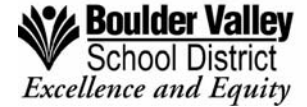




Columbine Connections



Columbine Recognizes Committed Learners



We're proud that all our students are committed to learning here at Columbine.

We're also lucky to have a few shining stars in terms of spreading that commitment.

On May 1st we recognized our students who show extra commitment to learning. These students consistently:

- Pay attention in class
- Do their homework
- Produce quality work
- Participate in class discussions
- Motivate others to do the same

Please join us in recognizing the following students and their families:

First Grade: Diana Alarcon, Akriti Poudel, Sam Malkinson, Kenny Jew, Dylan Tripp, David DelaTorre, Ira Dinsmore, Jazlyn Jaquez, Esther Rupert, Louis King, Amina Gilbert, Briseyda Magdaleño, Jacob Traum, Eduardo Jimenez, Christopher Jimenez, Jampier Torres-Munoz, David Bautista, Karina de la Cruz, Jaqueline ortega-Munoz, Stephanie Pitones-

Rodriguez, Valeria Zavala, Sergio Cardona, Brian Ordaz

Second Grade: Katie Quezada-Valles, Tavian Keatley-Welch, Diana Hernandez, Jorge Cruz, Alejandra Martinez, Reyna Espinoza, Bernardo Macias, Ian McDiarmid, Yvonne Hong

Third Grade: Diana Lopez, Dara Ramirez, Wendy Ibarra, Victor Silva, Lizeth Hernandez, Paloma Robles, Alejandro Enriquez, Wendy Gutierrez, Zen Mccollum, Michael Groves

Fourth Grade: Becca Smith, Claudia Ibarra, Jorge Jimenez, Emily Escobar, Edwin Sanchez, Irvin Marroquin, Alfredo Campos, Uri Cornelio, Jesus Olguin, Angela Castruita

Fifth Grade: Isaac Fraley, Angy Gutierrez, Ezequiel Quezada, Brian Castruita, Diana Ordaz, Daniel Macias, Melisa Castruita, Isabel hinojosa, Anthony Garcia, Jose Luis Corchado, Jonathan Vaquera

Announcements

- **All library materials are due by Friday, May 15th.** If your child has any books at home, please return them or you will be charged replacement costs.
- We still need to fill some volunteer positions for the Mile Marathon on May 22nd. Please sign up in the lobby if you can help.
- The May PTA meeting has been moved to May 18th to allow our community to participate in the principal's forum on May 11th.
- Several weeks ago we sent home re-enrollment forms for the 2009-10 school year. Please complete the form, and return it to your child's classroom teacher. If you are not planning on returning to Columbine, please check the "not returning" box. We need this information to plan staffing levels for next year.

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May 8, 2009

May Calendar

(See the attached calendar for all this month's events)

Raffle Update

By the time you read this, we will have drawn our raffle winners for the year!

Even if you didn't win a prize, we were all winners in the raffle! This year we sold over 2,500 tickets and generated close to \$8000. That means over \$6,700 for our school. This is the most we have EVER raised! We appreciate all the hard work from our raffle volunteers, students and families for making this fundraiser a success.

A special congrats to Ms. Janet's 2nd grade class who returned ALL their packets and Ms. Anne's 1st grade class who sold the most tickets—434!

Columbine to Select New Principal

The process for selecting our new principal for the 2009/10 school year has begun. A group of administrators and staff reviewed resumes of the 46 applicants on May 4th and contacted several for interviews. A committee of parents, staff, administrators

and potential parents will interview the candidates on May 11th. Based on those interviews, the committee will select a few candidates to participate in our community forum. **The forum will take place on Monday, May 11th from 6:30-8:30 PM, child-**

care and translation will be provided. This is your chance to ask questions and give administrators feedback about the candidates. The final selection will be made by district officials after a second round of interviews on May 12th.

Cultivating Healthy Parent-Child Relationships

by Stephanie Bryan, LCSW, CAD III

Healthy parent-child relationships are the foundation for successful children. We tend to parent either the way we were parented or the opposite. So, while we may strive to have healthy relationships with our children, our experiences or lack of knowledge may hold us back. Parent educators talk about three different styles of parenting, generically referred to as authoritarian, permissive and authoritative. Love and Logic refers to these styles as drill sergeant, helicopter and consultant.

Authoritarian, or drill sergeant, parents command and direct the lives of children. They set rigid boundaries, always try to be in control, and exert control over their children. The message they send is, "I know what's best for you, so listen to me and do what I say."

Permissive, or helicopter, parents hover and rescue their children when they make mistakes. They set few, if any, boundaries and give most of the control to their chil-

dren. The message they send is, "You don't really need to be responsible. If you make a mistake, I will rescue you."

Authoritative, or consultant, parents provide guidance, support and direction. They set basic boundaries that evolve as kids mature and share control by giving kids as much control as they can handle. The message they send is, "You need to figure things out and learn to think for yourself, because the quality of your life will depend upon your thinking and decision-making."

We can get away with the drill sergeant or helicopter style when kids are young. What happens with these two styles is that it conditions a child to listen to a voice outside of their own. When that voice is the parent's or the teacher's, we think it works. When our kids become teens, if they have been conditioned to listen to an external voice, they will continue to do so - this time that voice will be their peers.

It takes knowledge and practice to learn and implement a new style. The authoritative, or consultant, style is usually more difficult for parents who were not raised that way themselves. The power in this style is in raising kids who develop an inner guide that helps them think through problems. When these kids become teenagers and a peer suggests something, they will run it through their internal filter and ask, "How this will work for me?" This leaves them much less vulnerable to peer pressure.

Using an authoritative parenting style does not guarantee that your child will always make good decisions. But the good news is that he or she will have an opportunity to learn from the consequences of their decisions. A good website on parenting styles is www.parentingstyles.co.uk/home.htm. [early_childhood.html](http://www.parentingstyles.co.uk/home.htm).

Happy Parenting

PTA News

The April PTA meeting was spent organizing plans for the Mile Marathon, teacher appreciation, the raffle and other end of the year activities. The timeline and process for hiring a new principal was discussed. The main concern was giving our community opportunities to participate in more ways than via meetings. In lieu of

organizing teacher appreciation at the school, the PTA voted to donate money towards a mariachi band that performed at a party the staff organized on their own. Some PTA members stayed to listen to a presentation about the final outcome of the OCR (Office of Civil Rights) agreement.

PBS Update



PBS is going strong as we wrap up this school year! For the month of May, Columbine Wildcats are focusing on "spotting great behavior". Students can nominate other students for a Wildcat Celebration. A wildcat celebration is a little certificate stating whether the student was being safe, respectful, or responsible. The bottom portion gets cut off and entered into a weekly drawing

where students can win lunch at the Wildcat Cafe! A huge thank you to students, staff, and parents for making PBS such a success this year at Columbine!

PBS Celebration!!

We recently received the results of our 2008/9 climate survey. This survey is administered to 3rd-5th graders throughout the district. Our results show statistically significant increases on

	FINAL PTA MEETING!
	Please join us for our final PTA meeting of the 2008/9 school year on Monday, May 18th @6:30 PM in the art room. We will be assembling ribbons for the mile marathon and selecting officers for next year. Snacks, translation and childcare provided.

26 of 40 questions! In fact, many of our results exceeded the overall district scores. These results confirm what the staff has seen...PBS is working to make Columbine safer, and our students more responsible and respectful. While we celebrate this news, our PBS committee will continue to work on improvements and refinements of this program next year.

It's the end of the year.....



Only 13 school days left!



But...it's never too soon to plan for next year!



Watch for important information about fall assessment days and supplies lists for the 2009/10 school year in the next couple of weeks.

