



# Columbine Connections

## Columbine Recognizes Positive Values

Columbine's mission for our students goes beyond academics, we're preparing them to be caring citizens. Our *bien educados* award this month reflects this part of our mission. On March 23rd, our recognition ceremony awarded students who consistently display positive values such as:

- Committed to social justice
- Honesty
- Committed to family
- Committed to classroom community
- Respectful to peers and adults

**First Grade:** Lydia Arney, Ivan Arellano-Ramirez, Edward Lilienkamp, Luz Gordillo, Edgar Arellano, Alex

Garcia, Sandra Romero, Nely Arellano, Luis Perez, Maria Arellano, Cristian Chairez, Edgar Gonzalez, Cristian Martinez, Angela Ramirez

**Second Grade:** Angela Castuita, Juanita Chaires, Alfredo Campos, A.B. Perez, Ira Ah, Hritika Thapa, Brian Delgado, Josue Ake-Pech, Luis Perez

**Third Grade:** Victor Arellano, Jesus Ramirez, Ansel Zalcborg, Thalia Valles, Heidi Rodriguez, Richard Dinsmore, Stephanie Bautista, Andrea Jimenez, Jessica Arias, Jose Zavala

**Fourth Grade:** Nareth Yann, Ivon Gonzalez, Priscila Pitones, Alejandro Pitones,

Mario Villa, Juan de Dios Arellano

**Fifth Grade:** Mabel Amaton-Marinez, Itzel Lemus, Alejandra Zamarripa, Alina Medina, Melvin Gutierrez, Jose Luis Lopez Flores, Alexia Rojas

Congratulations to our students with positive values and their families.



Third Grade students smile big with their wildcats!

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### April Calendar

Classes Begin	4
Preschool story hour (10:00—11:00 am in library)	5
PTA Meeting (6:30 pm - Art Room)	9
Group Picture Day	12
Colorado Ballet Presentation	17
Simon Silva Artist Presentations	18
No School (Professional development)	20
Preschool story hour (9:30—10:30 am in library)	25
3rd Grade Musical (6:30 Cafeteria)	26

## End of year plans ramping up....

The last two full months of school are an exciting time at Columbine. Please pay special attention to all our activities so your child doesn't miss out on the fun. Here's some highlights:

On April 17th, The Colorado Ballet will be gracing us with a performance titled—*A Step In Time*. The next day (4/18) our students

will continue their exposure to culture with Simon Silva, an artist from Mexico. Simon will be doing presentations on how he creates his paintings and prints. Later in the month, on April 26th, our third graders will be doing their Colorado History Musical. May is filled with more performances. Our fifth grade has been working hard on *The Wizard of Oz* which

they will deliver in a "dessert theater" the evening of May 8th. Be sure to keep the morning of Saturday May 12th open to help out with our annual spring cleanup. Then it's time for our kindergartners to shine with their Africa musical on May 17th. We'll squeeze in the Mile Marathon on 5/25 and Shakespeare the evening 5/30 before the month ends.

**Spring Book Fair Buy 1, get one FREE. May 7-10th**

### Reminder

Your child should have received their raffle packet today. Please be certain to help your child by reading the parent letter and encouraging them to sell at least 5 tickets. The funds raised will help support class materials and activities. You might even be one of our lucky winners!

## PTA News

The PTA met March 5th to discuss school related news. Plans were finalized for the raffle and teacher appreciation dinners during parent-teacher conferences. Ideas for publicizing the 30th Mile Marathon and Columbine's 50th Anniversary were shared and tasks were assigned.

Since the school year for 2007-2008 will begin on August 20 this year, teachers are working on options for doing the district-wide scheduled student assessments the week prior. PTA expressed a preference for having students come for 1/2 day blocks instead of scheduling specific appointments because it would be easier on families.

Finally, Ms. Widger shared input from the building renovation project team. The project team has been meeting regularly and would like our renovation to allow for the

possibility of all day kindergarten, more space to expand the pre-k program, and a stage for performances. PTA members expressed support for these ideas.

Complete minutes of the meeting can be found on the PTA bulletin board just past the front office.

**Next meeting: April 9th—6:30 pm in the Art Room. Childcare and translation provided.**

### Reminder-PTA needs Officers & DAC Rep

The PTA still needs to fill several officers positions for the coming year. They also need a rep for the District Accountability Council (DAC), a parent group that meets monthly and is responsible for school accreditations and provides other input on larger district issues. Come to the next PTA meeting.

### Volunteer Corner:

**Mile Marathon**—May 25th (7:30-10 am)  
Mark your calendars and look for the volunteer sign up in the lobby in early May

**Field Day**— Ms. O'Neill, our PE Teacher, is organizing a day of races and other fun PE games. She needs 16 volunteers on Tuesday, June 5th to run the stations.

**Bookfair**—May 5-9th. Many volunteers needed to help kids choose and pay for books. Sign up for a time slot in the library

**Shakespeare**— 8—10 volunteers needed to help with May 30th Midsummer Nights Dream Performance. 6-7 pm.

Contact the school if can help with one of these positions.

## School Board Appoints New Superintendent

The Boulder Valley Board of Education officially appointed Dr. Chris King, the district's current deputy superintendent, to be its new superintendent as of July 1, 2007. Dr. King, 45, will succeed Dr. George F. Garcia, who has led the 28,000 student district since the summer of 2000.

Dr. King was identified through a nationwide search and underwent a series of community and private interviews. The

board unanimously agreed on King as the best choice.

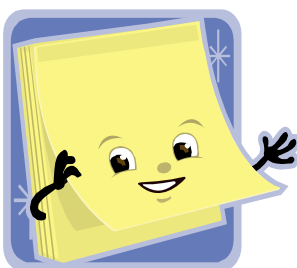
"The Board is delighted that Chris King has accepted our offer to lead our already high-performing school district to even higher levels of academic achievement and equity of educational opportunity for each of our students," declared Dr. Haylayne Jones, president of the seven-member board.

### Smile Big

Class pictures are Thursday, April 12th. Please be sure your child brings their order form and payment. Also, remind them to dress appropriately for this memorable photograph. Thanks



## From the Office



*Help our office staff by calling BEFORE 2:00 PM if you need to make a change to your child's afternoon transportation plans.*

Lately the office has had a high frequency of last minute calls regarding afternoon transportation changes. We understand that some of these changes are

unavoidable and want to help parents by remaining flexible. However, since it is sometimes difficult to locate classes at the end of the day, we ask that you inform us of any changes **BEFORE 2PM. If you call after 2PM we can't guarantee we will be able to pass the message along to your child.** Please help us avoid transportation mishaps and stranded children by calling us early or sending your child with a note in the morning. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.

### Columbine Welcomes New Students:

We're excited to have some new students this month. Please join us in welcoming:

Jorge Cruz-Kinder-Ms. Walmsley  
Sean Shrestha -Kinder -Ms. Walmsley

A special welcome back to third grade teacher Ms. Sarah who is returning following the birth of her daughter Zoe!