

Friday Notes

Traut Core Knowledge School

October 3, 2008

From the Principal's Office...

Dear Traut Community,

We have a couple of important upcoming events at TCKS! Please make note of the following:

- There is a meeting scheduled for October 14, 2008, from 6-8 PM in the Media Center regarding the impact the 2009-2010 PSD Grade Reconfiguration will have on Traut students.
 - From 6-6:30 PM, will be discussing Traut's Site Readiness Plan, including All Day Kindergarten, Room Configurations, Teacher Assignments, Curriculum Implications, and more.
 - From 6:30-8 PM, as the main focus of this event, Joe Cuddemi will be presenting information on what will be happening with the Kinard Middle School Program.
 - This event will provide parents with a face-to-face chance to get information as well as to ask questions or express any concerns you might have.
 - For some preliminary information and Frequently Asked Questions, you may check out items on our web site. Please click the following links for each topic:
 - [All Day Kindergarten FAQ](#)
 - [Draft of the complete TCKS Site Readiness Plan](#)
 - [Prioritized summary of the Site Plan](#)
 - [Draft of the Kinard Middle School Site Readiness Plan](#)
- On a different subject, we are coming up on the scheduled Parent-Teacher conference times, which is set on the PSD calendar to run on October 16 and 17 this year. Please note that our expectation is that parents will plan to schedule their conferences during these established times, rather than scheduling this as an opportunity for a family get-away. Although a few rare exceptions might be made by special request, it is important that parents help teachers protect their time by honoring this expectation.

The signup sheets for these conferences will be posted on the table outside the TCKS Office beginning Monday, October 6th. Please come by soon to select the time(s) that will work best for you.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Wertheimer
TCKS Principal

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**Deadline for
inclusion in
Friday Notes is
Wednesday at
10:00 a.m.
Email to:
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Event Calendar

Monday – Wednesday, October 6 th – 8 th	6 th Grade Eco	Pingree Park	6 th Grade Teachers
Monday, October 6 th	Library Committee Meeting	Media Center 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Peggy Lundebly 488-7570
Monday, October 6 th	TCKS Orientation	Media Center 7:00 p.m.	Belinda Nygaard 488-7500
Thursday, October 9 th	Wellness Committee Meeting	Conference Room 3:15 – 5:00 p.m.	Corinna Kromer 282-9281
Thursday, October 9 th	Curriculum Committee Meeting	School Lounge 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Karen Poehlman 206-4782
Friday, October 10th	Pumpkin Run	TCKS Gym 3:10 – 4:00 p.m.	Diane Speer 488-7574
Tuesday, October 14th	Grade Reconfiguration & Traut	Media Center 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Mark Wertheimer 488-7501
Thursday & Friday, October 16th & 17th	Parent/Teacher Conferences	TCKS	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, October 21 st	SBMC Meeting	School Lounge 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.	Bonnie Adams 488-7552
Tuesday, October 21 st	PAB Meeting	School Lounge 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Gregg Stonecipher 568-9021
Thursday, October 23 rd	Technology Committee Meeting	Media Center 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	David Mielke 204-1169
Thursday, October 30th	Literature Festival	Classrooms	Classroom Teachers
Thursday, October 30th	6th Grade Wax Museum	TCKS Gym	6th Grade Teachers
Friday, October 31st	K-9 Collaboration Day	NO SCHOOL	~~~~~

Traut Chess Club...



“Traut Chess Club” will be starting up Tuesday, October 7th. We will meet every Tuesday from 3:15-4:15 in Mr. Hunt’s 6th grade classroom. We will have chess sets and clocks for any interested players to practice their skills, as well as a short instructional time at the beginning of each club period to learn more about the game. Please contact Randy Reynolds @ 206-9107 for more information.

Pumpkin Run volunteers needed!

Walking/Running club’s last date was this past Thursday. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped sign in kids and keep track of their miles.



Fall is here and the pumpkins are out, and it is almost time for our annual **Pumpkin Run!** If anyone has ideas about any kind of donation, if you know of a business that would like to support our event, or have any ideas about prizes or coupons that we can put in the goody bags, please get in touch with Dianne Speer by email at: dispeer@psdschools.org or call 970 488-7574. We will need a few **volunteers** for that event as well, so come join us and have some fun! Thanks!



Get out your Helmets and your Walking Shoes!

Wednesday, October 8th, 2008, is International Walk and Bike to School Day.

Join children and adults around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and biking.

Why Bike or Walk to school?

- Physical activity
- Teach safe walking and biking skills to children
- Strengthen bonds between parents and children through fun and health activity
- Concern for the environment
- Reduce traffic congestion, pollution and speed near schools
- Take back neighborhoods for people on foot and bike
- Improve community spirit
- It's FREE!

For more information visit

<http://www.fcgov.com/saferoutes.php>

Our next Wellness Meeting is on October 9th, 3:15 pm, in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome! Come join our fun discussions and share your input.

Corinna Kromer, RMT, IARP
(970) 310-9444

No school...

October 16, K-6, parent/teacher conference day

October 17, K-12, parent/teacher conference day

October 31, K-9, collaboration day (Irish, Lab, Linton, and high schools are in session)

Attend "PSD 101: How your school district works" October 23...

PSD District Advisory Board (DAB) parents invite other parents and PSD staff to attend PSD 101: How your district works and how you can affect it.

Join Dr. Jerry Wilson, Poudre School District Superintendent, district administrators, and parent experts from 6:30-9 pm, October 23, at Rocky Mountain High School, 1300 W. Swallow Road, to learn the answers to these questions and more!

- How does my child's school get funding?
- How does the school district make decisions about boundaries, school choice, and principal hiring?
- What do the School Accountability Reports tell parents?
- How can I partner with the district or my child's school to improve education for all children in PSD?
- What is the academic growth model?

The event will include four breakout sessions:

- **District Overview and Decision Making** - scope, boundaries, demographics, and decision making
- **Parent Roles and Responsibilities** - District Advisory Board, site teams, committees, and classrooms
- **School and District Finance** - student based budgeting and school budget; 2010 Mill Levy and Bond issue
- **School Accreditation and Assessment** - Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP), School Academic Advisory Council (SAAC), School Accountability Reports (SAR's), Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP), and the Academic Growth Model

Comprised of parent representatives from each school, the DAB serves as a sounding board to identify common goals and concerns in Poudre School District. DAB presents information, suggestions, requests, or resolutions to the Board of Education; provides support for the betterment of public education in Poudre School District; and offers a valuable link between the community and Poudre School District.

"When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more."

A New Wave of Evidence, Annual Synthesis 2002 by Anne T. Henderson and Karen L. Mapp

For more information on this event or to learn more about the DAB, contact Tami Wineinger at rtwineinger@comcast.net.



**2008 TCKS Pumpkin Run
Friday, October 10, 2008
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm**

PLEASE, NO PETS!

The Pumpkin Run will begin right after school (see the schedule below). There is no advanced sign-up needed. Students may participate in only one event for a prize. Students must run with their grade level and gender. If you wish to obtain a time for your child's run, parents will need to bring and use your own stop watch (unless they enter the 5th & 6th grade competitive run).

The course begins on the southeast corner of the Traut playground, goes east behind the ball fields in Harmony Park, south across the grass, over the bridge, west along the sidewalk, and north along the wavy sidewalk, finishing at the southwest corner of the playground (runners are always in sight of the school). The course is just a little short of one-half mile. Most of it is on sidewalk/blacktop, but a portion is on grass. The first half is slightly downhill and the last half is slightly up hill. Participants may choose to walk, jog, or run all or part of the course. This is not an "official" race, as the distance is an approximation, and the course is over varied surfaces.

Schedule of Events: The first event will begin at 3:15 with 2-minute intervals between races. **Students need to be at the staging area (on the southeast playground, inside the flags) 5 minutes prior to their event.**

Kindergarten boys	3:15	5th grade boys – competitive run*	3:35
Kindergarten girls	3:17	5th grade boys – recreation run	3:37
1 st grade boys	3:19	5 th grade girls - competitive run*	3:40
1 st grade girls	3:21	5 th grade girls – recreation run	3:42
2nd grade boys	3:23	6 th grade boys – competitive run*	3:45
2nd grade girls	3:25	6 th grade boys – recreation run	3:47
3rd grade boys	3:27	6 th grade girls – competitive run*	3:50
3rd grade girls	3:29	6 th grade girls – recreation run	3:52
4th grade boys	3:31	Family Run (no additional prizes)	4:00
4th grade girls	3:33		

*= competitive run will be timed by adults; times will be recorded and posted

Students who want to run twice may run **once with their grade level** and **once with their family** at 4:00 pm, but students will only be given a ticket for a prize for the grade level event. Older students may come out to the grass area behind the school and cheer on the younger students as they wait their turn. Students should **not** be sitting on top of the playground structures, shooting baskets, playing tags, etc. Participants may leave their backpacks, etc., along the walls of the building or with parents.

At the finish line, student runners will receive a ticket for a prize (for participation, not for place finish). They may pick up their prize (a goodie bag) at the double doors on the south of the school building after their run. Student may go home with their parents/carpool when they are finished.

VOLUNTEERS! Please be at the playground (SE corner) no later than 2:45pm

PLEASE, NO PETS



From the Health Office...

WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME:



APPEARANCE/BEHAVIOR:

Unusually tired, pale, difficult to wake, confused or irritable, lack of appetite

DIARRHEA: Three or more watery stools in a 24 hour period, especially if your child acts or looks ill

EAR INFECTION: Your child may attend school after receiving medical treatment. Untreated ear infections may cause permanent hearing loss.

EYES: There is mucus or pus draining from the eye, or a pink eye. Your child can probably attend school 24 hours after treatment. Eye infections can be very contagious.

FEVER: If your child has an elevated temperature, keep her/him home. Do not send your child to school if he/she would be miserable all day, or if her/his presence would distract other children.

RASH: Body rash, especially with fever or itching

SORE THROAT: Especially with a fever, or swollen glands in the neck

VOMITING: Vomiting two or more times within the past 24 hours. Do not send your child if he/she vomits before leaving for school in the morning.

BITE: Of brown recluse or black widow spiders, venomous snakes, human or animal bites with broken skin

ANXIETY: Restless

HEAD INJURY: Headache, dizziness, vomiting, unequal pupils, confusion, unsteadiness, loss of memory, unconsciousness

Sex offender registry information available...

State law (Senate Bill 22-1-124) requires that all schools notify parents about how to access records on registered sex offenders. Following are ways to obtain information about registered offenders:

- **List of Offenders living inside city limits is available at City of Fort Collins Police Services:** Information about sex offenders via Colorado Bureau of Investigations statewide sex offender list is available at <http://sor.state.co.us/> which will take you to the State of Colorado registry. Simply follow the steps and select the city or county of interest for the information which is maintained by CBI. The local Fort Collins sex offender registration list can also be accessed by going to the police station at 2221 Timberline Road and filling out a request form (no charge to view list; \$7.50 to purchase copy).
- **List of offenders living outside city limits in Larimer County is available from Larimer County Sheriff:** Residents must go to the Sheriff's Office administration building, 2501 Midpoint Drive. Bring photo identification, and fill out request form (no charge to view list; \$7.50 to purchase copy). A partial database is online at: <http://www.larimer.org/sheriff/sexoffenders/index.htm>
- **Colorado sex offenders registry from the Colorado Bureau of Investigation:** available online at <http://sor.state.co.us>

