



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

February 28, 2017



Mark Your Calendar

March

- 3/1- 6th Grade Knowledge Bowl
- 3/6- Field Trip-6th grade to Grand Mesa
- 3/10- 3:00 Kindergarten Play
- 3/10- End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/20- 6:00 PPO Meeting
- 3/21- Report Cards Sent Home



Information in the Office

There is information available at the front office or on our website for the following programs:

- ✓ Spring Soccer Registration due March 3rd
- ✓ Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball
- ✓ Arts for All
- ✓ Girls on the Run
- ✓ Good News Club

School News

Parent Teacher Conferences

You may be asking yourself, "How come we haven't had conferences yet this semester?" This year the district has changed the conference date for second conferences to March 27th. We will be hosting conferences that evening from 4:00 to 8:00. Scheduling information will come home later in March.

3rd-6th grade Colorado State Testing

Our annual state student assessments begin in March. This year Colorado students will be taking PARCC (3rd-6th grade Language Arts and Math) and CMAS (5th grade Science) tests. Each scheduled day of testing will include one online testing session of approximately 60 minutes.

Here is a schedule of Paonia Elementary testing dates:

- 3rd Grade: April 4-6, April 17-21
- 4th Grade: April 4-6, April 17-21
- 5th Grade: March 20-28, April 18-20
- 6th Grade: March 20-28

Wanted: Talent Show Coordinator

We would like to host another student talent show this year, but are in search of a coordinator. 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.

Community Information

Please remember that we can no longer send home fliers in the Tuesday Express Envelope for community sponsored programs. Please check our community bulletin board at school, or go to the Parents tab on our school website (pes.deltaschools.com) for more information and copies of registration forms.

Principal's Message

Every year the Colorado Department of Education publishes what is called a School Performance Framework (SPF) for every school in Colorado. The SPF is like a school report card that reports on the school's standings based on the annual state assessments, known as CMAS or PARCC. You can find the SPF for every school in the state at www.cde.state.co.us.

Based on the 2016 SPF for Paonia Elementary School, we have received the following accommodations for the 2015-2016 school year:

- PES received the Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award - This is the sixth consecutive time we've received this award, the only elementary school on the Western Slope to receive it six times!
- PES was accredited as a School of Distinction by the Delta County School District – one of the five schools in the district to receive this accreditation.
- PES received an A grade from coloradoschoolgrades.com. This is the fourth time we've received an A grade out of the six years they've awarded grades.
- PES was ranked as the #30 elementary school in the state out of 1,015 elementary schools. This is our highest ranking ever!

What a tremendous job the students and staff are doing at Paonia Elementary! Kudos to everyone!!

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.

Paonia Parent Organization (PPO)

We had our monthly PPO meeting last night. We discussed the current status of fundraising events, and progress on school improvement projects. For our next meeting we will raffle off a \$20 Amazon gift card, all parents in attendance will be entered in the drawing. Our next meeting is Monday, March 20th at 6:00 pm at the school library. As always, a snack and childcare will be provided.

A KidZ Clinic Special Messages

1. Last week was Random Acts of Kindness Week! A Kidz Clinic wants you to spread kindness like confetti. Give someone a high five and tell them they are awesome, do a chore for your mom or dad, hold the door open for someone, or leave a nice note for someone, the possibilities to spread kindness are endless! Have a great week!

2. We head into March this week which marks the beginning of National Nutrition Month! A Kidz Clinic wants you to make it a goal this week to eat fruits and vegetables with every meal and make sure you are cutting out sugary drinks and drinking more water instead. Happy National Nutrition Month!

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 28, 2017 Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)