

Kinard Middle School Information Night (for Zach Parents)

A parent information night has been scheduled on October 28th from 6:30-8:00PM for Zach Parents to hear Mr. Joe Cuddemi speak about "Kinard Middle School" and the programs offered during the 2009-2010 school year. The meeting will be held in the Zach Gymnasium. Hope to see you there!

**Yankee Doodle's Dandy Christmas**

A Holiday Fantasy for Young Voices

By Teresa Jennings

Mark your calendars for November 20, 2008 and get your Holiday Season off to a fabulous start by coming to the Third Grade Student's performance of "Yankee Doodle's Dandy Christmas." This is a fun-filled show full of laughter and Christmas Spirit. You'll leave with a smile on your face and a lift to your spirit! Mrs. Drage and Miss Paxson's classes will perform at 6:00PM and Ms. Bernard, Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Shamis' classes will perform at 7:15PM. Both performances will be in the Zach Elementary Gym.

**TRAFFIC RULES**

As the weather begins to change and we get closer to winter it is important to review the traffic/kiss and go lane rules in order to keep our kids safe. Please always cross at the crosswalks and always pull forward as far as possible in order to keep traffic moving, and **never** drop your child off in the parking lot and let them cross traffic alone. In addition, the south parking lot is for staff parking, and is the bus and daycare drop off/pick up area only. Please drop your children off and pick them up in the "kiss and go" lane. As the weather changes the temptation to drop them off closer by pulling into the bus drop area will be strong so please continue to follow the plan that is in place. Often times what may be more convenient for one person creates problems for others. Finally, please support the staff on duty, they are there to keep your children out of harm's way.

A Special Thanks



*Special thanks to Gabi Larkin for donating the bagels to the PTO Kindergarten Breakfast.

*Thank you to the parents who had the opportunity to attend the first “Principal Coffee”. The conversation was rich and very helpful. The next “Coffee” is scheduled for 9:00 am November 3, 2008 in the Zach cafeteria. Please RSVP to Peggy or Jean by October 30th.



CALENDAR ITEMS

October 16-17		Parent – Teacher Conferences – No School for Students
October 20		Book Bowl for Grade 4 Begins
October 21	7PM	PTO Meeting (Media Center) Picture Retakes (Media Center)
October 24	6-8PM	Fall Family Dance at “The Ranch” Thomas McKee Bldg.
October 28	6:30-8PM	Kinard Parent Information Night for Zach Parents
October 30	2:30PM	Halloween Parties and Parade
October 31		Collaboration Day – No School for Students
November 3	9:00AM 6:30-8PM	Principal “Coffee” in the Cafeteria Zach Safety Committee Meeting in Teacher’s Lounge
November 4		ELECTION DAY
November 11	6:00-7:15	Site Based Meeting (Not Originally Scheduled)
November 18	7PM	PTO Meeting (Media Center)
November 20	6:00PM and 7:15PM	3rd Grade Music Program
November 26-28		Thanksgiving Break - No School for Students and Staff



ZACH ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES - September 16, 2008

Ron Burke, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Attendees included: Jenny Bostrom, Kellie Blumhardt, Jennifer Trumper, Gabi Larkin, Sara Mazanec, Kris Mueller, Heather Roys, Jennifer Washburn, Chris Wojslaw, Cindy Frost, Ann Henning, Stephanie Goetz, Greg Schilling, Cori Ramirez, Christi Menefee, Nora Smith, Christine Houldsworth, Tammi Wright, Jenny Oster, Dani Feola, Terra Moore, Alyssa Johnson, Don Rangel, Jane Serafin, Ron Burke, Michell Pett-Thomas, Susan Foran and Kathy Krzyzkowski.

President's Report - Ron Burke

We had an incredible Kindergarten Breakfast and a great Book Fair. There was great attendance.

Treasurer's Report - Jennifer Trumper

So far, over \$12,000.00 has come in from the Pledge. The ice cream social at the Open House had \$233.64 in expenses. The Kindergarten Breakfast came in under budget. The Scholastic Book Fair and the Pledge expenses also came in under budget. The partial teacher grants have been paid out. The A/R Enterprise expense of \$599.00 has been paid. Also, \$1000.00 was paid toward the Fall Assembly. Jane Serafin motioned to approve the report and Gabi Larkin seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Secretary's Report - Kathy Krzyzkowski

Approval will wait until publication of the minutes.

The Pledge - Ann Henning

So far, The Pledge has brought in \$12,025.00. It is running a little behind this year compared to this point in time last year. More advertising needs to happen. The Pledge video was never shown at the Back-to-School nights. The video is outdated and needs to be redone. We may put up large posters promoting The Pledge during the Parent-Teacher Conferences. The classroom competition has started again. Could use suggestions to advertise The Pledge in a new way.

Affinity Programs

So far the Caps For Cash program has brought in \$75.00 Not bad at 5 cents per cap. It is very similar to the Box Tops program which is run by the Literacy Lab.

Fall Dance- Jane Serafin

This year's theme is Halloween. Last year's DJ will be back. We would like the same music play list as last year. Could add some Halloween songs like the Monster Mash. Should the candy walk stay or change it to a Cake Walk? It could be homemade cakes and we would need a lot.

Sports Events- Gabi Larkin

Fossil Ridge does a cheerleading camp each year. We could do a Zach day at Fossil Ridge during a January or February basketball game. We are also planning on another baseball game in the springtime. Alyssa Johnson says that the Zach choir could sing at the same game.

Spirit Wear - Terra Moore

We are still collecting orders till the 19th. The first order will be massive. The 5th Grade may try to push a Spirit Day. The school colors are yellow and green. Maybe the shirts could be in the school colors as opposed to the now typical white or black shirts.

Book Fair

There was over \$12,000.00 in sales and the library gets over \$6,000.00 in books. The evening draw of parents was great but it was difficult getting it all organized and set up in time for Back-to-School nights.

Other Business

Vision/Hearing Screening was rescheduled for the 24th of November. The 4th Grade Book Bowl will start October 20th. Inta Juice and Cici Pizza have donated prizes for the book bowl participants and the committee is trying to get more prizes donated. We are striving to get 100% participation for each grade. There is a website for Book Bowl. <http://zachbookbowl.vpweb.com/> School pictures are all set. We still need to get a committee together to review and update the PTO bylaws. The review of bylaws is being tabled for now. Don Rangel is looking into the possibility of sending out the Zach newsletters via electronic means. Privacy and other issues must be addressed. Original Works has enough volunteers. The forms will go out in October and completed orders will return in November. Chris Mueller said the Media Center volunteer work is going well. There is a need to build a list of substitute volunteers since they need a volunteer there everyday at 9:00 a.m. The Cover Girls will now meet on Monday mornings. PTO is happy to see several new classroom representatives. Thanks to them for their time. A suggestion was made to change the meeting times and/or days for PTO. That will be discussed at a future meeting to possibly take effect next year.

Principal's Report - Don Rangel

The teachers have submitted a want list per grade level. The totals come to about \$6,500.00. Some of the requests will first be submitted to the District, (for example, 4th Grade Colorado History Books). First Year Teacher grant requests total about \$1,200.00. The Principal Coffees will start on October 6th at 9:00 a.m. There is an open invitation to all Zach parents who might want to attend. A work order has been submitted for additional bike racks.

The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21st. Meeting adjourned 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Krzyzkowski, Secretary

