



Summer 2009
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**What can you do to
help at Little
Elementary?**

**May 26th – 27th –
School supply
donation-**

This year we would like to invite students to donate any of their unused school supplies to Little Elementary.

We will have donation bins set-up for pencils, paper, markers, glue, ECT. If a student is willing, they can give items after end of year cleaning.

The supplies will be sorted and given out to the staff by the student council next year.

After their supplies run low during the year, these supplies will help classrooms get what is needed throughout the year. Thank you for any support you can offer.

Another Year (Almost) Over - A Job Well Done!

Welcome to the last brief issue of the Lynx Letter. The Little PTSA would like to thank all of the dedicated Little parents who donated so much, time effort and money to help support our kids, their teachers and the programs at Little Elementary. Even in this tough economic time, we all pulled through and met our goals. Our primary goals this year were related to replenishing the library and bookroom, increasing communications (website, newsletter, etc.) supporting the teachers financially through technology purchases and classroom funds.

We are just now trying to set our goals for next year. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please post them on the PTSA website message board so that we can include them in our plans and budgets for next year. Just in case you've forgotten, that address is: www.LittlePTSA.com



MONSTER ART NIGHT

Was a huge success! Kristine Hanson did a great job! Thank you for all of your effort. All students' grades 1st – 6th had art work displayed! Thank you for sharing your vision and creativity with all of us. Excellent Job!



Little Elementary is proud to announce that Susan McIver, 1st grade teacher, is one of the fifteen honorees for the 2009 Jared Polis Foundation Teacher Recognition. Susan will receive a \$1,000 personal award, as well as a \$1,000 teacher directed operating grant for Little Elementary.

Susan is an innovative and collaborative teacher leader, who sets the bar high and many teachers look to her as a model of solid instruction. Susan's Reading and Writing Workshop is visited by teachers from all over the country. Her classroom is a model classroom for Public Education Business Coalition, a Colorado-based non-profit committed to strengthening our public schools. She is recognized as a master teacher by many reading experts and demonstrates this by producing amazing results.

Susan McIver truly is a gift to everyone who has the opportunity to walk into her classroom. She is an innovator, a collaborator, and a teacher extraordinaire. Congratulations Susan!

UPCOMING END OF YEAR EVENTS

- May 26 — End of Year Assembly @ 2:15
May 27 — Last day of School-1:15 Dismissal
6th Grade Breakfast-7:30 am
6th Grade Graduation Ceremony-8:00 am
Kindergarten Opera following graduation ceremony.

A word from the Little Library

A big thank you to the PTSA this year!

We were able to purchase a document camera this year for every classroom due to theirs and your generosity. Teachers use the camera to show books and manipulative enlarged so all students can see. The camera also makes it possible to save pictures and video of the demonstration.

In addition to this great new tool, the library received about 300 new titles from PTA funds. These books were books that teachers and students requested. Many are also the leveled books that teachers can use to lead small group reading.

After all of this we were amazed at how well the PTSA Read-a-thon went. Students received so many books! The library was given about 100 more titles from the Usborne book company for all the efforts the kids put in and the PTSA raised some more money to purchase teacher requests! It is amazing to see the kids faces light up when they see all the new books displayed around the library!

Thank you so much to the PTSA and all the support the parents of Little have shown to them!

IT REALLY DOES MAKE YOUR SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE!

Lisa Polacsek

Librarian

PARENTS of fifth grade students need to be aware that new state requirements mandate that incoming sixth graders need to have a Tdap immunization. This is a booster for tetanus and whooping cough. As your children have doctor appointments this summer please request that they have this required immunization. It will make registration for school in the fall much easier.

Thank you.

For any questions, you may call Sabrina in the clinic.
303-982-0310

Meadow Glen Swim Team

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

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

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

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

Hope to see you this summer!

SAVE THE DATES!

Summer and Fall Dates to Remember

August 4th (Tuesday) – Registration. Please try and make this date. If you can't attend registration during this date, contact the office ASAP.

August 19th (Wednesday) – Ice Cream Social/Meet Your Teacher (4p.m. to 6p.m.) Class lists will be posted on the cafeteria windows at 4 p.m. Come meet your new teacher, drop off your supplies and then reconnect with your friends while having a little ice cream.

August 20th (Thursday)– August 21st (Friday)– Testing Days. Your child's testing date will be assigned during registration on August 4th. Your child will only come to school during his or her assigned testing times.

August 22nd (Saturday) – Annual Kindergarten Picnic, Lake Arbor Park. Kindergarteners, bring your family, lunch and a picnic blanket and come play with your new classmates. PTSA will provide ice cream. Details will be mailed when the event approaches.

August 24th (Monday) – First Full day of school for grades Kindergarten through 6th. Kindergarten will no longer start on a later date than the other grades.

September 12th – Arvada Harvest Festival. Little will be marching in the annual Arvada Harvest Festival this year. (a little blue bird told us that Little has been under represented in the past.) The theme for this year's parade is "The Music Man." The PTSA is taking suggestions on float ideas or any other ideas you might have that we could use to represent Little in the parade. Please feel free to use the message boards on the website www.LittlePTSA.com or email us at littleptsa@comcast.net.

Keep your eye on the Website over the summer. We will post any new information that comes up to help keep you informed. We will also bring back the community pages that list local festivals and fun family events that you can attend around the area.



Have a great summer (remember the local outdoor pools are open May 30th through August 23rd)! We look forward to seeing you all next year!

LITTLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SUPPLY LISTS
2009-2010

KINDERGARTEN SUPPLIES		
2	White School Glue, 4 oz.	Elmers
3	Glue sticks, large tubes	
1	Crayons, regular size, 16 ct.	Crayola
2	Markers, washable, conical tip, classic, 8 ct.	Crayola
1	Scissors, blunt tip, 5"	
5	#2 pencils, sharpened (all wood, no composite, no mechanical)	Sanford
1	Facial tissue, unscented, large box	
1	Sturdy folder, bottom pockets (plain, no design, paper coated)	
1 ea	Plastic bags, ziploc, quart size & gallon size	Ziploc
1	Huggies, 240 ct, baby wipes	Huggies
Please put names on folders only. All other items are shared.		

FIRST & SECOND GRADE		
1	White School Glue, 8 oz.	Elmers
1 box	Colored Pencils (12 ct) – NO Roseart	Crayola
1 pkg	Post It notes Large size	Post Its
1	Pink Pearl Eraser	
1	Crayola Marker, broad tip, 8 count	Crayola
24	#2 pencils, sharpened (all wood)	
1	Crayola Crayons 24 count	Crayola
1	2" 3 ring binder with front pocket insert page	
4	Large glue sticks	
2	Spiral notebook, wide rule	
5	Pocket folders, plain	
1 box	Facial tissues	
2	Highlighters	
1	Scissors, pointed	Fiskars
1	Ziplock bags: Last name A-L: gallon size M-Z: sandwich size	Ziplock
1	Huggies, 240 ct, baby wipes (to use in cafeteria after recess)	Huggies

THIRD GRADE		
4	Glue Sticks	
1 box	Colored Pencils (12 ct) – NO Roseart	
1 box	Crayola Classic colors markers (thin) (10 ct)	Crayola
1 box	Classic colors markers (fat) (10 ct)	Crayola
1	Pencil bag, large zippered, soft sided	
1	Calculator	
1	Scissors, pointed tip	Fiskar
7	Sturdy pocket folders, bottom pockets w/brads (red, yellow, blue, green, purple, orange)	
2	Composition books	
2	Spiral notebooks	
1	Filler paper, wide rule (200 ct)	
1	Highlighter	
24	#2 pencils, sharpened (all wood, no composite, no mechanical)	Sanford
2	Pink pearl erasers	
1	USB Memory Stick (Flash drive) Note: This purchase is not required, but if your child has one from last year, please have them bring it.	
2	Facial tissue, unscented, large box	
1 box	Ziploc bags (boys – snack size and girls – gallon size)	Ziploc
1 box	Huggies (240 ct) baby wipes (to use in cafeteria after recess)	Huggies

FOURTH GRADE		
1	Colored Pencils (12 ct) – NO Roseart	Crayola
1 Box	Crayons	Crayola
1	Markers, classic colors, fine tip, 8 ct.	Crayola
1	Calculator, small with basic functions	
1	Pencil bag or box, large	
1	Ruler, English and metric, plastic, 12"	
1	Scissors, pointed tip	Fiskar
24	#2 pencils, sharpened (all wood, no composite, no mechanical)	Sanford
4	Spiral notebooks, <u>wide rule</u> , assorted colors, 70 sheets	
5	Sturdy pocket folders, bottom pockets w/brads (red, yellow, blue, green, purple)	
2	Facial tissue, unscented, large box	
1	Filler paper, wide rule, 200 ct	
2	Highlighter	
1	Glue stick	
1	4 oz. Elmers Glue	Elmers
1	USB Memory Stick (Flash drive) Note: If your child has one from last year, please have them bring it.	
1	Huggies, 240 ct, baby wipes (to use in cafeteria after recess)	Huggies
This is a basic list. Depending on individual teacher assignment, additional items may be requested after school begins.		
Please bring according to last name: A-H: 1 box bandaids; I-Q: 1 box ziploc bags, any size; R-Z: Sanitizing surface wipes		

FIFTH GRADE		
2	White School Glue, 4 oz; or glue stick	Elmer
1	Colored Pencils (24 ct) – NO Roseart	Crayola
1	Pencil bag, large zippered, soft sided	
1	Ruler, English and metric, 12”	
1	Calculator, small with basic functions	
1	USB Memory Stick (Flash drive) Note: If your child has one from last year, please have them bring it.	
1	Scissors, pointed tip	Fiskar
2	Pens, black or blue ink, ball point	
1	Markers, classic colors, fine tip, 8 ct	Crayola
5	Sturdy pocket folders, bottom pockets w/brads (red, yellow, blue, green, purple)	
4	Spiral Notebooks (70 or more sheets)	
2	Filler paper, wide rule, 200 ct.	
2	Facial tissue, unscented, large box	
2	Highlighter	
2 pkgs	Post-It Notes (any color-any size)	
12	#2 pencils, sharpened (all wood, no composite, no mechanical)	Sanford
1	Eraser and handheld pencil sharpener	
1	Huggies, 240 ct, baby wipes (to use in cafeteria after recess)	Huggies
1	Box Ziploc Sandwich Bags	Ziploc
This is a basic list. Depending on individual teacher assignment, additional items may be requested after school begins.		
Please bring according to: Boys:1 box bandaids; Girls: Sanitizing surface wipes		

SIXTH GRADE		
2	White School Glue, 4 oz; or glue stick	Elmer
1	Colored Pencils (24 ct) – NO Roseart	Crayola
1	Pencil bag, large zippered, soft sided	
1	Ruler, English and metric, 12”	
1	Calculator, small with basic functions	
1	USB Memory Stick (Flash drive) Note: If your child has one from last year, please have them bring it.	
1	Scissors, pointed tip	Fiskar
2	Pens, black or blue ink, ball point	
5	Sturdy pocket folders, bottom pockets w/brads (red, yellow, blue, green, purple)	
5	3-Composition books & 2-spirals	
2	Filler paper, wide rule, 200 ct.	
2	Facial tissue, unscented, large box	
2	Highlighter	
2	Black marker, ultra fine point	Sharpie
12	#2 pencils, sharpened (all wood, no composite, no mechanical)	
1	Pink Pearl Eraser	
2 pkgs	Post-It Notes (any color-any size)	
1	Huggies, 240 ct, baby wipes (to use in cafeteria after recess)	Huggies
1	Box Ziploc Bags (Quart or Gallon)	Ziploc
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Please bring according to: Boys:1 box bandaids; Girls: Sanitizing surface wipes		