



# Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

February 7, 2017



## Mark Your Calendar

### February

- 2/7- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr Midterms go home
- 2/8- 10:00 Lock Down Drill
- 2/9-2/10- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Denver Trip
- 2/17- 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Powderhorn Ski Trip
- 2/18-2/26 Winter Vacation
- 2/27- 6:00 PPO Meeting
- 3/2- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Knowledge Bowl



## Information in the Office

There are flyers available at the front office for the following programs:

- ✓ Winter Break Powderhorn Skiing Registration
- ✓ Arts for All
- ✓ Girls on the Run
- ✓ Good News Club

## School News

### Ski Pass Raffle

Our PPO is having a silent auction for two Crested Butte Cards this month. These passes are being auctioned as a pair. Each Crested Butte Card entitles the holder to one free day of skiing/riding, 15% off rental or demos, 20% off ski lessons, and 20% off of lodging. This is a great opportunity to plan for some winter fun over our February vacation. Please stop by the office, or call in your bid by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### PES Powderhorn Ski Trip

It is time to start preparing for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Powderhorn Snowsports Training Day. This is an optional day of skiing/snowboarding for our 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. We are scheduled to go to Powderhorn on Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please check your Tuesday Express for an information packet.

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade CMAS Testing

Our annual state student assessments will begin in March. Although the schedule has not been finalized, 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking math and language arts tests between March 20 and April 28. Students will have 3 language arts sessions and 3 or 4 math sessions depending on the grade level. As soon as the schedule is finalized, we'll let you know.

### Wanted: Talent Show Coordinator

We are beginning to plan for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual PES talent show. We are trying to set up an event for later this spring, which would include an evening of student performances in a variety of talent areas. We are looking for a parent coordinator of this activity. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Cox at school.

### Principal's Message

This is a big week for some of our students. Yesterday our 5<sup>th</sup> graders were able to travel to the Black Canyon National Park for a day of winter habitat education and snowshoeing. It was a great opportunity for students to get outside for the day, and experience a unique part of our Western Slope environment.

Later this week our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will make their annual trip over the mountains to Denver. The students will get to spend the night at the Denver Museum on Nature and Science, sleeping next to some exotic animals. Students will participate in three science themed stations during the evening. In the morning we will do a tour of the Denver Zoo before returning to Paonia. This is an exciting opportunity for students to visit two of the premier educational exhibits in our state.

At Paonia Elementary, we are overjoyed when we have the opportunity to provide our students with learning experiences outside of our school. These trips provide students with hands on learning opportunities, as well as allowing students to experience places in Colorado that they may not normally visit. We hope your children enjoy these experiences as much as our staff does!

### A KidZ Clinic Special Messages

1. Sleep is just as important for your well-being as nutrition and physical activity. The amount and quality of sleep you have can effect your safety, how alert you are, maintaining memory, your moods, behavior, and learning abilities. Establishing good sleep schedules will benefit you for years to come. If you are having any trouble with sleep at night, you should be seeking advice from a parent or your medical provider.

2. Did you know washing your hands is one of the first steps to staying healthy? Keeping our hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. You should be washing your hands before you eat, and anytime you go to the restroom, adding up to 6-10 times a day! Keep those hands clean!

### Fridays are School Spirit Days!

Show your school spirit every Friday by wearing our school colors – red and black. Of course if you have Paonia Elementary School shirts you should wear those, but any red and black is great to wear! Check at the office for information on how to order Paonia Elementary clothing. Coming soon – Paonia Eagles camp chairs will be available for purchase at the school office.

### Inclement Weather Recess

Even though we've had a stretch of warmer weather, there is still the chance for colder temperatures and snow-covered playgrounds. Please remember to send your children to school with appropriate clothing for the weather. Remember, we will only have inside recess if the temperature is below 20 degrees, or if there is heavy rain. The snow will not keep us inside.

### Parent Involvement Drawing

After reading this *Eagle's Cry*, please fill out the coupon below with the names of each child in your family and return it to school. PPO sponsors this drawing to encourage parent involvement. Each child in the winning family receives \$1. Thanks for being a faithful reader!

Please cut off the coupon on this line.

I've read the February 7, 2017 Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)