



Zach Elementary

Parent Newsletter

December 19, 2008

Last Hard Copy of Newsletter!!!

Dear Parents and Friends,

On behalf of the Zach Staff, I wish you a safe, enjoyable winter break with your children and families. I use this poem every December, it seems very appropriate for the season.

A Smile

A smile costs nothing but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. No one is so rich and mighty that he can get along without it, and no one is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is a countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give a smile. Give them one of yours, as no one needs a smile so much as he who has none to give.
(These Times)

Winter break starts on December 22, 2008. **We will see all students again on January 6, 2009.**

Respectfully,
Don V. Rangel
Principal

Blooming Girls – Winter Session – January 6th - March 12th

Blooming Girls is a Fort Collins After-School Development Program that provides a safe and inspiring environment for girls aged 5 - 12 years old, where they can develop the life skills needed to reach their highest potential.

To learn more about the program go to: www.bloominggirlSCO.com or contact:

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Calendar Items

December 22-January 5 th		Winter Break – No School for Students and Staff
January 9		2 nd Quarter Reports of Progress Go Out To Parents
January 12 th	9:00AM 6:30PM 3:45PM	Principal Coffee (Please RSVP to Jean or Peggy) Zach Safety Committee Meeting Third Grade Book Bowl Begins Spring 3-5 Experienced Chess Club Begins - Media
January 13	7:00PM	Site Based Management Team Meeting (Note the date change)
January 14	3:45PM	Green Choir Rehearsals Begin 2/3 Grades-Music Room
January 15	7:00-9:00PM	Curriculum Fair for 5 th Grade @ Preston
January 16	1:45PM	Spelling Bee – Flex Room
January 19		No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
January 20	7:45AM 1:30PM 6:00PM 6:30-8:30PM	Spring K-3 Beginners' Chess Club Begins – Media Kinard/Preston Counselors @ Zach for 5 th Grade PTO Meeting - Media Parent Orientation for 5 th Grade @ Kinard
January 23rd		First Newsletter to be sent out electronically....some paper newsletters will be kept in the office for parents requesting one.
January 29	6:00-8:00PM	Kindergarten Orientation – Flex Room & Gym
February 12	7:00-6:00PM	Kindergarten Registration – Zach Office



HIP HOP & BREAK DANCE CLUB

Breaking the Cycle and Nurturing Healthy Choices

Break It! Hip Hop & Break Dance Club is an after school enrichment program for 3rd thru 9th graders that meets twice per week all school year long. After its fifth year at Putnam Elementary, *Break It!* is now opening to the public this January at our new location behind Barnes & Noble. For more information about auditioning, our club or summer camps, go to our website www.breakit.org or email info@breakit.org



Fourth Grade BOOK BOWL

A special thanks to all of our parents and staff that made Book Bowl possible for our 4th grade students. It was an impressive celebration of learning. A special thanks to Michell Pett-Thomas for coordinating the overall effort to make this great learning experience possible. We would also like to thank the following people for their time and energy to make this a successful experience:

Team Coaches for 4th grade

Erica Palacio	Stacy Durbin
Amy Schilling	Heather Edridge
Heidi Nelson	Susan King
Pamela Simmons-Lee	Cindy Nolan
Becky Grover	Melissa Meltzer
Jill Trenholm	Amy Dykstal
Christine Starke	Kim McCarthy
CheChe Alkaff	Terri Sunset
Jane Serafin	Erin Gee
Claudia Davis	Joan Spurgin
Tonya Yoder	Avi Rocklin
Susan Coyne	Rachel LeValley
Darlene Price	

Judges

Liesbeth Lafayette	Dave Dummer
Julie Metcalf	Susan Foran
Crystal Osthoff	Rex Petersen
Joni Norwood	Kris Linderholm

Misc Help

Ron Burke (on his birthday none the less)

Book Bowl Committee

Rex Petersen
Michelle Athanasiou
Melissa Meltzer
Gail Montgomery
Alison Williams
Kathy Krzyzkowski
Tammie Niemann
Darlene Price

Staff

4th grade teachers
Custodians Cory & Ken
Anna Waido

PTO NEWS

As 2008 comes to an end, the PTO has several changes. First, the PTO thanks Kathy Krzyzkowski for her hard work and dedication as our PTO Secretary. Kathy, you will be missed. With this change comes another in early 2009; the PTO welcomes Sara Mazanec as the incoming PTO Secretary. Thank you, Sara, for accepting this position.

Next, the PTO realizes the country's difficult economic situation is having a devastating impact right here in the Zach community. There isn't a day that goes by when I don't learn about another family that is impacted by either a job loss or an economic disaster. With this said, the PTO is exploring alternatives that may help us continue to fund the PTO sponsored programs that we all desire for our children. Through affinity programs, programs that would return money to Zach, we can take advantage of opportunities that are waiting for us. Hopefully, this will allow everyone to feel as though they are contributing to Zach by simply designating Zach as the school the program supports. By establishing relationships with these programs in early 2009, the PTO hopes to have these in place as we move into the 2009-2010 school year. Be looking for more details about these programs in early-mid January.

I hope to see you at the January PTO meeting. Have a great holiday season and Happy New Year!

Ron Burke
PTO President



EARLY CHILDHOOD



POUDRE
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Poudre School District Early Childhood Program

Enrollment for 2009-2010 School Year

Begins in January

Barton Early Childhood Center • 970-490-3204

www.psdschools.org/schools/earlychildhood

Don't Delay- Classes Fill Quickly

***The Early Childhood Education Program, designed for typically developing children and children with disabilities, offers services at no cost to children and families that meet certain eligibility requirements. Requirements include child's age (prenatal through five years), child's developmental needs, and family needs and income.**



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ZACH ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES - December 2, 2008

Gabi Larkin, VIPS Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
Attendees included: Susan Coyne, Gabi Larkin, Stephanie Goetz, Indrajit Manna,
Jennifer Trumper, Sara Mazanec and Kathy Krzyzkowski.

The only order of business is to vote on the new PTO Secretary. Sara Mazanec is the only nominee and was voted in unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Krzyzkowski, Secretary