

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL NEWS BRIEFS

Please place the following in your school newsletter.

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1. PSD parent notification procedures

The PSD communications office coordinates several efforts to notify parents and staff when **ALL** schools are closed for conditions such as bad weather or for emergency situations.

PSD will communicate information and instructions directly to parents and staff through the following:

- E-mails to parents who have signed up for PSD email alerts (sign up at www.psdschools.org – “Email Alert Sign-Up”) or provided their email on the student information form parents receive the first week of school.
- Text messages to parents and staff who have that capability on their phone.
- Phone messages through the School Messenger automated phone notification system.
- PSD website (www.psdschools.org) information postings
- PSD Channel 10 (Comcast and US Cable)
- Local and Denver media including newspapers, radio and television stations

2. Tuition-based preschool program accepting registrations

Registrations are now being accepted for the Poudre School District tuition-based preschool program, which will pilot at four locations for the 2009-2010 school year. The preschool program will pilot at Cache La Poudre Elementary, Rice Elementary, and Moore Elementary, and the Fullana Learning Center. Half day sessions will be available in the morning and afternoon at participating schools.

The new preschool program will have:

- **Teachers licensed by Colorado Dept. of Education.**
- **High quality, standards-based preschool environment.**
- **16 students per session. Adult to child ratio 1-8.**
- **Tuition cost \$3150/year or \$315 for 10 months.**
- **To apply go to www.psdschools.org; click on “School Registration;” then click on the upper left-hand link, “Preschool Registration.”**

For more information, call Early Childhood Education at 490-3204.

3. Autumn bike to school day, September 2

Lace up your shoes, strap on your helmet, grab a friend, and start walking and bicycling today! Additional information, volunteer opportunities, safety tips, and walking and bicycling maps are available at www.fcgov.com/saferoutes.

4. Nominate your *Coach of Character* today

Applications are now being accepted for the 2010 Sonny Lubick Coach of Character Award. The Sonny Lubick Coach of Character Award is presented annually to one outstanding coach in the Fort Collins community who focuses on character development while teaching life lessons through sports. This coach has rejected the “win-at-all-cost” model and is centered on helping players develop positive character traits that will enable them to be successful in life. Furthermore, this coach has helped to build a legacy of sportsmanship and character in athletics in the Fort Collins community. In order for an individual to be eligible for this award, they must have coached school, club or recreational sports for athletes 18 and under for a minimum of ten years in Northern Colorado.

The Sonny Lubick Coach of Character Award is presented by CHaracter in Athletics – Make it a Priority at the annual CHAMP Celebration Breakfast in early 2010. Nominations must be received no later than by September 30th, 2009 to be considered for the 2010 Sonny Lubick Coach of Character Award. Please visit www.champfc.com to download the nomination form and for more details on the award or call 970-266-2671.