

December 2, 2011

Dear Platt and CHOICE Families

East Courtyard Project

The first meeting of the East Courtyard Project will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 7th from 7:30 – 8:10am. The Science department has exciting plans for the East Courtyard! Our teachers would like to transform this unused space into a living science classroom. Some ideas being explored include raised beds, a Ranger Talk amphitheater, a geologic time frame for fossils, zones representing different ecosystems, rock specimens, a weather station, physics sculptures, solar system to scale, and artwork. The space would also be designed to mitigate heat outdoors and in the building and could include sun shades and misters.

We are looking for parents who would like to help with this exciting project. All interested parents are invited to a courtyard planning meeting, December 7, 7:30-8:10 AM. The Science department will bring a ranking of projects to the meeting. At this time we would like to identify resources parents can contribute- helping to build, landscape design skills, structural engineering, grant writing, donations of materials, etc.

Questions about the project? Please contact Sherry Sommer at hellossherry2@yahoo.com.

Platt Shares Dollar Drive - Tis the time of giving!

As the holidays approach we are aware that there are families in the Platt School Community that need some extra help. Please consider donating a few dollars or a grocery card to the Platt Shares Program. It is easy to donate; Platt Shares Envelopes and a drop box will be in the Main Office, just simply drop what you can! (make checks out to Platt Middle School (with Platt Shares in memo). All donations will be used to make the holidays brighter for some of our students and their families!

We will also be hosting a bake sale at the Band Concert on Tuesday December 6th. If you would like to contribute homemade or purchased goods to this event, please contact Cyndi Aubrey at CLHAUBREY@yahoo.com.

Mixed Bag Fundraiser continues – Holiday Gifts Galore!!!

Please think of Mixed Bag Designs when doing your holiday shopping. 40% of your purchases goes towards supporting Platt PTO and the product is shipped directly to you. *To order visit:* www.mixedbagdesigns.com and click on “online store”. At checkout, when you review and submit your order, you will be asked for your fundraiser ID. Enter: 73342 to give credit to our fundraiser! Please see attached flyer.

PEN News

Coffee Chats are a great way to meet other parents and discuss important topics with our counselors. Our next Coffee Chat is set for Tuesday December 6th 9-10.30. Topic – Transitions.

King Soopers Grocery Cards - Use them to purchase gift cards for the Holidays!

Load up your card and buy groceries, flowers, gas and gift cards with your King Soopers Card! We are right on target with our King Soopers fundraising. Thank you everyone for loading and reloading and reloading your cards. It really works when everyone uses their cards. If you would like to start using a card, pick one up from Star in the front office.

Questions? Call Dorian Macdonald @ 303-665-2009 or via email to mactriplets@msn.com

Directory Correction:

Please use the following contact information for Lisa Rice, PTO Vice Chair – 503-336-0778. Please do not use the phone number listed in the directory. Thanks

Upcoming PTO Events

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| Dec. 6 | Platt Shares Bake Sale at Band Concert |
| Dec. 6 | PEN Coffee Chat 9-10:30am |
| Dec. 7 | Open Enrollment – Information Night Choice and Traditional (6-7:30pm) |
| Dec. 8 | Open Enrollment – Daytime Visit Traditional 9-10:30am |

Dec. 9 Open Enrollment – Daytime Visit Choice 10am-12
Dec. 1-16 Platt shares Program
Dec. 13 Barnes and Noble Book Event
Dec. 13 Dinner Night Out - Chipotle
Dec. 16 Teacher Cookie Exchange

Sincerely
Janine Dunn, PTO Chair