

# The Bear Facts for May

## Principals Notes...

For those of you that have not yet heard, Ms. Lister is retiring at the end of this school year. We will be having an open house to wish her well on Tuesday, May 5 from 3:30-5:30 at the Hunters Glen Club House. Please feel free to join us.

On Thursday, May 7 we will be having our Fun Run. We had not planned to have it as a fundraiser, but did not make as much as we had hoped with the spaghetti dinner in February. So, once again we are asking for your support both financially and with your time. We will need lots of volunteers to walk with the classes as well as man the route to ensure safety. As always we thank you for all you do for us.

The weather is beautiful now and many of you are walking with your children to and from school. Our Pet Policy is on page 29 of our Student and Parent Handbook if you would like to refer to it. In a nutshell, it states that pets may pose health concerns and their behavior may be unpredictable when around 743 children. So, please refrain from having your pets walk to school with you. We appreciate everyone's

efforts in ensuring the safety of our students.

The fifth grade will be having a continuation the last hour of the day on Tuesday, May 26th. If you need information about this event, please contact Kirsten Cahill.

We are noticing that a number of children are not being picked up in a timely manner after the school day has ended. Because this is becoming a problem, we may begin doing what many other schools have been using. The Police or Social Services may be called if you have not arrived to take your child home 15 minutes after school or their after school activity dismisses. Please be aware of this policy and pick your children up on time.

We are pleased to announce that we received a Bicycle Safety grant for the 2009-10 school year. Each student will receive a bicycle helmet and instruction on riding safely. The goal is to have more students ride their bikes or walk to school in order to have fewer cars on the road. Watch for more information in the fall.

### LEGO ROBOTICS

Current 2-4 graders:  
There will be an informational meeting about the 2009 First Lego League Competition (FLL) on May 20. The meeting will be held in the LMC from 6-7pm. If you have questions about the meeting please contact Kathy Thompson at 720-972-8166.



### Box Tops for Education

Thank you for your donations of Box Tops this school year. Congratulations to following monthly class winners:  
January – Mrs. Medina's 1st Grade Class  
February – Mr. Helfrich's 5th Grade Class  
March – Ms. Rubin's 3rd Grade Class

Please note the collections dates for the remainder of the year.  
April – April 30th  
May - May 15th  
Keep clipping those Box Tops and making purchases through the Marketplace at <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>.

Come visit us  
for our spring  
Book Fair  
May 11-May 14.

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## Kindergarten

During the month of May, we will complete our final Foss science "Animals Two by Two". We will focus on observing goldfish and guppies; how they are the same, different, and what fish need to survive. In social studies we will complete our map and globe unit. Your child will also have the opportunity to follow an outdoor treasure map to find a special treat!

We are also looking forward to Kindergarten field day on Thursday, May 21st. Full day kindergarten students, along with Kindergarten morn-

ing and afternoon students will attend field day during the morning from 8:00-10:30 A.M. Full Day Kindergarten students will need to bring a sack lunch. (we will send a reminder note). There will be NO P.M. Kindergarten on this day. All students enrolled in the KEEP program can attend KEEP that day. Please inform Andy.

Please mark your calendars for our end of year program Wednesday, May 27th (A.M. Kindergarten

from 9:00-10:00 A.M. and P.M. /Full Day Kindergarten from 12:15-1:15 P.M.). The students will be singing several songs and sharing favorite Kindergarten memories. We will also serve cookies and lemonade following the performance. We hope you will be able to attend. Please also refer to our Kindergarten newsletter for more detailed information.



## First Grade

Thank you for supporting our visit from the **Botanic Gardens!** The "*Plants - Sensory Adventure*" program was fantastic and the students really seemed to enjoy it. They each planted a flower which they were able to take home and also received a packet of sunflower seeds to

plant at home. On the back of the sunflower seeds package is a coupon for a family of four to go to The Botanic Gardens for free! We hope you can take advantage of that, as the gardens there are truly beautiful. Today, April 27th, was our scheduled Year-End Assessment Day where we

tested as many children as possible in the areas of Reading and Math. We will continue with year-end Assessments for the next couple of weeks and ask that you remind your children to cooperate in *working quietly* at school while we are testing! Thank you!

## Second Grade

This month in second grade we had the Denver Natural Museum visit us. They brought a live tarantula that we got to touch. We learned more about insects and about the rocks on. They showed us the different layers of the

planet earth. Second grade is also making dioramas this month. This is a fun way to do a book report. In math we will be starting basic multiplication and division. Our insect flip books are almost complete. Second graders

learned how to set up a paragraph and how to write a bibliography.

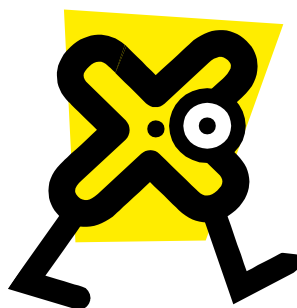


## Third Grade

Third graders are working hard on our state research books. Ask your child about what they are learning. We enjoyed our field trip to the Thornton Civic Center. We learned a lot about our city government. Continue working daily with your child on multiplication. Students should also continue reading 20 minutes each day. This will help reinforce the skills they are learning in school.

## Fourth Grade

How quickly the year flies by! Please remember that children lose ground in the summer if they do not continue to read and practice basic math facts. We have all our end of the year testing done. Feel free to pop into your child's classroom to see how they did. Continuing to plow through Colorado History, making it all the way to the 1940's.



## Fifth Grade

We can't believe that we are in the last weeks of this school year. The time has flown past us. We are confident that we have prepared our students for middle school to the best of our ability.

In celebration of the end of their elementary school years, we have a big outing planned for our students on their last day of school, Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. We will begin the day with a roller-skating party at Skate City

from 8:00-10:00. Then we will be transported by Skate City buses to E. B. Raines Park in Northglenn for a picnic until 12:30. After we return to school, we will have time for our final goodbyes and report card distribution in time for early dismissal at 1:15. We look forward to having this last day together with our students and feel that our send-off plans are truly special.

The Fifth-Grade Team



### **BASE Program 2009-2010**

**All interested parties.....**

**Registration for the upcoming 2009-2010 BASE Program will begin on Monday, May 11th. All parents are welcome to register their children starting at 4:30 p.m. There is a \$50 registration due when your paperwork is completed. We do anticipate filling up quickly and only have 100 spots available. If you have any questions, please call 720-972-5449 and speak with a staff member. Thank you, Andy Ramirez-Hilton**

### **Five Star District to centralize enrollment process**

Starting this Spring, the Five Star District will centralize its enrollment process.

Those people who will need to use the new enrollment office include parents of all students new to the district, those making guardianship changes, those making Declarations of Residency and former students who have withdrawn and wish to re-enroll. The new enrollment office will be housed at the district's Education Support Center (ESC), 1500 E. 128<sup>th</sup> Ave., Thornton. The office will be open Monday through Friday, 12 months per year, excluding holidays. For three days a week it will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and for two days it will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. More details will be forthcoming.

Parents of currently enrolled students will not use the centralized system and will continue to work with their child's school staff on enrollment issues.

The change, which will take effect May 1, 2009, will help take some administrative tasks off the plates of school office staff and allow them to more fully devote time and attention to school operations. The change will also produce consistency in data entry for the district's new student database called "Inifinite Campus."

To learn more about the centralize enrollment change, log onto the district's Website at [www.adams12.org](http://www.adams12.org) and click on the News option titled "Move to Central Enrollment."

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Skate City Party is May 11,  
6-8 pm.

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**Lunch Notes:**

Students who have balances or who owe charges in their lunch account at the end of the year will have that balance or charge rolled over into next year. If your student is changing schools his/her balance or charge will follow him to his new school.

However, if you would like to have the balance refunded to you, please contact your kitchen manager. Refunds begin on May 14. The last day for refunds is **May 27** at 1:30 p.m.. Be aware that your school office cannot do refunds for the Lunch Program. Please see your kitchen manager.

In order to get our financial house in order, there can be **no more charging as of May 5 at the MIDDLE schools and May 14 at the ELEMENTARY schools.**

**LUNCH NUMBERS**

If your students are staying in the same school next year, they will keep the same lunch number with one exception. The first digit of the number will change to match their grade level. Example: Your first grader's number is 1001, after promotion to the second grade, the number will become 2001.

**WRITE THIS YEAR'S LUNCH NUMBER HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**WRITE NEXT YEAR'S LUNCH NUMBER HERE:** \_\_\_\_\_

We have sincerely enjoyed having your student eat with us. We look forward to serving your student nutritious meals again next year.

Thank you for your support of our program!

Kitchen Staff

**Parent Feedback**— Please take a few minutes to provide us with your feedback, then cut and return to the school office. If you would like us to call you, please leave your name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_.

What should Hunters Glen start doing?	What should Hunters Glen stop doing?	What should Hunters Glen continue doing?