



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

February 6, 2018



Mark Your Calendar

February

- 2/6- 3rd quarter midterms sent home
- 2/8-2/9- 6th Grade Denver Trip
- 2/12- 3:30-8:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 2/16- Powderhorn Ski Day for 4th - 6th grades
- 2/19-2/23 February Vacation

March

- 3/1- 6th Grade Knowledge Bowl
- 3/2- Field Trip: 6th Grade XC Skiing on Grand Mesa



Information in the Office

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

- ✓ Good News Club
- ✓ Spring Soccer Forms
- ✓ Girls' Dance Team
- ✓ Girls on the Run

School News

PES Powderhorn Ski Trip

It is time to start preparing for our 3rd Powderhorn Snowsports Training Day. This is an optional day of skiing/snowboarding for our 4th through 6th grade students. We are scheduled to go to Powderhorn on Friday, February 16th as long as Mother Nature cooperates. Parents, registration forms went home last week so if you need another copy please check at the office.

Wanted: Talent Show Coordinator

We are beginning to plan for our 4th 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 to assist Mr. Paul Kimpling with this event. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Cox at school.

3rd-6th grade CMAS Testing

Our annual state student assessments will begin in March. Although the schedule has not been finalized, 3rd-6th graders will be taking math and language arts tests between March 26 and April 27. Students will have 3 language arts sessions and 3 math sessions depending on the grade level. Our 4th graders will also take a social studies test while our 5th graders will be taking a science test. As soon as the schedule is finalized, we'll let you know.

Community Extracurricular Activities

- Spring Soccer forms are at the office. Forms must be turned in by February 25th.
- There is a 5th/6th grade girls dance team meeting at HHS on Mondays starting February 26th. Information forms are at the school office.

Principal's Message

This is a big time of the year for getting our students outside for to expand their learning opportunities. Last Friday our 5th 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 6th grade students will make their annual trip over the mountains to Denver. The students will get to spend the night at the Denver Museum of 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 and to experience the big city for a few hours.

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. Thank you for supporting you children in these off-campus experiences. We hope your children enjoy these experiences as much as our staff does!

Paonia Parent Organization (PPO)

We held our monthly PPO meeting last night. We discussed spring events such as:

- Popcorn fundraiser
- Street painting and fence decorating
- Talent show
- Garden workday

We also started discussion about hosting a Thanksgiving Turkey Trot 5K fundraiser next year. If you are interested in helping with any of these events, please contact our PPO president, Cari Johnson, or the front office.

Our next PPO meeting is Monday, March 5 at 6:00 pm.

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.

A KidZ Clinic Special Message

"Everyone has bad days that seem so overwhelming and unbearable, but A Kidz Clinic wants you to remember that positive self talk is important in turning those bad days around. Everyday may not be good, but there is something good in every day, so take time to reflect on the good in each day and remind yourself how amazing you are! "

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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 February 6th Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)