

From the Principal's Desk...

Dear families,

I couldn't be prouder of our school community and the way that we all came together this past week. I'm grateful, first and foremost, to all of our students who raised money for the St. Baldrick's Foundation and volunteered to have their heads shaved prior to our school shaving event. I'm grateful for the willingness of Kenneth Nova, Bill Smith, Tim Spear, Humberto Silva, Greg Adam, and Nathan Wilkerson for joining me on stage on Friday afternoon to show that we are in solidarity with kids and community members who have lost their hair (but not by choice).

And I'm impressed and amazed by the support of our families and teachers who contributed to the St. Baldrick's Foundation. We exceeded our goal of \$2,500 earlier in the week, and then our Kindergarten teachers decided to donate their Pony Express earnings to St. Baldrick's Foundation. That, combined with several cash donations, put the donation total well above \$3,000!

As principal at Douglass, I learn first-hand about challenges families face – kids with extended illnesses, family members with discouraging diagnoses, job changes – and they all impact the lives and education of our kids. I'm grateful to families who include us in the circle of information that is understandably private. It provides us an opportunity to support each other, the way a community should.

Again, many thanks to each of you for the varied ways you demonstrated support of this cause last week.

We've reached Spring Break in Boulder! I hope that you all are able to enjoy some time together with family – my family needs to recover from Daylight Saving Time, so spring break is very welcome in my household. Spring Break is extended by two days, in exchange for the evenings we spent at parent-teacher conferences earlier this month. We return to school on Wednesday, March 30.

Planning ahead, I have scheduled another screening of the movie "Race to Nowhere", this time at Louisville Middle School on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. Our first screening in January sold out quickly, and tickets can be purchased online at <http://rtnlouisvillemsco.eventbrite.com/> for \$10.00 each. If there are seats remaining on the night of the show, tickets will be \$15.00. If you missed the first screening or other opportunities to see this film in the community, I'd encourage you to check it out. I look forward to discussing the film with you.

I'd also like to celebrate another award we have received at Douglass! *Boulder Weekly Magazine* named Douglass one of its 2011 recipients of the "Bouldergeranic Award for Sustainability". We earned this for our long-time participation in the Green Star School program through Eco-Cycle. Special thanks to Douglass teachers Linda McCarthy and Holly Colangelo for their leadership in implementing our Green Star programs, which have resulted in this recognition. We'll accept this honor next week.

Thank you all for supporting one of the country's top schools!

Your principal,
Jon Wolfer