



Newsletter

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Adams 12 Five Star Schools

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Brett Drobney, Principal **Donald Beuke, Assistant Principal**

Principal's Message

As the old saying goes, "If you don't like the weather in Colorado, just wait five minutes." This statement accurately describes our ever changing weather conditions - especially in fall. Since we are predicted to experience a cooler than normal fall with extremely cold morning temperatures, please talk to your child about the importance of wearing proper clothes. Dressing in layers, covering extremities with gloves, warm shoes/boots and a hat make fall and early winter weather tolerable. As always, if you need assistance in securing these basic pieces of clothing, please don't hesitate to call me at 720. 972.5700. I'll do everything in our power to locate the necessary clothes for your child.

Parent / Teacher conferences (November 10 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.) provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and teachers to articulate academic / social progress of their child. Although only 15 to 20 minutes in length, conferences provide a wealth of valuable information that cannot be replicated in written communication. We realize changing family dynamics (guardianship situations / divorced families) make conferences even more challenging for parents. If you cannot attend your conference or have special circumstances that prevent you from attending with your ex-spouse, please let the teacher know immediately. We would be more than happy to accommodate your needs.

Conference letters will arrive home the week of October 12, 2009.

Sincerely,

Brett Drobney

Principal

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10/08- Celebration of Learning 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- 10/09- NO SCHOOL- Elementary School Work Day
- 10/27- Picture Retakes and
PTO meeting 6:00—7:30 p.m.
- 10/30- Halloween Parade 8:00—9:00 a.m.
Classroom Parties 1:45—2:30 p.m.
Trunk or Trick Street @ Woodglen 7:00—9:00 p.m.
- 11/03- PTO Board Meeting 6:00—7:00
- 11/06- Vision & Hearing Screening
- 11/10- NO SCHOOL- Parent Teacher Conferences
8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.
Scholastic Book Fair in the library
- 11/11- NO SCHOOL- Veteran's Day
- 11/13- End of First Trimester
- 11/17- PTO Meeting 6:00—7:30 p.m.
- 11/25- NO SCHOOL- Compensation Day
- 11/26 & 11/27- NO SCHOOL- Thanksgiving Vacation

Counselor Corner:

Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Erin Marquez and I am the new school counselor here at Woodglen. I am a former student of District 12 and have had the pleasure of working at Woodglen Elementary School while earning my degree in elementary education. I have worked with students within this district as a BASE recreation leader and CASA START therapist. I feel very fortunate to return to Woodglen as the school counselor. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the staff, students, families and community and will work diligently to optimize each child's development. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to stop by my office or call me at 720-972-5706.

Safety at Halloween:

As ghosts, goblins, and ghouls prepare to descend into the community for Halloween, it is important to keep in mind the safety of all children. Here are a few helpful hints to assist in keeping Halloween a fun and exciting experience for each child.

1. Eliminating frightening costumes- Elementary schools are the academic home to a diverse age population. Younger children are not developmentally equipped to differentiate between fantasy and reality and as a result may find scary costumes to be anxiety provoking and frightening.
2. Choose a costume made with flame-retardant materials.
3. Take a flashlight with fresh batteries.
4. Consider using make-up instead of masks in addition to your child's costume to ensure optimal visibility.
5. Tell your children not to eat any of their treats until they come home so you can inspect each and every piece.
6. Children should stay on sidewalks.
7. Walk, don't run.
8. Stay in groups and/or with parent.
9. Provide your child with emergency identification.
10. Approach lit houses only.

For more information please visit: http://pediatrics.about.com/cs/safetyfirstaid/a/halloween_safety.htm



Library Corner:

Accelerated Reader is up and running in the library. What this means is that students check out an extra book, keep it at school, read it carefully, take an Accelerated Reader test on it and then check out another book. Getting signed on to the Accelerated Reader [AR] program is a little more involved than the program we were using last year, but the bugs are working themselves out.

The library will start receiving new books sometime this month. The boys have asked me for more graphic novels which will be coming soon. More books for the beginning readers to flush out the AR program will be here too.

Don't forget to have your students read three or more of the Colorado Children's Book Award Nominees so that they can vote at the end of February. Find a complete list below.

Deep and Dark and Dangerous: A Ghost Story- by Mary Downing Hahn

Elephant Run - by Roland Smith

Fablehaven - by Brandon Mull

Flim-Flam Fairies - by Alan Katz

Found - by Margaret Peterson Haddix

Help Me, Mr. Mutt! :Expert Answers with People Problems - by Janet Stevens

How to Steal a Dog - by Barbara O'Connor

I'm Bad! - by Kate and Jim McMullan

Kingdom Keepers: Disney after Dark by Ridley Pearson

Lemonade War - by Jacqueline Davies

Lost and Found - by Andrew Clements

Maze of Bones: The 39 Clues - by Rick Riordan

Once upon a Cool Motorcycle Dude - by Kevin O'Malley

Pirates Don't Change Diapers - by Melinda Long

Purplicious - by Victoria and Elizabeth Kann

Swindle - by Gordon Korman

Too Many Toys - by David Shannon

Two Bobbies - by Kirby Larson

Zen Ties - by Jon Juth

Don't forget the Scholastic Book Fair coming up in November during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Carla Ronholdt

Teacher Librarian

FYI...

Due to recent H1N1 flu concerns our district is suspending "perfect attendance" awards for the 2009–2010 year.

STARGATE SCHOOL

Information Nights for Prospective Parents

October 27th and December 3rd

7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

For more information please

Call 303-450-3936 or
visit the website

www.stargateschool.org

BOX TOPS CONTEST

Win...

\$25.00 Gift Card to AMC Theater

for the most Box Tops collected

Contest Start Date: September 4, 2009

Contest Deadline Date: October 6, 2009

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

1. Separate Box Tops coupons into bundles of 50.
Secure them in plastic Ziploc bags
2. Separate **BONUS** Box Tops in separate plastic Ziploc bag.
3. Expired Box Tops will not be accepted.
4. Put your full name and teacher's name on all bundles with total amount on your entries to be turned in.
5. Place in the box located on the coffee table by the gym.

THANKS AND GOOD LUCK

All the money collected from Box Tops goes to the Drama fund. This money helps pay for costumes, sets, props and a Drama party at the end of the year for the students.

Family and Community

Special EDUCATION

Welcome back to school

for Parents by Parents

Our welcome back to school event for families of children with special needs will provide you the opportunity to meet representatives from the Parent and Community Advisory group and Student Support Services (SSS) department. This meet and greet will feature guest speakers from the Adams 12 School District. Families will have an opportunity to learn additional information about the SSS department and upcoming Special Education activities.

WHEN & WHERE:

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

6:00PM to 7:00PM

Education Support Center (ESC)

at 1500 East 128th Ave., Thornton

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JOIN US and MEET

OTHER PARENTS and DISTRICT STAFF

Featuring:

Cindy Dascher, Board of Education

Ellen L. McGinnis Smith, Executive Director

Chris Gdowski, General Counsel

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Children are welcome but childcare will not be provided.

Please save the dates:

- November 5th Parent Workshop

- February 24th Resource Fair

Please call 720-972-4227

for additional information.