

COLUMBINE CONNECTIONS

COLUMBINE ELEMENTARY
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School News

Book Fair a Huge Success

Thank you to all of those who helped us to raise \$1465 for the Book Fair. All of this money will be used to purchase new books for the library. We want to thank all of you who did your shopping here. A big thank you to all of the volunteers who made this possible: Trish Wood, Linda Cohen, Lela Seglehorst, Beneranda Ramirez, Liesl Freudenstein, Jennifer Cleary, Sara King, Joni Burr, Nell Box, Fran Brown, Cybil Noreika, Jennifer Taylor, Rebekah Hartman, Manuela Ordoz, Deb Anderson, Sue Hines, Imelda Cruz, Nancy McCarthy and Kristin Elder-Rubino. We couldn't have done it without you!!

Kindergarten Registration

If you have a child starting kindergarten in the Fall, please stop by the office and register him/her. Tell you friends and neighbors too! Early registration helps our planning and ensures your child has a spot.

Volunteer Opportunities

Anyone interested in helping develop a phone tree for each class, contact Wanda @ 303-441-4059.

The library is often in need of volunteers to shelve books and help classes with check-out. An hour a week will make a big difference. If you're interested, stop by the library and speak with Melissa.

Bien Educados :Responsibility

This month's *Bien Educados* awards were held on December 15th. Students who demonstrate responsibility in the classroom and their families were recognized. Congratulations to our *Bien Educados* recipients:

First Grade: Aquantis Comer, Alejandra Caballero, Zoe Swingle, Ezekiel Ah, Ramiro Lopez-Gutierrez, Marcela Barron, Wendy Gutierrez, Brisa Molina, Araceli Gordillo, Diana Colis, Miguel Martinez-Valtierra, Christopher Gutierrez, Angel Macias, Dara Ramirez

Second Grade: Luis David Portillo, Antonio Hernández, Leidy Guerrero, Eric Brunner, Gabi Rubino, Claudia Ibarra, Rohini Krishnadas, Ryanne Calinawagan, Emily Escobar, Lupita Vaquera, Jesús Monreal

Third Grade: Edith Garcia, Roberto Belmont, Diana Ordaz, Oliver King, Jordan Hines, Melissa Castruita, Vanessa Delgado, Nicholas Gutierrez, Alden Burr, Alyssa Taylor, Estefany Hernandez, Jorge Zavala

Fourth Grade: Pedro De La Cruz, Kelly Castaneda, Irania Gordillo, Karla Cruz, Jennifer Perez, Hector Ordaz-Murillo

Fifth Grade: Yilda Hernandez, Zaira Barrera, David Torres, Victor Vazquez, Stephanie Garza, Saray Hernandez, Galen Burr

Emergency Card Reminder

Due to the planned moves for families living in San Juan or near the North Boulder Recreation center, we will be sending new emergency cards home in January. **It's important you complete and return these cards to school.** We keep this information on file so we can contact you if there is an emergency with your child.

District News

Bond Issue Passes

Voters passed the November 7th bond issue earmarked for school renovations, upgrades and repairs across the district. Over \$8 million of improvements and repairs are planned for Columbine. The projects are in the early planning stages. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Changes to School Calendar Proposed

Significant changes to the current school calendar are being proposed. The proposed calendar begins one week earlier than in past years, allows for a longer winter break, fewer individual days off, and ends in late May. A final decision will be made in January.

Community News

Columbine received a generous donation of office and school supplies from Extras for Education. Extras for Education is a local organization that collects and distributes valuable educational materials for re-use to schools and other non-profits. Thanks to Extras for helping our school **and** protecting the environment!

PTA News

Santa Shop Brings Smiles

Special thanks to Joni Burr for suggesting and coordinating the Santa Shop. It was a big success and the kids were delighted to purchase holiday gifts for their families. PTA was excited to sponsor this educational experience for the kids. We look forward to doing it again next year.

Meeting Summary

PTA met 12/11 and gave feedback regarding the proposed school calendar changes. A draft of a new school dress code policy was presented and supported by the parents. Preliminary plans for the upcoming raffle and 30th Mile Marathon were also discussed. Ideas to improve parent-to-parent communication were shared and we hope to have a phone tree in place soon.

**NEXT MEETING- MONDAY, JAN 8, 2007
6:30 PM in the Art Room – Childcare
Provided**

Parenting Corner

6 tips to get to school on time:

1. No TV
2. Set out clothes the night before.
3. Have your child place their homework, backpack and musical instrument by the door.
4. Establish consistent bedtime routines to make certain your child gets proper rest.
5. Prepare lunch the night before.
6. Set your alarm 10 minutes earlier than normal to allow for unexpected delays.

January Calendar

3 rd	Classes start
8 th	PTA Meeting -6:30
9 th	“Get to Know Columbine” night for new parents -6pm
15 th	No school – MLK day
22 nd	No School- professional development day
26	Fiesta Night

PARENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are asking parents to observe our parking lot policies. Please do not park in the parking lots. These spaces are intended for Columbine staff.

Also, please be **EXTREMELY CAREFUL** when driving through the parking lot to drop off or pick up you children. Recently, we have had several near accidents where children almost were hit.

If you need to get out of your car to drop your child off, please park on the street in front of the school or on Glenwood.

This has been an ongoing problem at our school so let's make it our collective New Years Resolution to improve drop-off and pick-up.

THANKS

