

# The Bear Facts for April



## Principals Notes...

One of the most frequently asked questions at this time of year is, "Can I choose my child's teacher for next year?" As a staff, we have worked diligently to develop a process that is most beneficial for our students. We begin by having the current grade level teachers work together to develop the best possible combinations of students on lists. Then the office reviews the lists and Classroom Placement Information Forms (more on that in a moment) that parents have filled out. We then meet with all the specialists in our building, i.e. learning specialists, speech therapist, student achieve-

ment coach, literacy coach, interventionist and English language learner teacher. They have spent a great deal of time in classrooms with our students and teachers. The lists are then "fine tuned". Ms. Lister and I then assign a teacher to each list, based upon all the information we have available to us—which is quite a lot! The last step is the current grade level teachers take a final look at the list and see if there are any other thoughts that need to be taken into consideration. In this process, we feel we are always putting the students and their needs first.

Now, what is the Classroom Placement Information Form? This is a form that we developed

years ago to give parents the opportunity to have input into what considerations their child needs in determining a class placement for the following year. We do not have parents specify a particular teacher, but rather the learning environment needs, health issues and personality type of your child. These forms are available in our school office and must be returned by April 17. We encourage you to be active participants in your child's education. Please fill out a form.

The final step is adding new students as they register before school begins. The final lists will be posted on our windows by the front door on Monday, August 10.

## School Lunches—Charge Policy

The school district has a charge policy for each level (elementary - 2 charges, middle - 1 charge, and high - no charges) which has been adopted at all schools. Unpaid charges place a financial strain on Nutrition Services, which is the department in charge of the School Lunches. Did you know Nutrition Services is an enterprise fund that does not receive general fund support for routine operations, and thus must generate funds through student and adult sales, snack sales, and federal and state reimbursement in order to pay operating expenses and fees to the district? Unpaid charges reduce revenue that affects the ability to pay outstanding bills and employee salaries. Uncollected charges may result in higher meal prices for all other students.

We thought you should know all the notification steps we take so you and your student know when money is needed:

1. When your student has two prepaid lunches remaining in his/her account,

the cashier will remind your child. Your child may voluntarily stamp his/her hand with a "Need Lunch Money" stamp to remind him/her to ask for lunch money.

2. The cashier will repeat step one when your student has just one prepaid lunch remaining.

3. At the first meal charge, the cashier will again suggest your student stamp his/her hand with the "Need Lunch Money" stamp and we will feed your student a full meal. We also have reminder coupons "Need Lunch Money" that your child may pick up to bring home.

4. At the second meal charge (available only at elementary), we will again remind your student and suggest (s)he stamp hand with "Need Lunch Money" stamp. The reminder coupons "Need Lunch Money" will also be available for your student to pick up to bring home.

5. At the third and fourth meal charges for elementary, or second and third meal charges for middle, we will feed your student a complimentary meal consisting of a salad, fruit, a

dinner roll and a milk. The cashier will again ask your student to stamp his/her hand or pick up a "Need Lunch Money" coupon as a reminder to bring money. We will provide up to two complimentary meals free of charge.

6. An automated call is placed to your home on Fridays when your child owes charges.

7. Hands are not stamped at the Middle School; but verbal reminders are given.

If your student's account has a charge of two or more meals and no payment has been received in a week, the kitchen staff will call the parents to request payment of meals served. Please help us keep meal costs down. Pay your student's charges promptly. Uncollected charges and the service costs associated with collecting those charges, increases meal prices for all students.

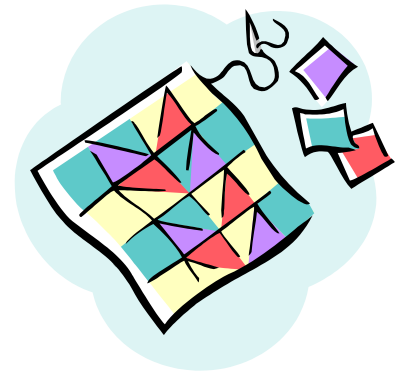
### Kindergarten

We recently completed a unit about quilts, shapes and designs. Our final activity was to make a class friendship quilt, with each student contributing a quilt square made out of felt and a variety of decorations. We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped with

this project, We couldn't have done it without your help. Our class quilts will be on display in the hallway.

To coincide with Earth Day in April, we will complete several lessons and activities about the importance of recycling, and doing our small part to help

our Earth. We will also begin a unit on map and globe skills. Please refer to the April Kindergarten newsletter for more detailed information.



### First Grade

We had a great time on our field trip to the Fiske Planetarium on March 6th! We'll be finishing our study of the Moon in the next couple weeks. Our final Science Unit for the year is "New Plants" and we plan to have the Denver Botanical Gardens visit us at Hunters Glen Elementary for that unit of study. Please watch

your child's Monday Folder for information on that. Second Trimester Report Cards were sent home on Friday, March 6, 2009. When reviewing your child's grades, please remember that a score of 1 or 2 is expected at this time of year. (A score of 3 is not normally achieved until the end of the school year.)

Please remember to sign and return only the red report card folder. You may keep the contents inside the red folder. The classrooms are running low on boxes of tissues - any possible donations would be greatly appreciated! Welcome back from Spring Break!

### Second Grade

Second grade has been getting our hands dirty in science. We are finishing up our unit on pebbles, sand and silt. It has been interesting to see all the rocks the students have shared in class. Students linked their learn-

ing of pebbles, sand and silt to writing. They wrote paragraphs about the different sizes of rocks. This included topic sentence, details and concluding sentence. After spring break we will begin writing research reports on

insects. In Math, second graders worked on measurement. They are expected to be able to measure to the nearest inch and nearest centimeter.



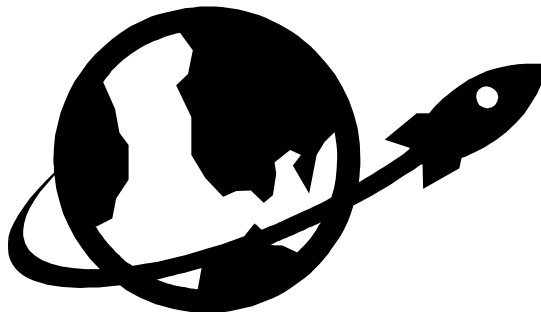
### Third Grade



We hope you enjoyed your Spring Break. We are finishing up our Weather Unit and will be focusing on Social Studies. Students will be creating a State Book on an assigned state. This will help us with our writing and research skills. Third graders will be going to the Thornton Civic Center on April 15th to learn about our city's government. This is a fun field trip! Contact your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer.

### Fourth Grade

April showers already! We will be moving into the great Milky Way galaxy and studying planets and how they compare to Earth. We're excited to have the Museum of Natural History come to us on April 17th for Rocket Works. The students will be creating their own rocket and testing it out to see if they were successful engineers. Hope everyone had a restful spring break and ready to get back to work.



### Fifth Grade

We are happy to say that we are done with CSAP testing for this school year. Yippee! We would like to thank our families for helping with this process by having your students at school for our twelve testing sessions.

Now that CSAP is complete, we may once again focus on academics including our

study of the United States Constitution and post - Revolutionary War America. We will also be piloting a new FOSS kit unit for science titled Water Planet.

Our time together is short, and each of us looks forward to rolling out some fun writing and reading units in the weeks ahead. Don't forget

that our spring assessment day is scheduled for Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for more information regarding this date in the near future.

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## Specials Edition

Thank you to everyone collected money for Jump Rope for Heart. If you still have your envelopes please turn those in as soon as possible I would like to send it out before spring break. Currently in class we have started our juggling and running unit. The next BEAR CRAWL packet should be coming out by April 7<sup>th</sup> for the last session of the year. Mile High Karate will be here April 3<sup>rd</sup> for 2 morning assemblies and will start an after school program in the next session of BEAR CRAWL.

### Yearbook News-

The 2009 Hunters Glen Yearbook has been sent off to our publisher for printing. Our Yearbook staff has worked very hard to create a high-quality finished product. We anticipate delivery of our yearbooks in early May so that we can distribute them to our students before the end of the school year.

If you have not ordered a yearbook for your student, do not fret! We have a limited number of extra yearbooks ordered, but they will be sold on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to purchase one of these extra copies simply place \$14 (checks payable to Hunters Glen) in an envelope and be sure to include your child's name and teacher on the envelope. Get yours before they are all sold out!



**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?

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