are a reality for everyone. With 6<sup>th</sup> grade moving to middle school next year and with a slight decline in K-5<sup>th</sup> projected, Beattie's allocation may be ~ 15% less than this year's funding. During the last two School Improvement Team meetings we have discussed prioritizing with respect to staffing our school, with the needs of children always foremost in decisions. An update of the staffing plan discussion will be shared at the April 2 BAT meeting. Final plans for the 4/16 Spring Fling will also be shared. This is always a fun event, and we appreciate your participation! More information about Spring Fling will come in the April newsletter.

Hopefully you can join us at another April event, the retirement celebration for Mrs. Tina Abrams, Castle Rock teacher. Families are invited to join us sometime between 3:30-5:00 April 2 to honor her.

Trying to guess what the weather will be in March and April is always tricky. Thanks for working with your child regarding appropriate attire for a given day. I've already given reminders to a few students about our dress code (Parent Handbook, p. 10) and summer-type clothing that isn't appropriate for school. Who knows, we might actually see lion-ish weather again in Fort Collins!

Please remember that elementary students' **spring break begins Friday, 3/13**. Have a safe, fun break!

BEATTIE BIGHORN NEWS

March 5, 2009

R.A.M.S. – Respect Always Means Success



## Art: A Place Where Ideas Happen

*The point of departure for a work of art is an idea.*

**Pierre Bonnard**



### Longs Peak: An Evening of Art

*Congratulations Longs Peak artists!!* The art show was a complete success. I really enjoyed meeting the artist's families and spending the evening honoring the magic of the creative process. Thank you for all your kind comments and support for the arts at Beattie.

I would also like to thank these folks for giving so much of their time and talents to help create such a wonderful event.

**Amy Thomas, Stephanie Himmelberg, Alexis Kanda-Olmstead (and Abe), Sue Tibbetts (and the whole Pagan-Tibbetts family), Kim Lenderts, Judy Kinner, Tom Healy and Nancy Codd.** And of course thanks to my specials team: **Kathie Hagan, Jim Rumbold, Tara Sparks,** and my folks **Charles and Eleanore Lovett.** It is so rewarding working with so many people who support and promote the arts.

I would also like to thank the musicians from **Rocky Mountain High School,** and their teacher **Casey Cropp** who provided the fabulous music.

And a very special thank you to **Catalyst Coffee** for their continued support and donations of coffee and hot drinks. A big thank you goes out to all of the **Beattie Community** that contributed to our Original Works fundraiser. These funds enabled us to purchase all the yummy food and punch. And thanks to **BAT** for the continued support of the arts and the funds to purchase new display boards for the shows.

### [Other Art Show Happenings...](#)

#### Super Art!

JSSC Board room Feb. 2009-Dec.2010  
Superintendent Art Show

*Congratulations  
Autry Baskin from Longs Peak  
for representing Beattie!*

#### Youth Art Month Show

Lincoln Center  
Feb. 27- March 26, 2009  
Artist Reception March 5, 5-6:30pm  
Congratulations to **Julia Allen, Sarah Kemp,  
Wyatt Jordan, Joey Marsden, and  
Sarah Thurlow** for representing Beattie!

#### Evenings of Art at Beattie

Beattie Media Center  
Silverton Art Show March 12 5-6:30  
Evergreen Art Show May 7 5-6:30



#### Designs and Images

April 20-May 4, 2009 Foothills Mall  
Artists Reception April 22, 2009 5-7pm  
50 Artworks will be selected in Mid April



## PE News



The winner of the **"Which class wears their PE Shoes the Most"** for FEBRUARY is: MV- Paintbrush. This class will receive a **free choice day in PE**. Proper footwear is important for **safety and performance**, thanks for your support with this.

The 2009 **Schools on the Move Challenge** ended February 28 and I have sent the student log sheets to Poudre Valley Health System. T-shirts will be coming in April.

**Schools on the Move Challenge** was successful for one month—please keep your *momentum* going. Ft. Collins has many organized sports opportunities available for kids and adults. Our weather, parks and bike trails make it easy to include exercise and play into our lifestyle.

At our March 3 Skate Party at Rollerland, Mrs. Codd's LP class won a pizza party for best attendance at the skate!! Congratulations!

## Mark Your Calendars

Friday, March 13 - ALL DAY SKATE at ROLLERLAND (Beattie receives \$0.50 for each coupon)

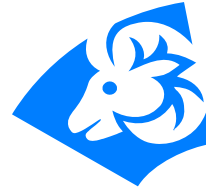
Monday, April 27 & 28 - BEATTIE TRACK & FIELD MEET

Volunteers are needed for the meet from 8:30 to 12:00. Please contact Mr. Rumbold!

Thursday, April 30 & Saturday, May 2 - PSD TRACK MEET - Details to will be sent later

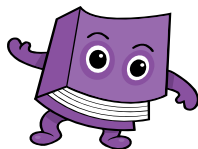
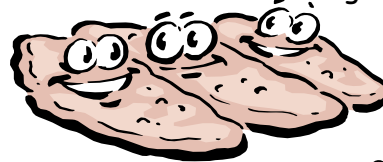


**RamFast!**



**NEW after school opportunity!!!!** As you may know, *Get up and Go!* has attracted fewer and fewer students and does not seem to have nearly the success of years past. In order to serve more Beattie students I will change the entire format for the **Thursday afternoon session** to a **track team** format called **RamFast**. Students at every level of ability are welcome. In a quick in-house survey, 59 EV-IP students said they were interested in this change. I emphasized that their ability to run **superfast** will improve and this will be the reward for their hard work. I hope this will benefit self-concept as well. As this will be **competitive** (kids love to race), I'll include a **sportsmanship/effort** component as part of the routine. **RamFast** will be open to ALL Beattie students. We will begin Thursday, March 26. Monday afternoon will remain *Get up and Go*.

*Don't be a COUCH POTATO, Jim Rumbold*



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## Title I News



The Title I reading classes will be having one of our spring RIF (**Reading is Fundamental**) book distribution parties during our regular small reading times on Friday, March 6. RIF is a national program committed to widening children's access to rich literature that encourages them to be life-long readers. The classes will go on a Treasure Hunt, have a St. Patrick's snack, and each child will have the opportunity to choose a free book.



## Musical News with Ms. Sparks

### Upcoming Musical Events

Castle Rock Music Program Mar. 5, 10:30 and 6:00  
 Sunshine Players Begins March 9  
 Beattie Showcase Auditions will be in early April  
 Kindergarten Musical Informances May 13 and 14  
 Beattie Showcase May 26 1:30



### Beattie's Showcase Extravaganza

Attention all singers, actors, comedians, dancers, and all others who like to be "in the limelight"!!!! You are needed for the Beattie Showcase on May 26 at 1:30. If you are interested in auditioning for one of our 20 "acts", begin your preparation now. All "acts" need to be around 2 1/2 minutes. Auditions will be the first week in April.



### Music Memory CD's

The Music Memory Curriculum for Poudre School District encompasses Kindergarten through Grade 6, during which years students will learn nearly 70 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 4-6 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!

### Attention Silverton Students



All students in Silverton will need recorders soon. Recorders can be purchased for \$5.00 from Ms. Sparks or from a local music store.



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## City of Fort Collins Arbor Day Celebration



On Friday, April 24, 2009 Beattie will be hosting a city-wide Arbor Day celebration. We are hoping that some of our students will write a poem to commemorate this event. Writing a poem is optional; however, if a poem is selected by our distinguished panel of judges, the student may be asked to share their poem during the Arbor Day event and may also be honored during a televised City Council Meeting. Mr. Aldern will also be hosting a pizza lunch for those poets selected!

Entries must be turned in by Friday, March 27, 2009 to allow for judging and for practicing oral presentation.





# BEATTIE SPRING FLING

Bring your family and friends and come for a

## NIGHT of ALL-STARS

Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

5:00pm - 8:00pm



The Spring Fling is NEXT MONTH!! This year we have a SPORTS theme for the night! There will be games, silent auction, yummy BBQ, and prizes! There are plenty of opportunities for you to be a part of the preparation and set up for this amazing fund raiser. If you would like to donate items or time, or would be willing to do some at-home projects, please let me know. We are also accepting items from the parents to be auctioned off during the silent auction.

You can do this by emailing either Tara Kropp, Cheryl Adams or Deb Tucker using the information below.

*THANK YOU for your interest and support!*

Tara Kropp - Spring Fling Coordinator & Donations

282-3510 or email - tjcropp855@juno.com

Deb Tucker - Donations

226-4649 or email - tucker.4@hotmail.com

Cheryl Adams - Silent Auction

377.2689 or email cheryl@scoutnews.net



### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

We will be pre-selling tickets for the Spring Fling starting March 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Beattie office, in \$1.00 increments.

These tickets will be used for everything... including GAMES, DRINKS and FOOD.



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### Beattie Action Team (BAT)

There is an opening for a SIT (School Improvement Team) parent representative from BAT for the 09-10 school year. At the April 5, 2009 BAT meeting a vote will be held to determine that representative. If you are interested in holding this position, please contact Tara Kropp to submit your name at the phone number or email listed above. Submissions must be in to Tara by March 30, 2009.

## March 2009 School News Briefs

For more information, contact:

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PSD Communications  
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### 1. CSAP testing starts March 9<sup>th</sup> – parents can help!

Students will be taking the State-mandated CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) tests beginning March 9<sup>th</sup>.

#### Parents can help in several ways.

- Ensure your child gets a good night's sleep before each testing day.
- Provide your student a nourishing breakfast each testing day.
- Plan ahead to ensure your child is present on time for each test.
- Schedule appointments or vacations on non-test days.

### 2. Be informed, visit the PSD Web site often!

Visit [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org) to learn about what is going on in PSD including special events, district updates, school closure and delayed start information. The information changes frequently, visit often!

### 3. Online course catalog makes education planning easier

A new [Online Course Catalog](#) allows middle school and high school students and their parents to view classes available at their school and grade level, making education planning easier.

The catalog, available year-round on the [Poudre School District Web site](#), is designed to help parents and students become familiar with classes before registration. Previously, students received information about available classes in printed registration packets.

The online catalog also features course pathways which allow parents and secondary students to plan how their education will progress, from the sixth grade on. For example, one can log on to the Online Course Catalog, look up ninth grade at Fort Collins High School, and view all math courses offered, 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The pathways will show what math courses the student may complete by the time they graduate from high school.

The [Online Course Catalog](#) is located on the [PSD Web site](#) in several places including as left-hand links on the parent and student portals.

### 4. 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 full day 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. Eligible, half day kindergarten students will only receive one-way transportation.
- 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.

## 5. PSD implements 6<sup>th</sup> grade athletics plan for 2009-10

When the grade reconfiguration was approved, Poudre School District indicated all district schools will offer intramural opportunities for 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. **The objective of this 6<sup>th</sup>-grade athletics plan is to provide a parallel experience for 6<sup>th</sup> graders that is a stepping stone to 7<sup>th</sup>-grade athletics.**

Historically, PSD has provided 6<sup>th</sup> graders at elementary school with the opportunity to participate in the district elementary track meet. Additional 6<sup>th</sup>-grade athletic opportunities have been offered through the City of Fort Collins Recreation Department. These opportunities will remain available to all 6<sup>th</sup> graders, as well as enhancements and additional programs through a collaborative agreement between the City Recreation Department and PSD.

**PSD and the City Recreation Department are finalizing a collaborative partnership agreement that will minimize costs and maximize the use of public facilities for the ultimate benefit of the community.** Benefits include:

- The cost to participate in most City programs will be less than the current PSD 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade programs.
- Scholarship opportunities will be available to students based on financial need.
- The City will plan and organize programs, and provide program information to the schools prior to the registration periods. Schools will distribute program information to students and families.
- All City sports programs will be more aligned with school identity (i.e., school names and colors).

**The additions and enhancements the PSD/City partnership will make possible are as follows:**

- **Football** – The City will consider ways to enhance the 6<sup>th</sup> grade football program.
- **Softball** – The City will add a 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls’ fall league.
- **Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball** – The City will offer its existing programs.
- **Girls’ Volleyball** – The City will offer its existing programs.
- **Wrestling** – The City will add a program to include 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades during the 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade season (October-December).
- **Track** – PSD is exploring opportunities to provide a track meet activity similar to the district elementary track meet.

As in the past, **tennis and golf** will continue to be offered to 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students as a club sport through PSD middle schools.

Discussions concerning **cross country** are currently underway between the City of Fort Collins Cross Country Club and the City of Fort Collins Recreation Department.

**Middle schools will also offer a variety of co-curricular non-athletic opportunities** for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. These programs vary by school. Parents will be encouraged to contact their child’s school for additional information.

For more information, contact Sandi Martin, PSD athletic coordinator, at 490-3106 or email [sandim@psdschools.org](mailto:sandim@psdschools.org).

## 6. First walking and wheeling Wednesday is April 1

Warmer weather means walking and biking! As spring approaches, the Safe Routes to School program is gearing up for an exciting spring. The first “Walking and Wheeling Wednesday” of the year will be held on April 1, 2009 (no joke!).

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.

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).

## 7. IMAGINE!! Community forum

Imagining community services for children's mental health and substance use disorders. The Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Partnership invite you to imagine how mental health and substance use supports could be different for children in our community. If your child has a mental health and/or substance use issue(s), please attend our community forum. We need your ideas on how to make services better for children and families in schools, counseling settings, and throughout the community. Have dinner and share your thoughts with us on current services, your experiences, and your dream for how care can be improved. Your experiences matter!!

6-8 p.m., March 10, at the Main Library's Ben Delatour Room. Dinner will be provided. Or attend from 6-8 p.m., March 11, at the Harmony Library's Community Room. Dinner will be provided. RSVP required by Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> to Shelly Borrman, [sborrman@comcast.net](mailto:sborrman@comcast.net) or 224-5209

## 8. Character first! Family seminar

Character education begins at home and the Character First! Family Seminar can help you get on the right track. Learn parenting skills that will help build strong family relationships and resolve family tensions, identify and minimize challenging behavioral problems, develop respect and harmony, praise your children effectively, and improve parental unity!

Join us 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009, at the First Presbyterian Church, 531 South College Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80524. The cost is \$35/person or couple and the registration fee includes one copy of the seminar materials and free lunch. Free child care will be provided for children under the age of 9. Contact Character Fort Collins @ 970-266-2671 or [exec.asst@characterfortcollins.org](mailto:exec.asst@characterfortcollins.org) for more information.

## 9. Community character day

Character Fort Collins invites you to our monthly COMMUNITY CHARACTER DAY on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009! Join us for either Breakfast OR Lunch and participate in an advanced discussion of our monthly character focus for the next month - "Sincerity: Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives." We invite you to come and learn about our community's character initiative and the benefits of active participation for families, schools, and workplaces. Appropriate for ages 12+.

**Free continental breakfast**, 6:45 to 8:00 a.m., Moot House Restaurant, 2626 S. College Ave, Fort Collins

**Free lunch**, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Cache Bank & Trust, 100 S. College Ave, Fort Collins

For reservations or information, contact Character Fort Collins at 970-266-2671, or indicate your plan to attend at: [reservations@characterfortcollins.org](mailto:reservations@characterfortcollins.org).

**Mark your calendars** – Character Day is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month in 2009! Visit our Web site at [www.characterfortcollins.org](http://www.characterfortcollins.org).

## Marzo de 2009

### Resumen de las Noticias Escolares

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## 1. ¡Las pruebas de CSAP comienzan el 9 de marzo – los padres pueden ayudar!

El Estado requiere que los estudiantes tomen las pruebas de CSAP (Programa de Evaluación del Estudiante de Colorado) a partir del 9 de marzo. **Los padres pueden ayudar de diferentes maneras:**

- Asegurándose que su hijo/a tenga una buena noche de descanso antes de cada día en que se tenga la evaluación.

- Dándole a su estudiante un desayuno nutritivo cada día que tenga la prueba.
- Planificando con anticipación para asegurarse que su hijo/a esté presente y a tiempo para cada prueba.
- Programando citas o vacaciones los días que no haya evaluación.

## **2. ¡Infórmense, visiten con frecuencia el sitio Web del PSD!**

Visiten el sitio Web del PSD, [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org), para informarse sobre lo que sucede en el Distrito. Incluirá eventos especiales, actualizaciones del distrito, cierre de las escuelas e información sobre el retraso de la hora de entrada. ¡La información cambia frecuentemente, visítenlo a menudo!

## **3. El catálogo de cursos en Internet hace que la planificación educativa sea más fácil**

Un nuevo [Catálogo de Cursos en Internet](#) permite a los estudiantes y padres de las escuelas intermedias y de *High School* ver las clases disponibles en sus escuelas y sus respectivos grados, haciendo que la planificación educativa sea más fácil.

El catálogo, el cual está disponible todo el año en el [sitio Web del Distrito Escolar Poudre](#), está diseñado para ayudar a los padres de familia y los estudiantes a familiarizarse con las clases antes de la inscripción. Anteriormente, los estudiantes recibían por escrito la información sobre las clases disponibles en los paquetes de inscripción.

El catálogo en Internet también presenta las rutas de los distintos cursos, lo cual permite que los padres de familia y estudiantes de *High School* planifiquen el progreso de su educación desde sexto grado en adelante. Por ejemplo, uno puede entrar al Catálogo de Cursos en Internet, buscar noveno grado en la escuela Fort Collins *High School*, y ver todos los cursos de matemáticas que se ofrecen desde 6° hasta 12° grado. Las rutas mostrarán los cursos de matemáticas que el estudiante tiene la posibilidad de completar hasta que se gradúe de *High School*.

El [Catálogo de Cursos en Internet](#) está localizado en el [sitio Web del Distrito Escolar Poudre](#) en varios lugares, incluyendo los enlaces en la parte izquierda de los portales para padres y estudiantes.

## **4. Los cambios en las distancias y en el “Espacio Disponible” para recibir servicio de transporte tienen vigencia en el año escolar 2009-10**

El Departamento de Transporte del Distrito Escolar Poudre quiere que los padres de familia y parientes tengan conocimiento de los cambios que tendrán lugar el año escolar 2009-10. Debido a las restricciones en el presupuesto, los costos de transporte y las modificaciones en la distribución de los grados, van a tener lugar los siguientes cambios, que afectarán a los estudiantes y las familias:

### **Cambios en la elegibilidad para el transporte de los estudiantes del PSD:**

Con el fin de reorganizar los servicios de transporte de acuerdo a la nueva distribución de los grados, a partir del 1° de julio de 2009, las normas de transporte del PSD van a ser revisadas para reflejar el cambio de los estudiantes de 6° grado a la escuela intermedia, y el de los estudiantes de 9° grado a *high school*. Las distancias de elegibilidad de transporte para cada nivel (primaria, escuela intermedia, *high school*) no cambiarán; los grados que reciban servicios de transporte van a variar:

- Los estudiantes de las escuelas primarias, de kinder de “todo el día” a 5° grado, recibirán servicios de transporte de ida y vuelta a la escuela, si viven en el área de asistencia de la misma, y por lo menos a una milla de distancia de sus instalaciones.
- Los estudiantes de las escuelas intermedias, de 6° a 8° grado, recibirán servicios de transporte de ida y vuelta a la escuela, si viven en el área de asistencia de la misma, y por lo menos a una milla y media de distancia de sus instalaciones.
- Los estudiantes de *high school*, de 9° a 12° grado, recibirán servicios de transporte de ida y vuelta a la escuela, si viven en el área de asistencia de la misma, y por lo menos a dos millas de distancia de sus instalaciones.

### **Cambios en el servicio de transporte para los “Espacios Disponibles”:**

Debido a las restricciones en el presupuesto y los incrementos en el costo del transporte, las rutas del PSD se están adaptando para que cada una sea más eficiente. Esto significa, que el año entrante un mayor número de estudiantes será transportado en menos autobuses y/o habrá menos rutas, y por lo tanto, el PSD ha previsto lo siguiente:

- El próximo año, los autobuses del PSD transportarán más estudiantes elegibles, y por lo tanto habrá menos disponibilidad del servicio de transporte para los “Espacios Disponibles”.
- Los estudiantes que asistan a una escuela por fuera de la zona de asistencia de la escuela de su vecindario, (programa de Selección de Escuela), sólo serán transportados en los autobuses del PSD si hay “Espacio Disponible”. La única excepción será el programa de Bachillerato Internacional (*IB program*) de la Escuela Poudre *High School*, para el cual se ha planeado una cuota provisional.

- Los formularios del Servicio de Transporte del “Espacio Disponible” se aceptarán a partir del 1º de agosto de 2009; a los padres se les notificará en **octubre** ya sea que haya espacio disponible en el autobús o no lo haya para sus hijos. Con frecuencia, durante los primeros meses de escuela, las rutas de los autobuses se tienen que adaptar para acomodar a los estudiantes elegibles al igual que para que haya más rendimiento en las rutas de autobús del Distrito.
- Los formularios del Servicio de Transporte del “Espacio Disponible”, para el año escolar 2009-10, estarán disponibles a partir del 1º de agosto de 2009 en el sitio *Web* del PSD, en la página de Transporte o los pueden obtener en su escuela o llamando al 490-3155 para solicitar una copia del formulario.

Los cambios mencionados anteriormente estarán en efecto el primer día del año escolar 2009-10. Si tienen alguna pregunta, pueden comunicarse con el Departamento de Transporte, [transportation@psdschools.org](mailto:transportation@psdschools.org), o por teléfono al 490-3155.

## **5. El PSD implementa un plan deportivo para 6º grado en el año escolar 2009-10**

Cuando se aprobó la nueva distribución de grados, el Distrito Escolar Poudre indicó que todas las escuelas del distrito escolar ofrecerían oportunidades para que los estudiantes de 6º grado hicieran deportes “intramuros”. **El objetivo de este plan deportivo para 6º grado es brindar una experiencia “paralela” a los alumnos de 6º grado, la cual va a ser la base para los deportes de 7º grado.**

Por años, el PSD ha proporcionado a los estudiantes de 6º grado, de las escuelas primarias, la oportunidad de participar en las competencias atléticas de la primaria del Distrito. La ciudad de Fort Collins ha ofrecido otras posibilidades deportivas para 6º grado por medio del Departamento de Recreación. Estas oportunidades estarán disponibles para todos los estudiantes de 6º grado, al igual que mejoras y programas adicionales a través de un acuerdo de colaboración entre el Departamento de Recreación de la Ciudad y el PSD.

**El PSD y el Departamento de Recreación de la ciudad de Fort Collins están estableciendo un acuerdo de asociación de colaboración que minimizará los costos y maximizará el uso de las instalaciones públicas para el beneficio de la comunidad.**

Los beneficios incluyen:

- El costo de participación en la mayoría de los programas de la ciudad será menor que el de los programas actuales del PSD para los grados 7º y 8º.
- Habrá posibilidades de obtener becas, las cuales estarán disponibles para los estudiantes con base en sus necesidades financieras.
- La Ciudad planificará y organizará programas, y proporcionará información del programa a las escuelas antes de los períodos de inscripción. Las escuelas distribuirán información del programa a los estudiantes y a las familias.
- Todos los programas de deportes de la Ciudad estarán más de acuerdo con la identidad escolar (por ejemplo, nombre y colores de la escuela.)

**La asociación del PSD y la ciudad de Fort Collins hará posible las adiciones y mejoras que se dan a continuación:**

- **Fútbol** – La Ciudad considerará maneras para mejorar el programa de fútbol de 6º grado.
- **Softball** – La ciudad añadirá una liga de niñas de 6º grado en el otoño.
- **Baloncesto para niños y niñas** – La Ciudad ofrecerá sus programas existentes.
- **Voleibol para niñas** – La ciudad ofrecerá sus programas existentes.
- **Lucha libre** – La Ciudad añadirá un programa que incluirá los grados 4º y 6º durante la temporada de 7º y 8º grado (octubre-diciembre).
- **Atletismo** – El PSD está explorando las posibilidades de ofrecer una actividad de competencia de atletismo similar a la competencia de atletismo de las primarias del distrito.

Al igual que antes, se continuará ofreciéndose **tenis y golf** a los estudiantes de 7º y 8º grado, como un deporte de “club” a través de las escuelas intermedias del PSD.

En el momento, se están llevando a cabo conversaciones sobre **cross country** entre el Club de Cross Country de la Ciudad de Fort Collins y el Departamento de Recreación de esta misma ciudad.

**Las escuelas intermedias también ofrecerán una variedad de oportunidades curriculares que no sean deportivas** para los estudiantes de 6° a 8° grado. Estos programas variarán dependiendo de la escuela. Se les recomienda a los padres comunicarse con la escuela de su niño/a para obtener datos adicionales.

Para obtener mayor información, comuníquense con Sandi Martin, coordinadora atlética del PSD, llamando al teléfono 490-3106 ó al correo electrónico [sandim@psdschools.org](mailto:sandim@psdschools.org).

## **6. El miércoles, 1º de abril, será el primer “miércoles para caminar y andar sobre ruedas”**

¡El clima más cálido significa caminar y montar en bicicleta! A medida que se aproxima la primavera, el programa de las Rutas Seguras a la Escuela se está preparando para una primavera emocionante. El primer “miércoles para caminar y andar sobre ruedas” del año se realizará el 1º de abril de 2009 (¡no es broma!). Estos eventos semanales para caminar y montar en bicicleta son una gran oportunidad para que los niños y padres de familia conozcan nuevos amigos y vecinos, y se diviertan en su camino de ida y vuelta a la escuela.

¿Están interesados en ayudar con las Rutas Seguras a la Escuela en su escuela? Comuníquense con Matt Wempe, el coordinador de Rutas Seguras a la Escuela de Fort Collins, llamando al teléfono 970-416-2040 ó al correo electrónico [mwempe@fcgov.com](mailto:mwempe@fcgov.com). En [fcgov.com/saferoutes](http://fcgov.com/saferoutes) pueden obtener información adicional, consejos de seguridad y próximos eventos.

## **7. Foro de la Comunidad ¡¡IMAGINEN!!**

Imaginen servicios comunitarios para la salud mental de los niños y los trastornos causados por el uso de drogas. *The Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Partnership* (“Asociación de la Salud Mental y el Abuso de Drogas de la Comunidad”) los invitan a imaginarse cómo el apoyo a la salud mental y al uso de drogas podría ser diferente para los niños en nuestra comunidad. Si su hijo/a tiene un(os) problema(s) de salud mental y/o uso de drogas, por favor asistan a nuestro foro de la comunidad. Necesitamos sus ideas sobre cómo mejorar los servicios para los niños y las familias en las escuelas, lugares de consejería y en toda la comunidad. Cenen y compartan con nosotros sus ideas sobre los servicios actuales, sus experiencias y sus sueños sobre cómo se puede mejorar el cuidado de la salud mental. ¡¡Sus experiencias son valiosas!!

6-8 p.m., marzo 10 en el Salón *Ben Delatour* de la Biblioteca Principal. Se ofrecerá la cena. O asistan de 6-8 p.m., marzo 11 en el Salón Comunitario de la Biblioteca Harmony. Se ofrecerá la cena. Se requiere confirmar la asistencia a más tardar el viernes, 6 de marzo, a Shelly Borrmann, [sborrmann@comcast.net](mailto:sborrmann@comcast.net), o llamando al teléfono 224-5209.

## **8. Seminario Familiar ¡Primero el Carácter!**

La educación del carácter comienza en el hogar, y el seminario familiar ¡Primero el Carácter! les puede ayudar a marchar por el camino correcto. ¡Aprendan las habilidades para educar a sus hijos que les permitirá construir relaciones familiares estrechas y resolver tensiones familiares, identificar y minimizar problemas de comportamiento difíciles, desarrollar respeto y armonía, elogiar de manera efectiva a sus hijos, y mejorar la unidad de los padres!

Acompañennos de 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., el sábado, 7 de marzo de 2009, en la Iglesia *First Presbyterian Church*, 531 South College Avenue, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Tiene un costo de \$35 por persona o pareja, e incluye una copia del material del seminario y almuerzo gratis. Habrá cuidado de niños menores de 9 años, sin costo alguno. Para más información, contacten a *Character Fort Collins*, llamando al teléfono 970-266-2671 ó por medio del correo electrónico [exec.asst@characterfortcollins.org](mailto:exec.asst@characterfortcollins.org).

## **9. ¡Día del Carácter! Almuerzo o desayuno GRATIS**

¡*Character Fort Collins* los invita a su reunión mensual del DÍA DEL CARÁCTER COMUNITARIO, que tendrá lugar el jueves, 19 de marzo de 2009! Asistan, a DESAYUNAR o ALMORZAR, y participen en una conversación avanzada acerca de nuestro enfoque mensual del carácter del siguiente mes- “Sinceridad: Afán de hacer lo que es correcto con motivos transparentes”. Los invitamos a venir y aprender sobre nuestra iniciativa del carácter de la comunidad y los beneficios de la participación activa de las familias, escuelas y lugares de trabajo. Es apto para edades de 12 años en adelante.

**Desayuno “continental” gratis**, 6:45 - 8:00 a.m., *Moot House Restaurant*, 2626 S. College Ave, Fort Collins

**Almuerzo gratis**, 11:30 - 1:00 p.m., *Cache Bank & Trust*, 100 S. College Ave, Fort Collins

Para hacer reservaciones o recibir información, contacten a *Character Fort Collins* al 970-266-2671 ó comuníquense con [reservations@characterfortcollins.org](mailto:reservations@characterfortcollins.org) para informarles sobre sus planes para asistir.

**Marquen su calendario** – ¡El Día del Carácter se realiza el 3<sup>er</sup> jueves de cada mes en el año 2009! Visiten nuestro sitio Web, [www.characterfortcollins.org](http://www.characterfortcollins.org)