



# Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

April 10, 2018



## Mark Your Calendar

### April

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- Field Trip: 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Conservation Days

4/27- 6:00 Talent Show at PHS

### May

5/2- 5:00 Family Nature Night  
and BOGO Free Book Fair



## Information in the Office

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

- ✓ Summer Reading Program

## School News

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

Our annual state student assessments continue this week. Here is a schedule of the remaining PES testing dates:

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

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

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 10-12

### 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 this Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and we already have our audition list set. Students also have the opportunity to display their visual art during the talent show. Mr. Kuta is working with our PPO to set up the art show. Make sure you come support our students! Tickets will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Cookies and drinks will be for sale during the performance. See you all there!

### 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. We do have school magnets and license plate holders for sale at the office as well.

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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.

## Principal's Message

Our calendar is moving very quickly, and it's hard to believe that after Spring Vacation we will only have 5 weeks of school left. As always, the spring becomes a busy time of the year. We are finishing up our state assessments and will shortly begin our end of year assessments for DIBELS and GoMath. We are planning end of the year field trips for many of our students, have year-end celebrations like the AR swim party and our awards celebration.

This is also the time of year when we begin early planning for next school year. Every spring brings changes to school staffing, and we are fortunate that at PES we often don't have to make many changes. This year we will be making the following changes:

- Kindergarten: Mrs. Mohr will be retiring at the end of this year after 30 years of teaching. We are very sad to see her go, but she has worked many years with our students and we wish her the best in her retirement. Mrs. Simpson will be our new kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Simpson is looking forward to working with younger students where she has spent much of her teaching career.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Mrs. Simpson's move to kindergarten provides the opportunity for Mrs. Bushta to move back into the classroom. Mrs. Bushta will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher. She has enjoyed the last few years as our PE/ELL/Technology teacher, but is looking forward to getting back into the classroom and forging bonds with one class of students. Mrs. Bushta has many years of successful experience in the classroom when she taught up in Crawford.
- Art/Technology: With Mrs. Bushta moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and other changes to art instruction in our North Fork area, Mr. Kuta is able to spend his whole day at Paonia Elementary. Mr. Kuta will continue to teach art, but we are adding technology to his class rotation as well. He will no longer travel to PJHS for art instruction in the afternoons.
- PE/ELL: We will be hiring a part-time teacher to fill in the PE and English Language Learners vacancy from Mrs. Bushta's return to the classroom.

Our staff is excited about opportunity to work with new groups of students and continue to grow and learn as professionals. Please join me in welcoming our staff members into their new roles.

## **Paonia Parent Organization (PPO)**

**Last week's PPO meeting addressed the Clean Your Plate club; ongoing campus improvement projects; increased district funding from the state that may support school security and other needs; the upcoming talent show; teacher appreciation week. Our last PPO meeting of the year is schedule for May 14 at 6:00. This will be a short meeting before the PJHS Spring Concert scheduled at 7:00.**

## **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 April 10<sup>th</sup> Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.**

**(Names of children)**

**(Parent signature)**