

Events and News



Eat at Chipotle Jan. 15th , 5-8 PM

We have another tasty fundraiser planned for next week. Chipotle has generously offered to sponsor an eat-in fundraiser for our school on Tuesday, January 15th from 5-8 PM. Please join us for some great Mexican food at the downtown Chipotle store (919 Pearl Street) one block West of the Pearl Street Mall. Columbine will receive 50% of sales during our specified time.

Fiesta Night

PTA and FRS will be co-sponsoring our Fiesta Night on Friday, January 25th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Please join us for this Columbine tradition which includes a delicious pot luck, games, dancing and



great conversation. Bring the whole family and enjoy the evening.

Bond Issue Project Still on Hold

Many parents and neighbors have been inquiring about the progress towards our bond issue project. The decision regarding whether we will receive a new school has been delayed again until after January 10th which is the proposed closing date for the sale of Washington school. However, the district is still committed to finding other sources of funding for the project if the sale of Washington falls through. Look for more news in the February newsletter.



Gift Basket Winners

Congratulations to our winter gift basket

winners. If you didn't get a chance to see them, our teachers donated many wonderful, gourmet items for this thank you to our community. The lucky winners were:

Lili Sánchez—1st Grade

Lani Bulkacz—1st Grade

Jennifer Ramirez, 3rd Grade

Keep Collecting Box Tops

Don't forget to keep collecting "box-tops for education" coupons found on many popular food and household items. Be sure to include the expiration date when you are cutting so your top is valid. Collected coupons should be deposited in the box outside Kristen's kindergarten room. We've already raised over \$45.



PTA News



The December PTA meeting was brief but included some important discussion. Our principal, Ms. Widger, shared with us the responsibilities of our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Mendez. In her new position here, Ms. Mendez will be focusing on the climate aspect of our school improvement goals. She will be working on discipline including the formation of a behavior plan and climate committee for our school. She also will supervise

PARAS/Tutors. Lynn also shared information about the increase in afterschool programming focusing on academics (see article on page 1). Finally, Lynn discussed our progress with Open Enrollment. Tours have begun and we've had more interest than in the past, especially from families outside of our attendance area. The district is considering allowing some enrollment in from families who DO NOT qualify for free/reduced

lunch. We are also exploring adding two new housing developments to our attendance area. PTA as a whole discussed the Casey move to Platt and made preliminary plans for the Fiesta Night.

Next Meeting—Monday, January 14th 6:30 PM in the art room, childcare and translation provided.

From the Office



We're starting to experience bottlenecks and delays in the parking lot again. **The parking lot in front of the school is for staff parking only.** Parents are not allowed to park in either of the lots in front of the school. If you need to get out of your car, even if just for a minute or two,

please park on the street either on Reppier or Glenwood. **The front lot is a pull-thru lot for drop-off and pick-up only.** This policy ensures the safety of our students and allows for efficient drop off and pick up. The Boulder Police department has received numerous complaints and is asking for our cooperation....please be part of the solution. Thanks

No Early Dismissal

We will no longer be permitting early dismissal unless your child has an appointment or family emergency. Numerous early dismissals require us to interrupt class and disrupts learning for all our students. Missing even 10-20 minutes a few days a week adds up to a significant loss in instructional time. Please understand when we deny your request.



Columbine Connections

Columbine Recognizes *Bien Educados* Recipients

Columbine held it's last Bien Educados assemblies for the calendar year just before winter break. December's awards were given to students who care for themselves and others. These students take good care of themselves thru exercise, good nutrition and maintaining a good appearance. They also take care of others with their words and actions. Please join us in congratulating the following students:

First Grade: Tavian Keatley-Welch, Jacqueline Rivera-Escalante, Richy Crespo-Mosqueda, German Villa, Alma Vasquez, Evan Gordillo, Sofia Baranas, Emily Hernandez, Ellen Bartels, Asusena Sánchez

Second Grade: Alejandra Caballero, Silvia Ontiveros, Jeremiah Hartman, Marcela



Barrón, Juan Carlos Ortiz, Martin Rodriguez, Eileen Longoria, Rubicel Rodriguez, Aylin Alcalá, Eric Esparza, Angela Ramirez,

Third Grade: Jorge Jimenez, Haley Larson, Gaby Lopez, Lupita Vaquera, Angie Santillán, Lisandra Ibarra

Noah Peterson, Edma Colin, Areli Gutierrez.

Fifth Grade: Irania Gordillo, Jenny Perez, Juan Antonio Campos

Fourth Grade: Edith Garcia, Janice Contreras, Liliana Hernandez, Martin de Santiago, Briana Castruita, Alejandra Lopez, Victor Arellano,

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January Calendar

PTA Meeting	14
Chipotle fundraiser	15
No School - (Martin Luther King)	21
Preschool Story Hour (9:30-10:30 Library)	22
Dental Screening (9-2:30)	24
Fiesta Night (6-8PM)	25
School-wide weather assembly with Mike Nelson from 9News (10-11AM)	29

Afterschool Programming Getting a Boost

Later this month you will be receiving information about our afterschool offerings for the new year. We have received extra funds from Title I to improve student achievement in areas where we fell short on the CSAP last Spring. These funds will be allocated towards more academic type classes and will focus on reading, writing and

math. Classes will be targeted towards our students who need extra support on those areas. In addition, there will be one combination class that will be both a math lab for students and a training for teachers on different methods of math instruction. We're excited about these classes and are confident they will be both fun and educa-

tional. FRS (Family Resource Schools) is also working on finalizing their offerings which will be more enrichment focused. Ideally, the more academic classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays and enrichment classes will be on Tuesdays/Thursdays. Check the FRS newsletter for more details.



New Policy:

5th Grade students who forget their instruments on band days (Mon/Wed) will be sent to a new study hall we have created. This will not be a social or fun time so students are encouraged to remember.