

From the principal's desk...

What an exciting finish to the school year! I hope that you will take the time with your children in these final days of school to celebrate the growth that each child made this year. Look at the writing that was done in August, compare that to a recent piece of writing this month – I'm confident that you'll be impressed with the hard work that your kids accomplished this year. I know that I've seen remarkable growth in my two sons – and there's nothing more satisfying than seeing those positive moves.

As we close the doors on the 2009-2010 school year, we also prepare for the 2010-2011 school year. This week, a committee of teachers and a parent met with me to interview candidates for our open positions. We finalized our planning for our classroom staffing, and I'm pleased to announce the following changes:

- **Allison Trautwein** will be our new 1st grade teacher this fall! Mrs. Trautwein did a sensational job as our Talented & Gifted advisor this year, and moves into a classroom teaching position. Mrs. Trautwein moved to Colorado in 2009 after teaching in South Carolina.
- **Anne Gibson** will return to full-time teaching next year in 3rd grade! Mrs. Gibson has taught Kindergarten half-time for the past three years at Douglass, and returns to her former grade level.
- **Michelle Cassels** joins the faculty as our new half-time Kindergarten teacher! Mrs. Cassels has been the K-Care teacher at Eisenhower Elementary here in Boulder most recently, but also taught primary grades in the Denver Public Schools for over 10 years.

We also say good-bye to **Pam Unrau**, who has announced her retirement, and to **Rhonda McCutcheon** as she returns to Birch Elementary School this fall. I'd like to thank you both for your work with our children and wish you the best as you move forward!

Next week, we will also bid adieu to our 5th grade students. Their graduation will be on Thursday afternoon here in our gym. On behalf of your teachers who have seen you grow from tiny Kindergartners to become the big kids in the school, I wish you all good fortune and great learning as you begin your middle years of education.

I'm looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year with you all on Wednesday at our all-school Luau! Our last day of school is Thursday, May 27. And I wish you all a delightful and safe summer vacation.

Your principal,

Jon Wolfer