

Avery-Parsons Elementary

APRIL 16, 2008

BUENA VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT R-31

Principal's Message

Special points of interest:

- April 9-22: Star Lab
- April 17 and 18: Boys and Girls Club closed for Professional Development Training
- April 18: Midterms mailed home
- April 23: 6-8 p.m. Annual Art Show and Cyber Fair
- April 24: 3-6 p.m. Annual Art Show and Cyber Fair
- April 24: 8-10:45 a.m. Fifth Grade Transition/ Visitation to MMS
- April 25: 2 p.m. Assembly for Whitney White, National
- April 29: 4 p.m. Looping Meeting in Computer Lab

The last few months have flown by and I hate to use an acronym as a verb, but we spent the month of March CSAP-ing it! Our third and fifth graders completed CSAP's right before spring break. CSAP is very important to the accountability of schools as seen by the state of Colorado. Thank you to parents for making sure that students were well rested and at school ready to complete tests. Unfortunately, we have had to deal with a very hard winter where illness is concerned. It appears that there are many strains and variations for just about every illness this winter. Please continue to encourage your student to wash their hands frequently and to use good hygiene. Also, if your student does miss school and you take him/her to the doctor, please bring a doctor's note to the office. It helps us in tracking and documenting absences.

As I wrote in a previous newsletter, I will be out for the last 10 days of school to have my baby. We are happy to announce that Scott Cope, McGinnis Middle School principal will be covering for me while I am out.

Laura Hefner, Chaffee County Principal and Mrs. Goar, BVSD superintendent will also provide coverage. As always, I will be checking messages on my voice mail and through my trusty secretaries Tammy and De. Mr. Moorhead, school counselor will also be available. However, you may also leave me voice mail via my cell phone at 207-3122.

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Last week APE held preschool and kindergarten registration. We will be offering full-day kindergarten to anyone interested. There will be no tuition costs for the full-day program. If you missed registration, please call the school office at 395-7020 to register. Class placements are being set for end of May notification.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Due to the lack of federal funding, Avery-Parsons Elementary will not be offering summer school this summer. We are pleased to announce that Boys and Girls Club of Chaffee County will be offering programming from 8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. everyday. If you are interested in BGC, please see details on the

next page.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

On April 25 at 2 p.m., Avery-Parsons Elementary will have a special assembly to honor third grader, Whitney White for being one of three finalists in the nation in the National School Lunch Art Contest. Whitney's drawing of Petunia Pita Pocket was chosen out of 500 entries. Whitney will be honored in the April issue of School Nutrition Association magazine, her pita pocket will be professionally redrawn, and she will receive an iPod. We are proud of Whitney and her art work!

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are very happy to announce that Kathy Keidel, fourth grade teacher has been selected to participate in the 2008 Japan study tour and professional development program for elementary educators, sponsored by the Program for Teaching East Asia (TEA) at the University of Colorado and funded by the Freeman Foundation and U. S. Department of Education. She is one of 14 teachers in the state selected for this 4 week tour from June 12-July 10. We are excited about what Mrs.

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Keidel will share with our school upon her return. One condition of this tour is to implement new Japan-related content and resources into her classroom for the 2008-09 school year, as well as sharing with the entire school.

Congratulations to Sherry Nicks and Dana Kohls, 1st grade teachers, and Shelly Brunjak, 2nd grade teacher for being awarded a \$500 grant from the 2008 WILD Colorado School Habitat Grants. This money is going into a fund that we are collecting in order to create an outdoor classroom. APE's project was chosen because it demonstrated a good combination of wildlife habitat improvement and student involvement.

Congratulations to Maranda Atha, fifth grader. A piece of her artwork was selected for the Boys and Girls Club regional art contest in Oklahoma. Maranda won best watercolor and it has been forwarded to the national art competition; however it will also be on display at the National Boys and Girls Conference in San Francisco in May.

Congratulations to the Odyssey of the Mind teams. Both of the APE teams made it to the state competition where they placed 4th and 5th. They had a great season!

STAFF CHANGES

We are sad to announce that Ms. Hinder, 3rd grade teacher will be leaving us at the end of this school year. Ms. Hinder recently married and will be moving to Colorado Springs with her new husband Gary. We wish her the best and good luck

in her teaching career.

Although we are sad to lose Ms. Hinder, we are happy to report that Mrs. Brunjak, second grade teacher will be moving to third grade next year. Currently, we are interviewing applicants for our opening in second grade. We anticipate filling this position by the end of April.

SCIENCE FAIR

On March 15, APE held their annual science fair. Congratulations to all the participants. Each participant received a certificate of participation and a medal. First, second, and third place finishers received a jewelers magnifying glass.

Thank you to the hard work of Joe and Anita Glenn for organizing the event. Winners were:

Preschool:

Experiments on plant growth.

1st grade:

Sarah Johnson, 1st place

Kelly Vernon, 2nd place

2nd Grade:

Bailey Stokes, 1st place

3rd Grade:

Naomi Glenn, 1st place

Greer Franklin, 2nd place

Taylor Visconti, 3rd place

4th Grade:

Lukas Ommen, 1st place

Niklas Armstrong, 2nd place

Cody Sternlicht, 3rd place

5th Grade:

Leah Cogan and Kaitie Workman, 1st place

Sean Burdges, 2nd place

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

This Summer, the Boys & Girls Club will be offering full day programming for youth in grades K-5. Programming will be at Avery Parsons Elementary school. The program will run from 8-5:30 daily beginning on Tuesday May 27th. The end date for programming has not yet been determined, but the program will run through July at minimum. Afternoon programming is at no additional charge to registered members. The morning session from 8-12 will be offered for a \$10 per child, per day tuition. Special accommodations for tuition can be made based on need, please contact Andrew Miller at 395-5715 for additional information. Summer programs will include academic enrichment activities, arts and crafts, sports and recreation, environmental education, field trips, hiking and bike clubs, movies, and much more. Current memberships are active through the end of the summer and new memberships can be obtained for \$25 per child. For more information, or to register your child, please contact Andrew Miller or Tina Stokes at 395-5715.

Continue to check out our school website at:

<http://www.buena-vista.k12.co.us/apes/>

Also, check out the resources tab and then the recommended book marks developed by Mrs. Atha. Listed are safe websites for kids!

Take care!