



Columbine Connections

Columbine Recognizes Positive Identity

Kids these days are exposed to many negative images and ideas. This makes developing and maintaining self-confidence and a positive identity hard. Our staff works on reinforcing student's natural desire to create a positive identity by recognizing students who have traits that strengthen their identities. Tuesday we recognized our students who maintain a positive identity. These students consistently:

- Exhibit pride in their culture
- Demonstrate pride in their language
- Are optimistic about their future
- Resist negative peer pressure

First Grade:Jared Ordaz, Daniel Hernandez, Fabiola Longoria, Jazueline Ortega, Stephanie Rodriguez, Emily delaCruz, Cristian

Lopez, Perla Ordaz, Jovanni Mata-Galindo, Daniel Curiel, Manuel Barcenas, Madison Lar-ter, Juan Carlos Chapparo, Leslie Castillo, Saul Escobar, Angel Ruiz, Aylin Vaquera

Second Grade: Jackson Silva-Escalante, Heidi Flores-Lemus, Ricky Crespo-Mosqueda, Lauren Granados, Lupita Calderón, José Pablo López, Abril Samaniego, Makiko Ogino

Third Grade:Luciano Pitones, Cristian Castro, Emily Diaz, Martin Rodriguez, Ramiro López, Janet Astorga, Angela Ramirez, Erika Olguin

Fourth Grade: Irvin Marroquin, Melea Diaz, Katherine Gutierrez, Jose Pech

Fifth Grade:Alberto López-Gutierrez, Javier Herrera, Stephanie Bautista, Vanessa Delgado, Cynthia Puentes, Deysi Longoria, Jose Ordaz, Katarin Abrego, Victor Arellano, Anthony Garcia, Andrea Jimenez

Announcements

- **The office will be staffed thru June 12th. It will then be closed until July 28th and will reopen for the fall on July 29th.**
- Look for your fall information packet in early August. This will include a reminder schedule for our fall assessment days, a school supply list and the building calendar for the year.
- If your family needs assistance obtaining school supplies for next year, look for a flyer that will be mailed in your "back to school packets" in August with details about distribution dates and location.
- If you haven't turned in your child's registration form for next year, please do so before our office closes for the summer June 12th.

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Office opens 7/29

August Calendar

A-F assessment day	17
(8:30-11:30)	
G-N assessment day	17
(12:30-3:30)	
O-Z assessment day	18
(8:30-11:30)	
Kinder meet & Greet	19
First Day For Students	20



Introducing.....

Marcos Rodriguez was named the new principal of Columbine for the 2009/10 school year. Mr. Rodriguez comes to us from his position as principal at Northridge Elementary in Longmont. He has extensive experience with bilingual instruction, puts kids first and is passionate and excited about joining the Columbine community. In his free time he is an avid Denver Bronco fan. Welcome Marcos!



Summertime Should Include Reading

The carefree days of summer are upon us. The days will be filled with swimming, playing and lazy afternoons. These activities are what make summer so special. It's easy to fall into the idle routine, but that isn't what's best for our students. Kids need to keep their brains active over the summer to avoid the regression we often see

when they return to school in the fall. This year, it is especially important to keep them thinking since we will be assessing students first thing in August. Establish a daily reading time the first day of summer vacation so your child adapts to the expectation. Variety will help them stay engaged. Choose exciting books, play math games,



watch an educational program or keep a summer journal. We have plenty of links to fun, educational games on our website—check out the "Useful Links" on our *Parents* page. Have fun with your downtime and come back ready to learn in August.

END OF YEAR SIT PROGRESS REPORT by Lynn Widger

The 2008-09 school year is ending with a great success in our climate goal as well as our results in other areas of the Student Climate Survey.



First our school climate goal:

By 2010, positive responses to questions on the harassment cluster of the School Climate survey will increase with statistical significance in 6 of the 8 questions.

In our 2009 results, responses to questions in the harassment cluster increased with statistical significance in 7 of the 8 questions.

PTA News



The PTA had their final meeting of the year on May 18th. The calendar for the 2008-09 school year with dates for special events and conferences was discussed. A November date was selected for the carnival and the group decided to move the Mile Marathon to the Friday before school dismisses even though it limits access to our elite athlete guests. There was some discussion around staffing levels

Beyond our Climate Goal:

In December of 2009, Chris King, BVSD Superintendent, stated that our school climate was a concern, based upon the result of the 2008 survey results. Columbine teachers had previously identified the same concerns and worked to establish our PBS system. To augment the PBS approach, classroom community building efforts were initiated by social worker, Carrie Evans, and our counselor, Lisa Hassin. **As a result of these efforts, we had a statistically significant increase in 63% of all the questions on the survey.**

for the 2009/10 school year. We have lost some funding but our principal Widger was able to shift resources around so we can maintain relatively small class sizes and still provide for SSL, TAG, differentiated instruction and accelerated math. In an effort to encourage Latino participation in PTA, we will add communication officers who will contact parents. Edgar Chavarria, a parent, offered to conduct a survey to find

Raffle Winners Celebrate Prizes

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we had record raffle sales and profits this year. A special thanks to all our volunteers who helped stuff packets and fulfill orders: Gabina Silva, Lori Kuczinski-Tripp, Spencer King, Joni Burr, Nancy Peterson, Debrorah Lieberman, Kathy Gilbert, Wanda Pelegrina-Caldas, Trish Wood, Martina DeLaCruz, Liesl Freudenstein, Leticia Escalante, and Carrie Wells. Here's a list of our lucky winners:

1st Prize (\$750) Seana Katz

2nd Prize (\$300) Loy Sanchez

3rd Prize (\$100) Sue Hines

\$100 Target card: Lori Kuczinski-Tripp

Restaurant Gift Cards: Deb Anderson, Joel Arias, Mark Larter, Christa Lyman, Denise Gragg, Julian Cid, Sergio Ibanif, Christian D, Angela Dominguez, Jose Lopez, Amanda Prentiss, Tina Larter, Diane Bennett, Perry Smith, Katie Grove, Pablo Arellano

Other Gifts/Cards: Jim Gragg, Tiffany Grove, Connie Hauser, Walter Alvarado, Joe Eberle, Christine Wright, Karla Vazquez, Juliette Lepine, Oscar Jaime, Rosalba Altamira, Anne Upzack-Garcia, Erik Stenflo

Bike: Deborah Lieberman

Collect Box Tops This Summer



Columbine will be participating in the Box Tops For Education program next year. Please clip the box tops (shown above) off cereal, snacks, and hundreds of other products in the grocery store this summer and save them to bring to school in the fall. Many other schools earn significant funds for their schools by participating in this easy program.

A Special Thanks

All year we have been supported, pampered and surprised by the volunteers from First Presbyterian Church. They have adopted us in many ways including Kids Hope, spring clean-up, the Lights of December parade and continually treating our staff with food and words of encouragement. We are truly blessed by their support and want to publicly acknowledge them for their kindness.



our what would increase parent's interest in participating in PTA. Finally, we discussed Officers for the 08-09 year. Boyd McCollum will be president, Francine Alberts will be Vice President. Other officer's positions will remain unchanged until September when interested parents will have a chance to volunteer. Thanks to all who attended, join us next year again!

Columbine Wins Greenstar Grant

Eco-Cycle is pleased to announce that that BCSIS/High Peaks, Columbine Elementary, Louisville Elementary and Lyons Elementary are the four recipients of this year's Zero Waste-Green Star Schools Grant.



This grant will provide these schools with compostable plates and cups for all students at four classroom parties throughout the 2009-2010 school year. The schools were selected on the basis of their participation in the Green Star Schools Program and their commitment to furthering Zero Waste activities in their building.