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Avery-Parsons Elementary

MAY 1, 2008

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **April 28-May 9:**
NWEA Testing
- **Boys and Girls Club:**
3-7 p.m. everyday
- **May 5-9:** Teacher
Appreciation Week
- **May 7:** National
Nurse's Day
- **May 26:** School of-
fices closed
- **May 30,** Grade cards
mailed home, school
offices closed

Principal's Message

We have 16 days of school left and I think it may be the busiest time of year for our teachers and students. Please look at and keep the attached calendar for all the end-of-year activities.

As in life, sometimes things do not go as planned. As I have tried to keep parents informed about my pregnancy and my maternity leave, I have been placed on medical leave by my doctor and will have to be on bed rest for the next two weeks. I apologize if this causes any inconvenience; however, my secretaries, counselor, and Scott Cope will do a great job of handling things while I am gone. Again, I can be reached by e-mail or my cell phone: stefanif@buena-vista.k12.co.us or 207-3122

As the year winds down, I hope that you and your student have a great month. For some, they will be moving on to the middle school. For others, this is the end of their first year in school. Whatever your time in life, have a great month and a relaxing summer. See you next fall!

Mrs. Franklin

Whitney White and her parents accepting her award on Friday, April 25.



Fifth Grade Visitation

On April 24, the fifth grade teachers, Mr. Moorhead, and myself took the entire fifth grade to McGinnis Middle School for a three hour visitation. The fifth graders were greeted by Mr. Cope, MMS principal and Amie Urbine, counselor. After a brief presentation, Mrs. Urbine, had sixth graders ready to give fifth graders a 30 minute tour of the school. The fifth graders were then delivered to a sixth grade classroom to observe a part of second period. Towards the end of the period, fifth graders met in the band/choir room to hear the final presentation and to debrief about their visit. In sixth grade, each student must take either choir or band. Please make sure that your fifth grader turns in their choice for choir or band by April 30. I am sure we can collect those through the end of the week. The kids are telling me it has been fun for them, and that sixth grade does not seem as scary. There will also be a sixth grade orientation for parents and students a couple days before school starts. Invitations will be mailed home in

August.

Art Show/Cyber Fair

Thank you to Julie Arment, Heidi Atha, the APE staff, and other volunteers who helped organize and manage the Second Annual Art Show and Cyber Fair April 23 and 24. At the cyber fair, fifth grade students presented their final technology projects. Other students, 1st through 4th grade could showcase other projects that they have worked on during the year. Many projects were completed in collaboration with classroom curriculum, library research, and technology. We are very proud of the work by all our students. If you missed this great event, you can still check out work displayed throughout the school.

NWEA Testing

NWEA spring testing begins on April 28 for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Data from this assessment will aid staff in making next year's class placements. Please make sure that your student is at school and ready to take these reading, language arts and math tests. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher, counselor, or principal.

Boys and Girls Club to Offer Summer Hours

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 mem-

bers. 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.



Thank you Volunteers!

We are proud to announce that this is our second year for our formal volunteer program. We have more volunteers working with more students and classrooms than last year.

Through the hard work of co-coordinators Mary Helen Dunn and Gini Neis, they have organized a very successful program. Teachers who believe that a student would benefit from additional one-on-one support, makes a referral to the volunteer program.

The coordinators then match the student to a volunteer who is committed to one school year's support to the staff and stu-

dents by providing academic assistance. The positive contributions of volunteers facilitate and expedite the pursuit of academic excellence for our children. Once a volunteer has verbalized interest and completed the volunteer packet, he/she is fingerprinted and a background check is completed, the volunteer is trained. After all the steps are completed, volunteers are matched on their strengths and interests and the needs of the student(s) being referred. One week in April was National Volunteer week. To honor all those who donate their time to our

students and to children, APE partnered with the APE PTO and the Arkansas Valley District of Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children and hosted a catered dinner on April 24 for our school volunteers and licensed day care providers in our community. Thank you to Tammy Viers for catering the event. Thank you to Gini Neis, Mary Helen Dunn, Vicki Hargrove, and Melissa St. John for hosting the event in my absence. Thank you to every teacher who welcomes and encourages volunteers in their classroom!

Track days are coming!

Tammy Viers, APE head cook is offering healthy bar concessions during track days. The following are food items that will be available: Ham Sandwiches \$1.25, Gatorade \$1.00, water, string cheese, cheddar portions, Sun Chips, fresh fruit, granola bars, and Fruit Roll-ups each \$.50.



APE Cafeteria staff and Hermione Vigil, CDE Nutrition Director presenting Whitney White and her parents her award from the School Nutrition Association.

CHECK THIS OUT!

Congratulations to Lukas Ommen for placing second in the 8-10 year old division of the Denver Nugget Skills Challenge State Competition.

Lukas won the regional competition and was awarded free tickets to the Denver Nuggets game to compete at the state level.

Avery-Parsons Elementary CALENDAR OF EVENTS: May 5-30, 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 1 st grade Track Teacher Appreciation Week	6 2 nd Grade Track	7 Kindergarten Track National Nurse's Day 1:40 p.m. Early Release	8 3 rd Grade Track 10:30-2:45 Grover's class to Fairplay	9 Library Closes 10:30-2:45 Bare/Borrego classes to Fairplay 7 a.m.-6 p.m. 4 th Grade for Denver Trip NWEA Testing Ends 12 p.m. Regional Special Olympics/Return 6 p.m. Saturday
12 4 th Grade Track	13 5 th Grade Track 8:15-2:45 2 nd Gr to Royal Gorge	14 10-2:45 AR Field Trip Top 3 AR in classes/100 pt club	15 8:20-5:00 1 st Gr to Cheyenne Mt. Zoo 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Keathley's Korner to Law Enforcement Torch Run-Trout Creek Pass	16 8:05-2:45 3 rd Gr to Dino Museum Kinder-Walking FT to Post Office 8:45-10:30 AM and Watson 12:45-2:30 p.m. PM 10:15-2:30 Uldrich/Propernick classes to Alpine
19 Kinder to Picnic/Butterfly release 8:30-10:30/12:30-2:30 11-12:15 AR Lunch in the Park (walking FT)	20 8:15-2:45 2 nd Gr to Sand Dunes 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Keathley's Korner to Cottonwood Lake	21 AR Dunk Tank	22 Last Day of School Kinder-End of year celebration and Walking FT to K's 9-10:30 and 1-2:30	23 Staff Day