



# Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

March 27, 2018



## Mark Your Calendar

### March

3/27- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards  
Sent Home

### April

4/2- 6:00 PPO Meeting

4/13- Talent Show Auditions

4/14-4/22 Spring Vacation

4/23- 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Midterms  
Sent Home

4/26- 6:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Play

4/27- 6:00 Talent Show at PHS

## School News

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

Our annual state student assessments began this week. This year Colorado students will be taking CMAS tests (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts and Math; 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science; 4<sup>th</sup> grade social studies). Each scheduled day of testing will include one online testing session of approximately 90 minutes.

Here is a schedule of Paonia Elementary testing dates:

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: April 3-5, April 10-12

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 3-5, April 10-12, April 24-26

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: March 26-April 2, April 10-12

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: March 26-April 2

### Talent Show on the Horizon

PES and NFSIS will be hosting the fourth annual 'Eagles Got Talent' talent show on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Paonia High School Commons. The talent show is for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade student performers from PES and NFSIS. Our auditions are Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. If your child would like to perform, please make sure they turn in their audition permission by April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Lunch Charges

Parents remember to stay on top of your child's lunch accounts. We want to have all lunch charges cleared before the end of the school year. You can apply for free/reduced lunch at any time if your employment situation changes. However, you are still responsible for previous lunch charges once you qualify for free/reduced lunch. You can always call or visit Wendy in the cafeteria to add money or check your account balance.

### City Market Cards

City Market has a Community Rewards Program that provides funding to local organizations. In order to support PES you can register your card at [www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com](http://www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com). Please take a moment to visit the website to register your City Market card and choose Paonia Elementary School (#10725) as your organization of choice.

## Information in the Office

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

- ✓ Girls' Dance Team
- ✓ Boys' Baseball and Girls' Softball Registration



## Principal's Message

As you can see from the front page, we started the annual cycle of state assessments this week. The state assessments, also known as Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), are an important tool that the state uses to measure the progress that schools, teachers, and students are making each year. Schools, teachers, and students are measured on the academic achievement level that is obtained, as well as the growth from one year to the next. Although we want all of our students to make the highest achievement level possible, growth is the measure that we emphasize the most. Regardless of a student's achievement level, we want them to show that they are making high growth. High growth is a result of students scoring in the 64<sup>th</sup>ile or better when compared to other students across the state who had the same score the previous year. High growth is an attainable target for all students, even when meeting or exceeding expectations isn't.

Information from the CMAS assessments is what has led to the numerous accolades that our school receives. School of Distinction, Governor's Distinguished Improvement Awards, and most recently our Colorado Succeeds Prize nomination are all based on students' CMAS performance. Although we often have a higher percentage of students making achievement than the state average, it is how we our 'growing' our students that truly separates PES from other elementary schools across the state.

We greatly appreciate our families' support of the high expectations that we set for ***all*** students at PES. It is the unwavering belief that ***every*** student can make high growth that creates such a wonderful learning environment at our school.

## Paonia Parent Organization (PPO)

**Everyone should have already picked up their popcorn orders from the Popcornopolis Fundraiser. If not, please check with the office for the status of your order.**

**We held a school garden meeting last week and are looking at improving the school garden facilities this year. We are considering expanding the garden for more edible crops and adding a greenhouse so that we can start our growing season earlier.**

**At our next meeting we will be discussing a Clean Your Plate Club to promote students finishing more of their school lunch. We will also discuss some school camera options to provide surveillance in the hallways and outside the building. Finally we will discuss the final planning for the upcoming student talent show and art exhibit.**

**If you have questions or want to help with any of these items, please join us at our next meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Our lost and found is overflowing with coats and other items. Please come see if your child has left anything behind. We will be taking any remaining items to a Thrift Store during Spring Vacation.

## 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 March 27<sup>th</sup> Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.**

**(Names of children)**

**(Parent signature)**