

Dear families,

Hats off to the students, teachers, parents, and community sponsors at Douglass Elementary School for the incredibly successful Jog-A-Thon today! What a sight to behold today as over 400 students, all clad in red, running for 20 to 30 minutes in support of our school. It's a tribute to our community to have an event that supports both physical fitness and the academic programming at our school.

We'll announce the total amount raised shortly. As you know, this fundraiser will help support our school in a very challenging economic climate - our budget was cut by over \$37,000 for 2010-2011, and the support of our PTO makes personnel cuts unlikely this year. On behalf of our teachers and staff, thank you for reducing the impact of the recession on the education of our kids!

Look for details in this month's newsletter about the end of year school party. We will have school-wide events on Wednesday, May 26, to celebrate a successful year at Douglass Elementary School. We hope to see you all there, and will be counting on a large number of parent volunteers to make this event a success. Please note that this school-wide celebration will take the place of individual grade-level or classroom parties.

I'd like to thank the teachers, parents and community members who stepped forward to volunteer for our Bond Project Design Advisory Team. We hope to meet later this month to plan the construction projects, which begin in the summer of 2011. I'm very pleased with the response and with the expertise of those who are willing to serve on this important team!

School results of the CSAP for third grade reading were released on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. Third graders were assessed on how well they understood Colorado Reading Standard #1: Students read and understand a variety of reading materials. This CSAP test included a variety of multiple-choice questions and short-constructed response questions that required written answers.

The purpose of the CSAP is to provide the State a picture of student performance on state academic content standards for educators, policymakers, and the public and also to provide a context for improving public education. This year, 90% of Douglass Elementary School third graders scored at proficient or above as compared to the state's average of 70% proficient and above. The Boulder Valley School District's average is 83% proficient and above.

Well done, third graders at Douglass Elementary! As always, our goal at Douglass is to continue to reach all of our students to help them to be excellent readers. As we continue our work with teaching reading strategies and skills to students, the staff salutes the third graders for a job well done!

Your principal,
Jon Wolfer