



MAY 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.

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,

WOW! Time sure has been going quickly and the year is almost over. I want to take this time to congratulate all Little Elementary students, parents, teachers and support staff for an excellent year of teaching and learning. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by caring, competent adults. We are very proud of our students' high academic achievement and their continuing growth in character.

I want to acknowledge Pam Kranz, 6th grade teacher, who is retiring at the end of this year. Pam has made a significant contribution to Little Elementary and Jefferson County School District. We will miss her and wish her well in her new adventures.

School starts early this year on August 23rd. You will receive registration information in the mail sometime in July. It will help us out immensely if you attend registration on August 4th. For your planning purposes you will find the 2010-2011 school calendar later in this newsletter.

Although we are nearing the end of the school year we have a full month left of working and learning. A few of our planned events include Aztec dancers on May 7th, Field Days on May 13th & 14th, Literacy Night May 19th, Pride Assembly, 6th grade continuation on May 28th, last day of school June 2nd, end of year field trips and picnics and so much more.

Again, I would like to thank you for your continued support. We pride ourselves in having an outstanding school and we couldn't do it without the help and support of parents and community. Please help us keep our students focused on demonstrating Respect, Responsibility, Kindness and Learning.

Your Principal,

Esther G. Valdez

Letter from the PTSA President

Dear Little Family and Friends,

Well the school year is in it's home stretch now. Many of you are already planning summer vacations and where to send the kids for summer day care/camp. PTSA is also looking ahead and planning for next school year.

We have had some successful fundraisers and raised a little money from our dinners out. Money raised through PTSA has gone to many areas of our school. Each teacher is given money to buy materials for their classroom that they feel are needed to supplement learning. The music department got money for piano equipment. The big video screen in the gym, used for movie night and other events or functions in school. A new ladder for the building engineers, and wheel for the dolly. These are just a few of the benefits from PTSA fundraisers supported by parents and students.

The PTSA is presently made up of just the board members. Due to moving, jobs and other outside demands, we will be losing 3 active members. The silent auction was our most successful fundraiser of the year. This fundraiser brought the school over \$5,000 from items purchased and a grant from the Jefferson Foundation. It took A Lot of hard work and time, put in by a few people. We would really like to hold the silent auction again but at this time there is deep discussion on weather it will be held again or not. That would be a shame, considering how much money our school (any school) needs and all the HUGE budget cuts the district is going through with. Isn't it awesome to brag about the school your kids go to, or be happy for your kids at the fine school they are a part of. Through fundraising PTSA has played an important part in providing technology and met various other needs that allow our children to be a part of a competitive education system.

Please consider giving of your time, talent or ideas to continue the work PTSA does to support our children. PTSA has one more meeting for the year I invite you to attend. Please don't miss this opportunity to have your voice heard. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, I wish there was a prize.

Sincerely,
Anna Topkoff, Co-President PTSA



Summer Morning Yoga at a local Arvada Park

Sound relaxing, invigorating and interesting?
For more information, please call or
email Angela @ 720.394.9425 or
angelanicolyoga@yahoo.com

Namaste!



Great work on collection Boxtops and Campbell's Labels! Final day to turn in your boxtops is Friday, May 14th! Checkout the the current classroom totals on the front door of the school. It's a tight race!



Thank you to everyone that helped out with Parent/Teacher conference dinners. The teachers loved the food and appreciated everything you gave and did!

Due to the Snow Days

June 2, 2010 will be the last day of school instead of **May 28, 2010** for grades K through 5th

Letters from the Little Library

What a great year we have had at Little! As teacher-librarian I would like to thank the Little Community and PTA for all that they do for students. Your hard work really pays off. I cannot begin to tell you how proud I am of the parent support at our school. My job at Little is to make sure there is quality literature in our library that gets kids interested in reading. I also make sure we have materials and books to support the curriculum and your child's reading level. In addition, I am to support technology and make sure every student is meeting the 21st century technology standards.

http://www.iste.org/Content/NavigationMenu/NETS/ForStudents/2007Standards/NETS_for_Students_2007_Standards.pdf

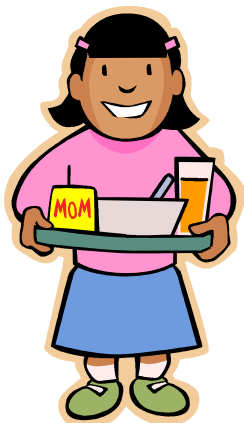
This could not be done without your support. The library has many people who have volunteered this year to cover books, help with technology support and inventory, as well as maintenance of our collection. This is a huge support that allows me to spend more time teaching kids what they need to know about literacy and technology. In addition, each year the PTA provides much needed fund raising that goes to technology and books. This year alone they matched the District library budget of \$1,200. With the average cost of a library book being about \$15 this is a big help to our collection. We use the money to buy additional books that kids have requested, as well as group novels sets students use during their reading instruction in the classroom. The PTA also ALWAYS helps with technology funding. I feel this is one of the main reasons that our school is known for technology. This year they bought additional document cameras, projectors and laptops to ensure that each classroom had this vital instructional equipment. They have also helped us purchase SMART Boards, headphones for the lab and a new screen to project on in the gym! All of this helps us stand out as a technology leader.

On May 6th, administrators, teachers and educational "techies" will be visiting our school to see how we make this all happen. Our school was recognized by National School Board Association as a technology leader. The first portion of their visit will be to highlight how our school community, teacher-librarian, and site tech all work together to create such a rich technology environment. The visitors will then get a chance to see how all our teachers embed technology into their every day lessons to motivate and prepare your students for the future. The students will get to show off their knowledge and learning using technology. We are honored and very excited about this opportunity! I hope you as a community realize what a big part you have played in this honor for our school!

Thank you!

Lisa Polacsek

Teacher Librarian – Little Elementary



If your child(ren) were on the Free and Reduced Meal Program on the last day of the 2009-2010 school year, that status (free or reduced) will be carried over until a new application is processed, or **October 4, 2010** (last day for carry over status). Please reapply early to insure your child will not be dropped from the program. **Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year applications will be able to be filled out on line. Go to applyforlunch.com to complete your application. Online applications will be accepted beginning July 1, 2010.** Applications are available at the school and can be filled out after August 1, 2010.



Arvada Police Department Presentation to 4th, 5th, & 6th grade students:

Cyberbullying

Physical bullying has been around for centuries, but cyberbullying is on the rise with technology that we have today. The fourth through sixth grade classes discussed this issue on April 13th and 14th. They helped define cyberbullying as a use of technology to harass, threaten, embarrass, or target another person repeatedly.

Everyone should think before he or she sends anything in writing into cyberspace. It will always be there and can be saved, copied, pasted, or forwarded. Asking if this is something everyone should be able to see is better than sending something that you might regret later. Coaches, future employers, college counselors and lawyers may find information sent previously, so it is better to be safe than sorry later.

Victims may go through a range of emotional and physical reactions. Talk to your child if you witness constant stress or anxiety when using the internet or cell phone, mood swings, low energy level, less sleep, reduced appetite, depression, avoiding school, activities or friends, falling grades, anger at home, and in rare cases, suicide. Students helped to identify ways to protect themselves or deal with cyberbully behavior. They can:

- Be choosy with online friends
- Guard passwords – guardians are the only other people to know them (use two unrelated words & put a number in the middle; then change them every couple of months)
- Be the right age to use social networks (some members must be at least 13 years old – obey this but always talk to guardians first so safe settings are set properly)
- Talk to the person doing the unwanted behavior and let them know it is not appropriate
- Focus on good things in life and the activities he or she enjoys
- Tell an adult
- “walk away” by turning off the computer or off cell phone (but keep evidence by saving it in another hard drive, another folder or forward to your guardian)
- Report activity at www.Safe2Tell.org (877-542-SAFE) (the reporter remains anonymous)
- Report/complain about people breaking rules on sites or ask to block messages (to social network administrator, email provider or cell phone provider)

Whether you are the victim or bystander, reporting a person’s bullying behaviors may help the bully as well as the victim. It is important to tell an adult because the “bully” may have emotional problems that need to be addressed by a counselor or other adult. They may be feeling hurt, frustrated, or angry, and is lashing out at others.

Something to remember: A single cyberbully behavior can have two punishments - a school consequence and a criminal penalty. There is the school code of conduct violation which may result in a school suspension, kicked off of sports teams or exclusion from activities. Your cell phone & computer privileges at home may be taken away by your parents or guardians as punishment. In addition, a student who bullies may violate a law which means they have committed a crime such as harassment, disorderly conduct, menacing, or other. The ranges of punishment for these crimes could be anywhere from a \$50 fine up to \$5,000 and/or six months to 18 months of jail!

Not everyone has the same family life, dresses the same, has the same beliefs, learns the same way, has the same advantages or handicaps, but we are all human. Each of us deserves to be respected for who we are. If we were all alike, the world would be boring.

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



Under the Sea - Art Night

May 21st 5pm to 7pm

All students will have an art exhibit displayed! Come and celebrate your child's creativity!

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

*The 6th Grade Continuation Ceremony is May 28th at 1:00 pm in the Little Elementary School Gymnasium.
A reception will follow the ceremony.*

*May 28th is also the last day of school for the Little Elementary School 6th graders!
(all other grades will finish June 2nd)*



JEFFCO COMMUNITY NIGHT WITH THE COLORADO ROCKIES!!!



Colorado Rockies vs. Washington Nationals

May 14th

6:30 pre-game activities, 7:10 game

Visit www.jeffersonfoundation.org to purchase tickets



An American Classic

May's "Little Night Out" is at

Gunther Toody's

Date to be determined (details home soon.)

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

7355 Ralston Rd, Arvada
(303) 422-1954

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!

Did you know that Little raised \$550 in free books for the library at the book fair during conferences? Well we did!



Attention all students, Meadowglen Swim Team needs you!

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 of those 23 years, 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 exciting, the friendships lasting and 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!

Little Elementary – May



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>2</p>	3	4	5	6	7 Aztec Dancers 2:15 pm	8
9	10	11	12 Band Concert 2:00 pm	13 Field Day 4-6 th 3 rd grade field trip Fiske Planetarium	14 Field Day 1-3 rd	15
16	17 Field Day raindate 4-6 th	18 Field Day raindate 1-3 rd 4 th grade fieldtrip Majestic View Park	19 Literacy Night 5:30 pm	20 Motion Fair – 6 th grade	21 Trimester Ends Pride Assembly Under the Sea Art Night 5-7pm	22
23	24	25	26	27 6 th grade vs staff kickball	28 Last day of school for 6 th grd 6 th grd continuation ceremony	29
 <p>30</p>	31 Memorial Day No School	June 1	June 2 Last day of school K – 5 th grd Early release 1:25pm	June 3 Summer break officially starts!	June 4 School is out for summer!	June 5

Employment Opportunity
 Looking for the perfect
 PT/job?
 2 -6 hours/day
 \$9.05/hour
 Advancement Opportunity
 Call 303.982.6747

Jeffco Schools
Food & Nutrition Services
Elementary Lunch Menu Condensed Menu Version
May 2010



Prices:
Breakfast: Full Price \$1.00
Breakfast: Reduced Price K-6 at No Charge
Lunch: Full Price \$1.85
Reduced Price K - 2 at
No Charge
Reduced Price 3 - 6 at
\$0.40
Adult Meals: \$2.75 w/o beverage

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
May 3 Chicken Teriyaki w/Brown Rice or Hamburger or Taco Salad w/ Tortilla Chips Cereal w/ Yogurt Mini Pancakes w/Sausage	4 Mini Corn Dog w/ Macaroni & Cheese or Variety Burrito or "Snack Lunch" (Seeds, Cheese, Muffin) Cereal w/ Toast Breakfast Sandwich	5 Baked Pasta w/Meat Sauce or Hot Beef & Cheeder Sandwich or Chef Salad w/ Bread Stick or Saltines Cereal w/ Toast Breakfast Burrito	6 Oven Roasted Chicken or Soft Tacos or Mandarin Chicken Salad w/ Biscuit or Saltines Cereal w/Toast Breakfast Sandwich	7 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza or Tuna Salad Sandwich or Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll or Saltines Cereal w/ Yogurt Mini Pancakes w/Sausage
10 Chicken Sandwich or Egg Roll w/Brown Rice or Taco Salad w/ Tortilla Chips Cereal w/ Yogurt Mini Pancakes w/Sausage	11 Chicken Quesadilla or Deli Ham & Cheese Sandwich or "Snack Lunch" (Yogurt, Cheese, Muffin) Cereal w/ Toast Breakfast Sandwich	12 Cheese Enchiladas or Sweet & Sour Chicken w/Brown Rice or Chef Salad w/ Roll or Saltines Cereal w/ Toast Breakfast Burrito	13 Chicken ala King or Hot Dog on a Bun or Mandarin Chicken Salad w/ Biscuit or Saltines Cereal w/Toast Breakfast Sandwich	14 Italian Dunkers w/Stomboli Sauce or Ravioli or Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll or Saltines Cereal w/ Yogurt Mini Pancakes w/Sausage
17 French Toast w/Sausage or Sloppy Joe on a Bun or Taco Salad w/ Tortilla Chips Cereal w/ Yogurt Mini Pancakes w/Sausage	18 Grilled Cheese w/Tomato Soup or Cheeseburger/ Hamburger or "Snack Lunch" (Egg Salad Sandwich) Cereal w/ Toast Breakfast Sandwich	19 Turkey & Gravy Deli Turkey Wrap or Chef Salad w/ Roll or Saltines Cereal w/ Toast Breakfast Burrito	20 Chicken Nuggets or Cuban Pork Potatoes or Mandarin Chicken Salad w/ Muffin or Saltines Cereal w/Toast Breakfast Sandwich	21 Stuffed Cheese Bread Sticks or Fish Sandwich or Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll or Saltines Cereal w/ Yogurt Mini Pancakes w/Sausage
24 Chicken Teriyaki w/Brown Rice or Hamburger or Taco Salad w/ Tortilla Chips Cereal w/ Yogurt Mini Pancakes w/Sausage	25 Corn Dog or Variety Burrito or "Snack Lunch" (Seeds, Cheese, Muffin) Cereal w/ Toast Breakfast Sandwich	26 Baked Pasta w/Meat Sauce or Hot Beef & Cheddar Sandwich or Chef Salad w/ Bread Stick or Saltines Cereal w/ Toast Breakfast Burrito	27 Oven Roasted Chicken or Soft Tacos or Mandarin Chicken Salad w/ Biscuit or Saltines Cereal w/Toast Breakfast Sandwich	28 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza or Tuna Salad Sandwich or Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Roll or Saltines Cereal w/ Yogurt Mini Pancakes w/Sausage

Lunch includes an entrée and a choice of sides. Milk is offered daily at Breakfast & Lunch. Menus are nutritionally balanced with a wide variety of healthy selections including fruits and vegetables. Menu is subject to change without notice due to price and product availability.

Breakfast Entrée, check with your school for availability. Cereal is offered daily at Breakfast

Full menu selection is available at the school site or on line @jeffcopublicschools.org
 Look for the menus on the left side and click on Lunch Menus & Food Services .

