

March Newsletter

Special Interests:

- Trimester 2 ends 2/26
- No school 2/27
- Kindergarten and new student registration begins 3/2
- Awards assemblies 3/5
8:15am- 4 & 5 grade
9:00am- 2, 3 & Kam
1:45pm- 1, all day K & Kpm
- PTO meeting 6:45pm
3/5
- Report cards go home
3/6
- CSAP 3/10 - 3/19
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Principals Notes...

It's hard to believe but spring is just around the corner. We have many things to look forward to in the weeks to come. There will be no school on February 27 and Spring Break is March 20—March 30. We will have a Fun Run on May 7th and will end our year with our annual Carnival which is hosted by the PTO. Our Fun Run will not be a fundraiser this year, but we will do it just for the health of it!

Just a quick reminder that we will be doing CSAP (Colorado School Assessment Program) testing for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades Monday, March 9 – Thursday, March 18th. Please help your child be successful by being certain your child is getting play time, especially outside, a good night's sleep, and a hearty, healthy breakfast.

We know this is cold and flu season, but please have your child in school if at all possible. Also, help them celebrate their accomplishments! We have every confidence that every student will do well on CSAP!

I would like to remind you that our school parking lot is not to be used for student drop off and pick up. Please use our Hug and Go lane. Please do not drop your child off in the crosswalk make U-turns at the Hug and Go lane. Both create huge safety issues. If the police are present, which they frequently are, you will be ticketed. Also, coming in to the parking lot creates problems for the school and child care buses as well as creating safety issues. Please help us keep our students SAFE!

We will have our second Awards Assembly on March the 5th. At 8:15, we will honor 4th and 5th graders, at 9:00 our morning kindergarten, 2nd and 3rd graders and at 1:45, our afternoon kindergarten, all day kindergarten and 1st graders. These assemblies are wonderful to support the positive behavior we see in our school. They also honor students with perfect attendance for the trimester. If your child has received a Positive Office Referral since November 20th, they will be recognized. We are very proud of our students achievements and know you are too. Please join us as we honor them. And—thank you for sharing your child (ren) with us. They make us smile!

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New student and kindergarten registration for 2009-2010 school year!

Beginning March 2, 2009 we will start new students and kindergarten registration. At registration the documents required are a state birth certificate, a current immunization record and two forms of proof of residency. If there is enough interest we will

offer an all day kindergarten. The deadline to register is April 9, 2009. The lottery will be held on April 17, 2009 at 8am in our cafeteria if necessary. Please call 720-972-5440 if you have specific questions. We look forward to a new school year!



Kindergarten



Bo Bear enjoys family time...

We enjoyed the opportunity to meet with you for Parent/Teacher conferences in February. During the month of March, we will begin a unit about quilts. We will also create a class friendship quilt. Each child will have the opportunity to decorate part of the class quilt. We will also discuss Patricia Polocco's book "The Keeping Quilt". Our students had the unique opportunity to meet the author Patricia Polacco during her

recent visit to Hunters Glen. We will be requesting parent volunteers to help us complete the quilt project. Please look for an information letter and sign up opportunity in early March.

Throughout the months of March and April, we will also have a special guest in Kindergarten. Bo Bear (a stuffed teddy bear) will visit our Kindergarten classrooms. Each child will have the opportunity to take Bo Bear

home overnight. When it is your child's turn to take home Bo Bear, please include him in all your activities, and help your child write in Bo Bear's journal. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to practice journal writing and handwriting skills. Please refer to the Kindergarten March newsletter for more detailed information.

First Grade



Thank you for attending our Parent-Teacher Conferences in early February! We appreciate your ongoing support as we work together for the benefit of your child(ren)!

We are well into our study

of the Moon and its many phases. A culminating activity to this Science Unit will be a field trip to the Fiske Planetarium in March. Please watch your child's Monday Folder for more information on that. Thank you to the parents who helped with the "Keeping Quilt" Writing assignment! They turned out great and the

children's book author Patricia Polacco loved seeing the kids' work in the halls! (A special "thank you" to the parents who also sent extra wrapping paper for this project!) FYI, 2nd Trimester Report Cards will come home with your child on March 6, 2009.

Second Grade

The 2nd grade teachers would like to thank everyone who attended or helped out with the Cinderella Ball. The classes performed a waltz and minuet. It was also great to see you at conferences. We loved sharing all the exciting



things your students are working on in class. Second grade will begin to write research reports. This will include looking up information and citing our sources. Students were introduced to

fractions this month in math. The students will be expected to recognize fractions in a whole. Pebble, sand and silt is our next science unit. The students will be getting their hands dirty exploring rocks.

When entering the parking lot please utilize a parking spot. Our bus lane is reserved for busses and emergency vehicles only. Thank you for considering the safety of our students.



Third Grade

Third grade completed the Reading CSAP. Writing CSAP will be March 10th and 11th, and Math CSAP will be on March 17th and 18th. Please make sure your child has a nourishing breakfast and a good nights sleep. Continue to practice multiplication facts. Our next math unit is on multiplication and division of larger numbers. Each student should have a math song booklet at home to practice. We con-

tinue to sing songs for our Weather Unit in science. As always, thank you for your continued support. Together we can help prepare your child for Fourth Grade.

The Adams 12's student data warehouse has been significantly expanded to allow you access up-to-date information on your student via Internet! Information available in ScholarsMart includes your student's attendance, grades, progress and assessment scores. The Student Report towards the end of the options menu is a printable report listing all of the data available.

To register for ScholarsMart, you will need to have your student's ID number (available from their school) and the last four digits of their social security number. The website address is: www.adams12.org/scholarsmart. If you have one child just enter your child's student ID number and the last four digits of their social security number.

If you have more than one child, you may wish to set up a family login so that you may access all of your children's information at one time. When you login for the first time, you will create your own Family User name and password.

The ScholarsMart registration process lets you identify all of the Adams 12 students in your household under a single login.

Step by step instructions for creating a family login are available in the office.

Fourth Grade

March Madness---One of the dates we gave you in the February Newsletter is incorrect. On Monday, March 9th there will not be a morning session of CSAP and there will be an afternoon session on Monday the 16th. Thanks for helping to

have your child in school. We would like to ask for donations of snack during CSAP. If you happen to be at Costco or Sam's Club and would like to pick something up to share with the class that would be greatly appreciated. Last but not

least, please ask your student if they need any school supplies as they are diminishing. Mostly pencils and dry erase markers and tissues. Enjoy your spring break!



Fifth Grade

If it's February, we must be focusing on CSAP. A lot of time and effort has been devoted to our preparation for CSAP testing. At the same time, we have made a very conscious effort to integrate our content-area studies with test-taking skills. For example, we are using events of the Revolutionary War as the topics of prompts for various writing genres and overviews of science topics to improve our multiple-choice test taking skills. We

wanted to remind you once more of the dates and times of our twelve CSAP test sessions: March 9, 10, 12, 13, and 16 from 8:00-9:30 and 12:00-1:30, and on March 11 and 17 from 8:00-9:30. We hope that our students will be in attendance during our scheduled testing sessions. While we would not want any sick child coming to school just to take a test, it is our hope that doctor and dentist appointments could be avoided during our testing window. All

CSAP sessions must be administered, and students missing sessions will be need to be pulled out of class for make-up sessions. On a lighter note, we'd like to thank all of our parents who volunteered on Colonial Day. This event is one our students will always remember. It would be impossible for our fifth-grade teachers to provide such an experience without the support of parent volunteers. The Fifth-Grade Team

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Specials Edition

We are considering the several book titles for the book room. Book sets used for instruction must go through the Board Approval Process. Parents are first notified in the Parent Newsletter, then at the March 4th PTO meeting and then on display in the LMC. They are books that are either Colorado Children's Book Award nominees or Battle of the Books titles, Patricia Polacco's books, and Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life and are all intended for intermediate grades.

The next **Accelerated Reader Store** is March 4th.

Newbery for Lunch is February 19th

The next **Battle of the Books** meeting will be February 25th

The AR Pet Party will be April 16 for grades 2-5

"When one door closes, another opens; but we look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened."

Alexander Graham Bell,

American inventor

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Thank you to everyone who is collecting money for Jump Rope for Heart. Rewards/ incentives for raising money are the students who raise at least fifty dollars online get entered into a drawing with other Colorado students for a chance to win a Wii system. Also if the school is able to bring in \$1 more than last year (\$8515), then the students will be able to duct tape me to my chair! Every student who raises money will get to put a strip of tape around me. Also, if the school is able to get back above \$10,000 again as we did a couple of years ago, then the students will get to shave my head. The top money raiser from each grade will get to use the clippers.

Before and After School: Hockey playoffs are in full swing this year. I decided to do a best out of 3 games for the Semifinals and the Finals. We will play the 3rd game for the Semifinals no matter what. In the Finals we will not play the third game if one team wins the first two. The Semifinals are set to start the Feb. 20th and Finals March 6th.

The Lions Club Relays are coming. I will be timing every student in 1st and 2nd grade and those interested in getting time in 3rd 4th and 5th on March 13th if the weather is good. I time anyone in 5th grade interested in tryout for the Mayor Mile team after school March 12th.

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?