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April Newsletter

APRIL 9, 2009

Principal's Message

With just 27 days of school left, we are making our final push to the end of the 2008-2009 school year. If you have had children in school before, you understand how the months of April and May can be our busiest. I have included calendars for both months. As with anything, events can change or be added, so please review the calendars closely and check back packs daily for notes from teachers or the school.

Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to both of our Odyssey of the Mind teams. Both elementary teams placed first at the regional competition on March 21, qualifying them for the state competition on April 18. We wish them the best of luck and hopefully another trip to the world competition in May.

Special Olympics

Congratulations to our Special Olympic athletes. Students Wendy Hines, Kiera Stoumbaugh, Melanie Roberts-John, and Hunter Brigham brought

home many medals including several gold medals.

Science Fair

The date has been changed to May 16, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the APE gym. Joe Glenn will present on April 13 and 14 to students interested in the science fair. Packets will be passed out at that time.

NWEA Testing

Measures of Progress (MAP) testing will open on April 27 and close on May 8 for second through fifth grades. If you have questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or the principal, Mrs. Franklin.

Letters of Input

If you are interested in having input as to where your child is placed next year, please stop by the APE office and pick up a letter of input. This is not a letter of request, but rather a form for you to describe your child's learning style and what teaching style he/she learns from best. If you have questions, please contact

Mr. Moorhead, school counselor, or Mrs. Franklin. Letters will be accepted through April 24.

School Mural

Thank you to Ms. Arment, APE art teacher, and the students of APE for the beautiful mural now displayed in the cafeteria. This particular mural has been a year and a half in the making. The mural was drawn by students and painted by students for students. We are very proud of it and believe it is just one piece that reflects the wonderful educational opportunities at Avery-Parsons Elementary.

Art Show

Our annual art show is April 22, 6-8 p.m. and April 23, 3-6 p.m. Please attend to check out the artwork of all students in our building.

Absences

If your student is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office to excuse the office. The main office number is 395-7020. If it is before or

after school, you may leave a message on Ms. Culp's voicemail.

Japanese Student Teacher

Mr. Hosoya left us on March 20, after a six month visit as a student teacher at Avery-Parsons Elementary. We held an all school assembly on March 18 to celebrate his birthday and to say goodbye. Upon his return to Kobe, Japan, Mr. Hosoya was hired as a third grade teacher and started on April 6 in his own classroom.

CSAP Testing

We completed all our CSAP testing. Thank you to all parents who helped us preparing students at home, getting students to school on time, and even making spring break travel arrangements around our testing schedule. Without you, it would not have been completed. Again, thank you!!!! Have a great month!

Avery-Parsons Elementary



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Monthly Newsletter



Principal’s Message

March seems to be blowing in like a lion and hopefully, as we get closer to spring break, the weather will become nicer. March marks the end of third quarter and the beginning of CSAP testing for fourth and fifth graders. In February, our third graders kicked off testing by completing the reading portion of the CSAP tests. Check what else is going on!!

Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind teams from Avery-Parsons Elementary! Last weekend, they competed in the regional meet in Littleton, Colorado. APE sent three teams and all three teams will be competing at the state competition on March 23-24. The “I’m Only Thinking of You!” team consisting of Kiowa Johnson, Thomas Enck, Becca Wade, Jared Looper, Lindsey Fagerberg, Elle Eggleston, and Kole Harms placed first. The “Tag ‘Em” team consisting of Tyler Murphy, Alex Blitstein, Lindsey Baker, Sarah Pascarelli, Brandon Fairchild, and Hope Long placed first. The “Around the World in 8 Minutes” team consisting of Cory Scott, Cheyenne Hargrove, Michael Hatfield, Kayla Oliver, Sawyer

Huffman, Alex Drake, and Ashley White placed third. Again, all three teams will be competing at state. Good luck!

Thank you to Robin Dunn, Kevin Hargrove, and Scott Hartman for volunteering and being trained as judges and monitors for the competition. “Thank you!” to Sue and Tom Murphy for hauling props. Also a huge “THANKS!” to Leslie Fagerberg, Julie Baker, Karen White, Amy Long, and Dawna Johnson for helping Mrs. Enck and Mrs. Harms with getting students to the right place at the right time!

School Hours are 8:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

Office Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 3:40 p.m.

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CSAP

Testing

What is CSAP?

CSAP stands for Colorado Student Assessment Program. It is a test designed to measure student achievement in relationship to the Colorado Model Content Standards. These standards are expectations specifying what students should know at particular points in their education. As a result, CSAP provides a series of snapshots of student achievement in reading, writing, math and science as they move through grades 3-10.

Testing for third, fourth, and fifth graders begins March 6th.

Please see the schedule mailed home to you.

School Accountability Committee

The APE School Accountability Committee meets the second Monday of every month from 3:45-5:00 p.m. Recently, they approved their by-laws and have set a goal for the school. The goal is to *Improve the partnership between family and school in order to inspire life long learning. We will do this by:*

Better two-way communication;

Effective parent involvement in the school; and

Providing quality resources for families.

The committee is currently defining the three numbered points. They will be meeting with and presenting their work on March 20th to the BV School Board during the community linkage. If you have questions or comments for this committee, you may contact one of the members at the following:

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