



APRIL 2010
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What can you do to help at Little Elementary?

Ongoing - Crossing Guards

Do you have 15 minutes in the morning or in the afternoon to ensure that the Little students stay safe? Have you always wanted to wear an orange vest or hold a stop sign? Well, does the school have a job for you! Please call the school office and say you can help.

Friday, April 9th

Movie Night - We sure could use your help handing out pizza before the start of the movie. Are you game? Let us know at littleptsa@comcast.net.

Thursday, May 13th

Friday, May 14th

8:30am - 12:00pm

Field Day

Volunteers are needed to run events at field day. Grades 4-6 is on May 13th and grades 1-3 is on May 14th. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, older siblings are all welcome to help out.

Email

lhevila@jeffco.k12.co.us to say you will be there!

Friday, May 28th - afternoon

6th Grade Graduation

If you can help with food, set-up, clean-up or are great at organizing, contact Lori Bell at lbell@jeffco.k12.co.us



Mission Possible!

Dear Parents,

It was great to see so many parents here for parent-teacher and student-led conferences. This is a great time to celebrate the successes of our students and teachers as well as set some goals for the home stretch. The Little Elementary students and staff appear ready and eager to give their best efforts to this last nine weeks of the 2009-2010 school year!

April is also the time when we begin plans for next school year. The number of classes we will have at each grade level is based on enrollment and class size ranges and could change depending on the number of students moving in or out of the neighborhood over the summer as well as budget decisions made by District negotiations and the Jefferson County School Board. At this time all schools in Jeffco will be looking at a reduction of one or more teachers. Teaching assignments for the 2010-11 school year have not been finalized. In the class placement process our goal is to provide the best learning environment for each child. Efforts are made to balance classes in terms of gender, academic, and emotional needs as well as ethnicity, GT, special education and second language learners. As your child's first teacher we value your input and insight into your child's academic and social strengths and needs. In most cases, communication with your child's current teacher is the best way to share your input for class placement. However, if you would like to put information about your child in writing, we have a Parent Input form available for you at the front office. The purpose of the Parent Input form is to provide teachers with additional information that would be helpful in class placement for the 2010-11 school year. Please do not request a specific teacher, but rather share information about your child. These forms will be available through May 3rd. Final class lists will be available before school starts in August.

In closing I would like to share with you six critical life messages that children need to have spoken into their lives by their parents and teachers on a regular basis:

- I believe in you.
- I trust you.
- I know you can handle it.
- You are listened to.
- You are cared for.
- You are very important to me.

As always, please feel free to contact me or your child's teacher if you have any questions, concerns or celebrations to share.

Sincerely,
Esther G. Valdez, Principal

Letter from the PTSA President

Dear Little Family and Friends,

Happy Spring!

And spring break is rapidly approaching. Just a few reminders and notations before the students take their break. Thank you to the families who came out to CiCi's to support Little. Thanks for sending your family and friends too. Congratulations to our students for a job well done during CSAPs and for all your hard work. There is still a lot going on here at Little so please take the time to read the newsletter and mark your calendars for upcoming events. Be sure to share with your family, friends/neighbors when there is an upcoming event that they may be interested in attending. Please consider sharing your time, talent, and ideas with PTA! You do not have to be a member to help with events, or plan new events. Our next PTSA meeting will be April 21st at 6:30pm. Thanks again to the kindergarten and Ms Vann for their presentation at our last PTSA meeting. Congratulations on the money you raised for Haiti's children. You were very thoughtful.

Happy Spring!

Anna Topkoff

Co-President, Little PTSA



ASSESSMENT TESTING IN APRIL!

There will be no regular school on April 22nd and April 23rd for assessment testing. You will be informed by your child's teacher when their time for testing is set.

If you need child care for your school aged child for these dates, arrangements can be made with Lu Balog at 303-982-2687.



COLLECT BOX TOPS

Two great ways to make \$money\$ for your school...**THAT DON'T COST YOU A DIME!** Clip the "Box Tops for Education" from participating General Mills products, put them in a baggy, with the name of your child's teacher, and return them to the school. General Mills will donate .10 for each current box top. You can also log onto www.boxtopsforeducation.com and select "Bonus Offers" for more chances to earn money for Little



We also participate in Campbell's Labels for Education. Go to <http://www.labelsforeducation.com> to view the program. Your child will soon bring home details and fun formats to help collect the UPC symbols that will help Little earn extra money for our children.

Due to the Snow Days

June 2, 2010 will be the last day of school instead of **May 28, 2010**

April 5th will also be used as a snow makeup day for the snow day we had last week.

Dear 5th grade families,



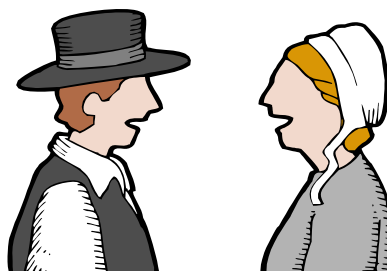
We are getting very excited about our upcoming **Colonial Day!!** It is scheduled for Friday, May 7th. We will take a trip back in time and experience a day in the life of a Colonial American. In order to make this day successful and fun, we need lots of help from you. Rather than collect a fee for the items needed for student crafts, we are requesting donations. On the page attached, is a list of supplies needed. If you are able to provide any of the requested items, please return the 2nd page to school by Monday March 22nd.

We will also have a potluck that day, students will share food similar to that eaten during Colonial America, such as STEWS, CORNBREAD, PIES, and COBBLER. The amount of food your child brings is up to you; a serving for five is recommended. Our refrigerator space is limited and we aren't able to warm food, so crockpots work wonderfully!

Volunteers are needed to teach games and crafts/chores that day. (training will be provided) Small groups will come to each station to make or play something from Colonial Times. Please indicate on the page attached if you could be a part of this event! Times will be available later.

Thank you for all you are doing to be a part of this special event. You are essential to its success!

Ms. Bell, Mrs. Duray and Mrs. Wiemers



Movie Night - Spirit Week - Read-a-thon Information

Movie Night: Friday April 9th.

The public has voted and movie that was chosen through a poll on the LittlePTSA.com website was G-Force!



Dinner will be served at 5:30 and will include 2 pieces of pizza, soda juice or water, and a cookie. Previews will start at 6:30 (Kindergartens' "Change for Haiti's Children) and will be immediately followed by the main event - G-Force. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Price: Dinner and the movie - \$4:00 per person. Movie alone - \$1 per person.

Spirit Week: Monday April 12th through Friday April 16th.



The student council has decided that for Spirit week the theme for the day will be as follows:

Monday, April 12th is Teacher day
Day

Thursday, April 15th is Hair
Day

Tuesday, April 13th is Jersey Day
Colors day

Friday, April 16th is School
Colors day

Wednesday, April 14th is Hat day

Read-a-thon: Friday April 16th.

Each class is organizing their own read-a-thon events this year. Please contact your child's teacher to see if treats or readers are needed for their class.



The following students each read over 500 minutes during the read-a-thon pledge time and will share donuts and orange juice with Esther Valdez (principal) and Lisa Polacsek (teacher-librarian).

Caleb Christenson 2030 minutes
Carl Martillaro 1080 minutes
Makayla Lough 840 minutes
Jacob Seeker 760 minutes
Elizabeth Seeker 680 minutes
Cayden Brown 605 minutes
Tanner Kimminau 580 minutes
Mrs. Harrison 535 minutes
Nikolas Anthanites 516 minutes

Jacob Martillaro 1305 minutes
Tyler Norris 948 minutes
Ava Collister 765 minutes
Brianna Makumbi 690 minutes
Kaine Dominguez 645 minutes
Cassidy Ditrro 605 minutes
Payton Halbasch 570 minutes
Brooke Halbasch 525 minutes

Alex Turner 1245 minutes
Reece Judson 900 minutes
Clarrisa Reedy 763 minutes
Morgan McCoy 685 minutes
Logan Judson 635 minutes
Benjamin Stearns 600 minutes
Kyle Sanchez 560 minutes
Kristian Vandagriff 520 minutes

News from the School Clinic



Reminder!

All incoming 6th graders will need to have a Tdap booster. This is a Colorado State requirement immunizing against tetanus and whooping cough. As always parents are welcome to sign an exemption if they are against having their child get the immunization.

School Year End Reminder - All medication in the clinic needs to be picked up by an ADULT by the last day of school. Please call Sabrina with any questions at 303 - 982- 0310



Little Elementary does not have a Nurse in the school clinic. Sabrina is a clinic aid with first aid training only. If you feel like you would like to have your child diagnosed for an illness, please contact your family physician as they will be appropriately trained to handle your family's needs.

Please remember to call the school whenever your student is absent. You can call the 24-hour attendance line at 303-092-0280. If you know in advance that your student will be out, you should call the office so that they can let the teacher know and request assignments.



Under the Sea - Art Night

May 21st 5pm to 7pm

All students will have an art exhibit displayed!

Make sure to join us for fabulous art and a light dinner!

Details will be coming home soon!



April's "Little Night Out" is at CiCi's Pizza

Thursday, April 15th.

A portion of the purchase price of your meal will go to benefit Little Elementary.

5740 W 88th Avenue
Westminster, CO 80031

This and That!

There is a bucket that we are collecting clothes for the "Spring Cleaning Clothes Drive" in the front lobby area.



Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3-7. Don't forget to say "Thank You" to your child's teacher for all their hard work!

Fresh baked cookies and/or brownies are always accepted and appreciated in the main office (ha ha ha).

Remember to sign in when visiting the school! With all of the recent problems in the Jeffco area, safety must always remain our first priority!

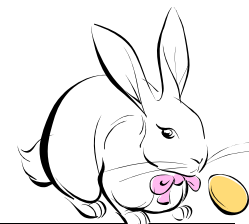
LEARN TO GOLF!

The Gold Crown Jr. Golf program offers fun and exciting opportunities for students ages 6-18 to learn the game of golf through instructional clinics and camps. We also offer competitive tournament opportunities for older and more experienced golfers. We offer programs in the spring, summer, and fall for girls and boys. The cost and time commitment vary according to the event and are very reasonable. Please visit our website at www.GoldCrownFoundation.com and click on the golf button to see specific program information, schedules, costs, and registration forms. If you have questions please contact us at 303-463-6753 or gcfgolf@comcast.net





Little Elementary – April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 NO SCHOOL- SPRING BREAK	2 NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK	3
4	5 Students Back to school – snow day make up	6	7 4 th grade field trip	8 Class Pictures – Van Gogh	9 MOVIE NIGHT	10
11	12 Spirit Week	13 Spirit Week	14 Spirit Week	15 Spirit Week	16 Spirit Week READ-A-THON Midterm end	17
18	19	20	21 PTSA Mtg: 6:30pm	22 No school – assessment days	23 No school – assessment days	24
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