



# Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

January 23, 2018



## Mark Your Calendar

### February

- 2/2- Field Trip: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Snowshoe Trip
- 2/5- 6:00 PPO Meeting
- 2/6- 3rd quarter midterms sent home
- 2/8-2/9- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Denver Trip
- 2/12- 3:30-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/16- Powderhorn Ski Day for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- 2/19-2/23 February Vacation



## Information in the Office

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

- ✓ Good News Club
- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ski Passport
- ✓ Pee Wee Wrestling
- ✓ Girls on the Run

## School News

### PES Powderhorn Ski Trip

It is time to start preparing for our 3<sup>rd</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 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please check your Tuesday Express for an information packet.

### Wanted: Talent Show Coordinator

We are beginning to plan for our 4<sup>th</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.

### Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found basket is overflowing with shirts, jackets, sweatshirts and other clothes. Please stop by the cafeteria and check the box for any items that your child may be missing.

### Community Extracurricular Activities

- Archery Club – After school on Mon. and Weds. at the Teen Center from 3:30-5:00
- Girls on the Run – Practice starts 2/26. Register online at [gotrwesterncolorado.org](http://gotrwesterncolorado.org). Looking for additional parent coaches. Please contact Mary Gore or Dawn Plymale for more information.
- Arts for All – Arts for All is offering drama and choir classes after school starting Feb 5. Register at [bluesage.org/kidsstuff](http://bluesage.org/kidsstuff).

### Principal's Message

The holiday season brought many of our students new bright and shiny handheld technology devices. I thought I'd take a minute to remind everyone of our policy regarding electronic devices at Paonia Elementary.

Students are to keep their devices turned off and in their backpacks during the school day. If students need to make a phone call, they are to ask their teacher to come to the office to call. If a student brings a device to school and it is lost, stolen, or damaged it is the students' responsibility not the schools. A student who abuses the technology policy may have their device taken for the day.

This is also a time to review the apps that your child uses. I would encourage you to ensure that your children are only using apps that are appropriate for their age. In the past parents have shared with me some concerns about social media apps such as Snapchat and Kik. These are messaging apps, but they allow users to message unknown people (sort of like an anonymous chat room) or have messages appear only for a short time. They provide the potential for misuse by users wanting to chat with children or for children to send inappropriate messages thinking that they will not be around for long.

In this day and age of increased technology availability and use, we all need to make sure that we are educating our children to be good 'digital citizens'. Thank you!

### Paonia Parent Organization (PPO)

Our next PPO meeting is on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6pm at school the school library. Childcare is provided.

Some items that will be up for discussion include:

- Campus Improvements
- Spring Fundraising
- Family Nature Night
- After School Classes

Come join us and let us know your thoughts. All attendees to the PPO meetings have their names put in a hat for a \$25 gift card drawing. We are a fun loving bunch of parents and staff members looking for more voices! 😊

### Attendance Policy and Student Illness

Our student population was hit pretty hard last week with strep, flu, and other illnesses. I know that some families are concerned about the impact of the district attendance policy. I appreciate that you are taking care of your children by keeping them home while they recuperate. Please know that we will take those absences into consideration if we need to develop 6-day attendance plans with a family.

### A KidZ Clinic Special Message

"Strength grows in the moments when you think you can't go on but you go on anyways. A Kidz Clinic wants you to remember that being there for yourself is just as important as being there for a friend or family member. Remember to talk to yourself with positivity and encouragement and reach out for help when you feel that you need it. You are all amazing."

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### 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 January 23<sup>rd</sup> Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)