



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

September 12, 2017



Mark Your Calendar

September

- 9/14- Student/Class Pictures
- 9/15- Field Trip: Kindergarten to Austin Farm
- 9/19- 1st Quarter Midterms
- 9/19- Field Trip: 6th Grade Cottonwood Days
- 9/22- Field Trip: 4th Grade to Lost Lake
- 9/22- PHS Homecoming
- 9/25- No School For Students/
P/T Conferences

September

- 10/3- Field Trip: 3rd Grade to Escalante Canyon

Information in the Office

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

- ✓ Pee Wee Football registration forms for 5th/6th graders
- ✓ Free/Reduced Lunch Application Forms
- ✓ Avalon After-School Program

School News

Student Pictures

This year, MJ Thomas Photography will only be visiting PES in the fall. At that time, both individual student and class photos will be taken. **There will not be any pictures taken in the spring.** Our picture day is coming up soon, on September 14th. Dress you best! Order forms home came home in the Tuesday Express. Pictures will be pre-ordered this year. If you have questions, contact the school office. Dress you best!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Our first set of parent teacher conferences is coming up soon. We are meeting just after the midterm of the quarter so that students, parents, and teachers can work to set academic and personal goals for the upcoming school year. Our second set of conferences will be in late March so that we can review progress on those goals. This year we will be following a district-wide conference schedule. Parent Teacher conferences for elementary students will be on Monday, September 25th. Students will not have school on Monday, September 25th. Teachers will be preparing for conferences in the morning. Conference meetings will be scheduled between 12:00 pm and 8:00 pm. Conference slips are coming home in this week's Tuesday Express. Students are encouraged to attend these conferences. We can't wait to see all of our families there!

Message from the Cafeteria

Please send in your completed free and reduced meal applications as soon as possible. The end of the grace period for free and reduced meals from last year is October 3rd. If you have not filled out a 2017-2018 application you will be responsible for any lunch charges your child incurs. Please check your Tuesday Express folders for low or negative lunch balance updates.

Even if you qualify for free and reduced you may only receive a free milk if you take a full meal. If you bring lunch

Principal's Message

As has been the case for the past several years, we are off to another wonderful start. It is so nice to have a community where the parents, students, and school staff are supportive of the local schools and understand the importance of education! As I mentioned last year at this time, it is as if we didn't have a summer vacation, the students have jumped right back into their school routines and are quickly back up to speed with their academics.

At Paonia Elementary School, we have very supportive families, but we can always use more volunteers in the classrooms. We love to have family and community members work in our classrooms helping students with their reading, writing, math, or other subjects. We'd like to encourage all of our families to donate some time to work in the school this year. Perhaps you'd like to help out with a reading group, an art class, or a PE activity. There are lots of opportunities to help during field day, winter concerts, book fairs and more. Our Paonia Parent Organization needs help planning and coordinating special event activities throughout the year. Please find the time to support PES with your time sometime this year.

Volunteers that work with students do need to complete the district volunteer application each year. If you haven't already done so, please stop by the office and complete your application for this year! We can't wait to see you in our building!

North Fork Christmas Party

It's that time of year again! If you are in financial need of help this Christmas season, the North Fork Children's Christmas Party would like to help out! Just have your child pick up a form at school and bring it home for you to fill out. We need a separate form for each of your children. After you fill it out, return it to school with your child and have them give it to the person on the front desk. We will pick up those forms and fulfill your Christmas list. The deadline for turning in forms is October 6th, so be sure to pick up forms early! We want this to be a MERRY CHRISTMAS for everyone!

A KidZ Clinic Special Message

This week A Kidz Clinic would like to challenge you all to be a student of kind words, meaning we are challenging you to pick a classmate or a teacher everyday to say something nice to. Give them words of encouragement or just simply tell them how awesome they are. Have a great week everyone!

Morning Student Drop-Off Procedures

If you are parking in the morning to bring your children into school, please use a parking spot on the East side of the parking lot, or pull as far forward as possible at our curb. We would like to save as much curb space in front of the building as possible for parents that are just doing a 'drive-by' drop off. Drop-offs should happen at the curb, not in the middle of the lot. Mr. Cox will be opening car doors from 7:45-8:00 on most mornings for families doing a drop off in the parking lot.

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 September 12th Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)