



January 2009

Happy New Year 2009!

**Buena Vista School
District R-31**

Principal's Message

**No school Jan. 16
and 19**

Calendar Items

- **Boy's and Girls Club,** Monday-Friday 3:05-7:00 p.m.
- **Spanish Club,** Tuesdays from 3:05-5:00p.m.
- **January 13-16 Jr. Cheer Clinic right after school.**
- **January 14, 1:40 p.m. Early Release**
- **January 16, No School**
- **January 19, No School -MLK Holiday**
- **January 22, Music concerts**
5:30 p.m. Grade 1
6:15 p.m. Grade 3
7:15 p.m. Grade 5
- **January 27, Music concerts**
5:30 p.m. Grade K
6:15 p.m. Grade 2
7:15 p.m. Grade 4
- **January 28, 1:40 p.m. Early Release**
- **February 16 No School-President's Day**
- **February 17-20, CSAP testing for 3rd Grade Reading**

Welcome back to the second half of our school year. I hope that you and your family had a fun and relaxing break and I wish everyone a **Happy New Year!** We have been busy completing grades and they were mailed home on Friday, January 9.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The Student Government Society has been busy this last semester. In November, the SGS hosted a food raising for the Arkansas Valley Mission. APE student body donated over 400 pounds of non-perishable food to the mission for the holidays. Students donating the most food won gift certificates to Punky's. On December 18, the last day before break, the SGS hosted their annual winter carnival. During specials, students played games and made crafts

like the Santa Toss, Sleigh Crash 12-25, bowling, gingerbread house making, face painting, and ornament making. The student government members would like to thank the following people for their help and time with the carnival:

Lanea Pratt, Barbara Phillippe (and her daughter), Kathie Wallace, Lesa DeLand, and their high school students for running the booths;

Robin Dunn, gingerbread housebuilding;

Julie Arment, ornaments making;

Vicki Hargrove, assisting Santa;

Heidi Atha, taking pictures with Santa;

Santa, visiting with kids ;

Kim and Donnie Stubbs, facepainting and cleanup;

Kim Armstrong, cleanup;

Jamie Bassingthwaite, cleanup;

Paul Bassingthwaite, cardboard cutting

Tammy Culp and De Strelow, ordering food and sodas;

Laurie Hancock, for letting us use her space every Monday meeting!



MUSIC CONCERTS

Our annual music concerts are coming up later this month. Students have been working hard to prepare songs, musical instruments, and dances. We kick off the first 3 concerts on **January 22,** beginning at 5:30 p.m. with 1st grade, 6:15 p.m. for 3rd grade, and 7:15 p.m. for 5th grade. **January 27** is the second date for kindergarten at 5:30 p.m., 6:15 p.m. for 2nd grade, and 7:15 p.m. for 4th grade.

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APE PARENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Avery-Parsons Elementary has been working with the Colorado Parent Coalition out of Denver to develop a Parent Leadership Team. A Parent Leadership Team is designed to set goals to improve parent involvement and student achievement. Our first training was November 15. Monthly the team meets to work on these goals.

The second training will be in March. If you are interested in knowing more, have questions, or suggestions, please contact one of the team members.

Cynthia Dunekacke

Nell Galyean

Tina Mondragon

Joel Rem

Vicki Hargrove

Andrew Miller

Rann Morris

Luke Urbine

Molly Bohan

Stefani Franklin

BAKUGONS AND OTHER TOYS

The holidays, especially Christmas, bring many new toys and gadgets for our students. Unfortunately, having these items at school can cause problems from stealing, trading, to just plain misplacing them. Therefore, any

toys brought to school will be taken by the teacher or another staff member, turned into the office and held until a parent picks them up. If the same toys are brought again, then the toy (s) will be held until the end of the year. If your child is wanting to bring a toy for show and tell, then the student must first clear it with the classroom teacher and then the item needs to remain in the student's backpack or with the teacher until the end of the day. This includes stuffed animals, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, iPods, army men, trucks, etc. Footballs, basketballs, soccer balls may still be brought and used at recess.

SCIENCE FAIR

The science fair is scheduled for March 7. Get a jump start and have fun learning some hands-on science. Packets will be coming by the end of January. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, call Joe Glenn at 395-5805.

FAMILY FESTIVAL: COME MEET YOUR COMMUNITY

The Second Annual Family Festival hosted by the APE Accountability Team is scheduled for February 21, from 9:30 a.m.-12

noon, at Avery-Parsons Elementary School. There will be lots of activities for kids as well as information and door prizes for parents and families. A free breakfast will also be served. Come out and see what our wonderful community has to offer.

ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

This is a reminder that the front parking lot is closed in the mornings for student drop-off other than the school busses. If you drive through and pass a bus with a flashing red stop sign, you could be ticketed. The east parking lot is open all morning for student drop-off.



Have a great month and we look forward to seeing you at all the great activities coming up!

Stefani Franklin, principal