



RED HAWK RIDGE

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Dear Red Hawk Ridge Families,

Congratulations to Rebecca Moehring, our Assistant Principal, she was announced as the new principal of Polton Elementary. Miss Moehring started her new job on Monday, February 3. Miss Rachel Rubio will be covering Red Hawk Ridge while working as Assistant Principal at Dakota Valley Elementary.

The teachers at RHR, along with other schools in the Cherry Creek School District, align their instruction with the Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) which are based off of the national Common Core standards. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) develops the CAS so that students in Colorado, K-12, are prepared for life after high school graduation for the workplace, the military or post-secondary educational options. Your child has been working hard to learn the skills they need to be proficient for their grade level. Along with other schools across the state, it is important for us to ascertain how our educational practices are meeting the needs and grade-level expectations of our students. This process is done through a variety of school-based assessments, but it is also important for schools to utilize a standardized assessment. CDE requires that all public schools give the Transitional Colorado Assessment Program usually referred to as TCAP. This test is written based on the CAS, so the scores can help students, teachers and parents determine a student's progress towards meeting their grade level standards. The scores also support all school personnel in determining academic needs of individual students and instructional or program revision needs.

All third, fourth and fifth grade students in the state of Colorado will be taking the TCAP. Red Hawk Ridge students will be taking the tests in the month of February, March and/or April depending on track. A calendar of the complete testing schedule is provided for you in this newsletter or you can check the schedule on our website at <http://redhawkridge.cherrycreekschools.org>. During these times we appreciate your support by ensuring your child arrives to school on time, 8:45 am; as well as, avoiding appointments that take your child out of school. We also ask that you too assist in the preparation for these tests. A good night's rest, a healthy breakfast, and a positive attitude of, "Yes, I will do my best!" are wonderful ways to support your child and their performance.

You will be notified when scores are returned to Red Hawk Ridge. Parents of third grade students will receive their child's reading scores before the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Third grade math and writing scores, along with all fourth and fifth grade scores will be returned to Red Hawk Ridge in early fall of 2014.

Red Hawk Ridge views these assessments as a way to celebrate our students' learning. Our students and staff work very hard every single day and the TCAP assessment is a wonderful way to showcase all that your child has learned.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 720.886.3800.

Warm Regards,

Michael Wurdeman



February 13, 2014

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720-886-3800

Calendar of Events

February:

2/13 - Spring Class Pictures B & D Tracks

2/14 - D Track off

2/15 - Cherry Creek Schools Community Night Denver Cutthroats Hockey Game

2/17 - **NO SCHOOL** President's Day

2/18 - **NO SCHOOL** Non-Contact Day

2/20 - C Track comes back

02/28-RHR School Spirit-Crazy Hair Day



**24 HOUR
ATTENDANCE
LINE**
720-886-3895



Please remember when your student is going to be absent or late, **you are required to call the attendance line by 8:45 am!** This is a 24 hour open line.

Letting the teacher know is considerate, calling the attendance line is a requirement!

TCAP Testing for 3rd - 5th Grade

Please mark your calendars for the following testing dates. It is very important that all 3rd -5th grade students be present for all TCAP testing. Please plan accordingly.

3rd grade A,B,D Track Reading - February 11 and 12

3rd Grade C Track Reading - February 21 and 24

3rd Grade A, B, C Track Math - March 3 and 4

3rd Grade D Track Math - March 12 and 13

3rd Grade B, C, D Track Writing - March 17 and 18

3rd Grade A Track Writing - April 2 and 3

4th Grade A, B, C Track Math - March 3, 4, 5

4th Grade D Track Math - March 17, 18, 19

4th Grade B,C,D Track Reading/Writing - March 12-19

4th Grade A Track Reading/Writing - April 1-8

5th Grade A, B, C Track Math - March 3, 4, 5

5th Grade B, C Track Reading/Writing - March 12-19

5th Grade A Track Reading/Writing - April 1-8

Notes from the Clinic

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. Dental decay is the most prevalent and preventable chronic childhood disease. When a child has trouble with the simple act of chewing, due to pain or difficulty caused by dental problems, loss of sleep, poor eating habits and poor performance and attendance can often result. Inadequate oral hygiene can lead to harmful habits which will last a lifetime. Extra tooth brushes, floss, and tooth paste available in the clinic if you ever need them. **CLEAN TEETH DO NOT DECAAY!** Helpful tips to keep our teeth clean: Brush and floss every day, Eat healthy foods, and Visit your dentist every six months!

February is also awareness of healthy hearts! Keeping a healthy heart incorporates a variety of things. One example of a happy heart is a healthy heart. Decreasing stress (i.e. communicating with each other, having designated time for work and play) in our everyday lives can keep our heart growing healthy and strong. Eating a well balanced meals (having veggies, meats, and limited sweets) and eating healthy foods for the whole family keeps our hearts happy and healthy and helps us to grow big and strong. Another way to keep our hearts healthy is exercising or being active as a whole family on the weekends or daily after dinner. Being active not only makes our hearts happy but also makes them strong. Finding time to spend together and complimenting each other of each person's gifts and talents can decrease stress and encourages our hearts to keep going strong. These are just a few ways to keep our hearts happy and healthy in this month of February the heart awareness month.

Happy heart and dental awareness month to all of you!

Amy Goebel, RN

Red Hawk Elementary School Nurse



Reminders

The school day runs from 8:45-3:30. Children may come in for breakfast at 8:15. Students that do not eat breakfast at school may NOT be dropped off before 8:25 as we do not have adult supervision outside before that time. Children must be picked up after school by 3:40 as that is when outside adult supervision ends. Students that need to stay longer may enroll in the Before/After School program. For the safety of our kids, we appreciate your observance of these time frames.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbooks

The deadline to order a yearbook for the 2013-2014 school year is fast approaching. With the year-round schedule we have to submit our order earlier than usual so all tracks can receive their yearbooks before they leave for the summer. This year's yearbook will be filled with club pictures, school events, and other wacky happenings. We have made ordering easy with online ordering or, be on the lookout for an order form in your child's Thursday folder.

The cost: is \$18.00 per book

Order: online at ybpay.lifetouch.com The code is: 11549814

Checks: payable to Red Hawk Ridge Elementary

Order deadline: March 14, 2014

Cafeteria Account Information

Students Leaving the Cherry Creek School District:

Any student moving out of the Cherry Creek School District should request a refund from the kitchen manager at 720-886-3839.

Students Transferring within the Cherry Creek School District:

If students are planning to transfer to another school within the Cherry Creek School District, their meal account balance will be automatically transferred to the Cherry Creek School that they will attend next school year.

Looking for menus, lunch account information, and online applications for free and reduced meals? Visit ccsdcafe.org .

Upcoming PTCO events:

Snowball Dance - join us for our annual Snowball Dance on March 7 at Grandview High School. The dance is from 6:30 - 8:30 pm. All students **MUST** be accompanied by a parent/guardian for the duration of the dance. Light refreshments will be served.

Lights... Camera... Auction! - in an effort to raise funds for our STEM program, PTCO is hosting our 1st annual Silent Auction! Save the Date - May 17, 2014.

PTCO would like to acquire auction items that are unique and not easily accessible to the general public. Our ability to offer these one-of-a kind items inspires generous bidding and results in more resources for RHR students. Please help us find the items that will increase the excitement and success of this year's auction! Any additional ideas are always welcome!

We need donation items for the Auction as well! Please see the attached donation wish list and let us know if you can help! This is just an idea list, so if you can provide something that is not on here, please let us know! rhrauction@gmail.com

Spring Book Fair FIESTA: dates have been set! March 10-14 Look for more information coming out soon! Online Book Fair Begin March 2nd - 22nd. <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/> The profits from the spring fair will go to our STEM program. Look for flyers with more details about STEM and how the money will be used!

If you'd like to volunteer for the fair or have any questions, please contact Tanette_Schneider@yahoo.com

Box Tops for Education - Friendly Reminder. Please CUT all box tops along the dotted lines. Please CHECK the EXPIRATION (throw out any expired box tops) and when possible, submit in bags of 50. This is a huge help! Thank you! Keep on clipping. Contact tanette_schneidere@yahoo.com with any questions.

To date we have collected over 10,000 box tops, putting us at \$1,000 for the school. We are 1/2 way to our goal of \$2,000. When we hit this, the entire school will earn a Ice Cream party!!

Edukit - New for fall of 2015! You can now purchase your school supplies in a kit that is delivered right to the classroom! Saves time and money! The kindergarten list is up for the fall, and the total cost is a very reasonable \$32 each. As we move closer to the end of the year, other grades will have their kits up there as well. Stay tuned for more information! If you want to check it out, you can simply go to www.edukitinc.com and look for Red Hawk Ridge. Payment information is on the website!

Silent Auction FAQ

What is a Silent Auction? - In an effort to raise money to fund our STEM program, PTCO is hosting a fancy party where we auction off items that have been donated to us for school funds. The more detailed answer is two part: One, RHR is hosting an evening of dinner, dancing, and fun! It will be held at The Curtis Ballroom at Comedy Works Greenwood Village. Our theme is Old Hollywood, so we'll roll out the red carpet, get all dressed up and have a wonderful night eating, drinking, and dancing! Two, the auction pieces will be on display at the event, and you will have to be there to be eligible for the big raffle, but we are using a company called Auctions by Cellular to run the auction and it will be open to anyone around the country that may want to bid!

Who can attend this event? – Anyone you'd like to party with! Neighbors, friends, parents, coworkers, etc.

How much do the tickets cost and when do they go on sale? - The tickets will be between \$35-40 each. Prices will firm up before March 1 when the menu is set. Included in the ticket cost is dinner, the evening's musical entertainment, and photographs. There will be a cash bar available. Tickets will go on sale for the time at Snowball Dance on March 7. After that, they will be available to purchase every Friday in March and April at school through the office. They can also be ordered by emailing rhrauction@gmail.com.

What is the attire and can kids come? – Our theme is Old Hollywood, so people are encouraged, but not required, to dress up as their favorite old time movie star. No kids allowed! This is strictly an adult event!

What kinds of things will be up for auction?– We have all kinds of items available at price points from \$10 and up. Through the auction website, we will have items available for purchase only (like ebay's Buy It Now) at various price points. Each class will be putting together a themed basket to auction off (You'll get more information on these from your child's teacher). Some classes are also going to be creating a project specific to their students. There will be items such as an American Girl doll, golf packages, Disneyland tickets, scuba lessons, certificates for Edukit, swim lessons and more! We have already gotten some great gifts donated and more are coming in all the time! Our teachers and staff will also be offering up some fun items for students such as sitting at their desk for a day, or lunch with your teacher, just as an example. PTCO will be offering up a Carnival package for next year with tickets and wristbands! There will be many, many items that are non-RHR specific so you can pass out the link to our website to everyone you know who might be interested in buying some cool stuff!

Since this event appeals to all members of our community, we are also asking our parents to help us provide those unique items that people really want! Do you know someone who is in a position to donate some great goods or services to our event? If you can help us, please contact Jill at jill.burge@gmail.com. The success of our event depends on the great items we can auction up!

How will the money raised be used? – Our primary goal of this event is to fund our STEM program. We're hoping that we can also fund next year's Peak Academies, support classroom needs from our teachers, school equipment, and all events and activities hosted by PTCO. Did you know that PTCO funded the Smart Boards that are in every classroom? We help to provide Holiday meals for our families that need help. We fund the transportation for all of our field trips. We help with funds for some of the after school clubs.

PTCO does a lot, and we need money to make it all happen!

Cherry Creek School District Kindergarten Round Up

What	<p>Pre-registration for resident families who have children eligible for Kindergarten enrollment in the Cherry Creek School District for the 2014-15 school year. (Students currently <u>attending</u> a CCSD preschool do NOT need to re-register for Kindergarten.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Non-Resident applications will be available online April 1, 2014.</p>
Why	To enable principals and school staff to establish contact with parents and do adequate planning for the coming school year.
Where	<p style="text-align: center;">District Admissions Offices (Registration can be done at either office)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">9150 E. Union Ave., Greenwood Village (Yosemite St. & Union Ave.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5416 S. Riviera Way Centennial (Next to Thunder Ridge MS on Picadilly St) Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM</p>
When	<p>February 3-7 Year Round/Transitional Schools: Aspen Crossing, Buffalo Trail, Dakota Valley, Eastridge, Elementary #43, Pine Ridge, Red Hawk Ridge, Village East</p> <hr/> <p>February 10- 14</p> <hr/> <p>February 18- 21 Transitional /Traditional: Black Forest Hills, Cherry Hills Village, Coyote Hills, Creekside, Highline, Homestead, Meadow Point, Polton, Willow Creek</p> <hr/> <p>February 24- 28</p> <hr/> <p>Cimarron, Fox Hollow, Greenwood, High Plains, Holly Ridge, Indian Ridge, Ponderosa, Rolling Hills, Summit, Timberline, Trails West, Walnut Hills</p> <hr/> <p>Antelope Ridge, Arrowhead, Belleview, Canyon Creek, Cottonwood, Dry Creek, Heritage, Independence, Mission Viejo, Peakview, Sagebrush, Sunrise</p>
Questions	<p>To help shorten the wait time to register, please attend on the week listed above. If you are unable to attend during your assigned week, you may come any time during the month.</p> <p>Call: 720-554-4550 or 720-886-7480 or: www.cherrycreekschools.org > Student Registration</p>

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Birth Certificate
- Must be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2014
- Immunization Records
- Proof of residency: Current Gas/Electric bill, newly signed lease (within the last 2 months) (See website for additional situations)
- Photo ID of parent /guardian

RED HAWK RIDGE INTERSESSION

FEBRUARY/MARCH



Theme of the Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
IGLOOS & ICE-BERGS	17 B&A FULL DAY	18 B&A FULL DAY	19 Intersession In House Day C and D Track	20 Build a mini igloo	21 Hot Cocoa & Popcorn PJ Day
Brrr ITS COLD OUTSIDE	24 Snowflakes & Winter Weather Science Fun	25 Winter Sports & Games Ice Hockey	26 Winter Sports & Games Ice Skating	27 Winter Sports & Games Skis & Snow- boards	28 Food Fun Edible Snow- men
SNOW BABIES & COLD PLACES	MARCH 3 Russia Russian Toys	4 Alaska Cool Critters	5 Norway Making trolls	6 North & South Pole Snow babies	7 Food Fun Decorating
D Track ends A Track begins	10 Field Trip D&A Track Chuck E Cheese				

*If we have more than 25 children we will go on a field trip, otherwise it will be an in house day.

RHR Intersession Program

TO ALL D TRACK PARENTS

If you are looking for fun daytime care while your child is off track, enroll him/her in RHR's Intersession program!

- Themed activities including arts and crafts, music, science projects, technology, outdoor play, cooking, movies and more.
 - Flexible Program hours: 6:30 am - 6:00 pm
 - Daily Rate: \$29 - Siblings are 10% off
 - Pick one or as many days as you need.
 - Your child may ride the school bus or you may drop off and pick up during the day. (Please provide permission in writing if a bus rider).
- School breakfast and lunch may be purchased on all in house days.
Easy online enrollment.

For more information call Grace Cuff 720-886-3878.