



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

October 16, 2018



Mark Your Calendar

October

- 10/17 - Walk/Ride to School Day**
- 10/17 - Field Trip: 2nd Grade**
- 10/18 - Field Trip: 3rd Grade**
- 10/23 - 6th Grade District Spelling Bee**
- 10/24 - Field Trip: 5th Grade**
- 10/25 - Field Trip: 6th Grade**
- 10/26 - Student Picture Retakes**
- 10/29 - Teacher Inservice Day/ No School for Students**
- 10/30 - Report Cards Go Home**

School News

Walk and Bike to School Day

Tomorrow, October 17th is Walk and Bike to School Day. We encourage as many students to participate in this annual event as possible. The Town of Paonia is pursuing a Safe Routes to Schools Grant to improve sidewalks to PJHS, the intersection by Subway, and put a sidewalk along 5th street to PES. Please help with their grant application by completing the survey in today's Tuesday Express.

Halloween at School

Students are welcome to wear their Halloween costumes to school on Wednesday, October 31st. Students will not be allowed to change once they get to school. Please respect the school dress code, and remember no weapons, blood, guts, face paint, or masks. We encourage costumes that align with storybook characters.

PES Pumpkin Poetry Patch

Share your pumpkin carving and poetry skills! Carve a pumpkin at home and write a poem on a 3" by 5" index card to go along with your carving. Bring your pumpkin and poem in to school on October 30th or 31st. On Wednesday, October 31st, prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place contestants in three categories: K-2nd grade, 3rd-4th grade, and 5th-6th grade.

Information in the Office

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

- ✓ Good News Club
- ✓ North Fork Christmas Party
- ✓ 5th Grade Colorado Ski Passport Applications
- ✓ Pee Wee Basketball Registration Forms

North Fork Christmas Party

It's that time of year again! If you are in need of financial 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 at the front desk. We will pick up those forms and fulfill your Christmas list. The deadline for turning in forms is ASAP, so be sure to pick up forms early! We want this to be a MERRY CHRISTMAS for everyone!

Principal's Message

This year, as part of my Principal's Message to families, I want to use this space to highlight elements of our school's Mission, Vision, and Values. I'll be highlighting one of our statements on a regular basis in order to emphasize how our work fits together to educate the whole child.

One of our PES value statements is, "We value enthusiasm for teaching and learning." I'd like to highlight the first part of the statement that focuses on an enthusiasm for teaching. As our community knows, we have an extremely stable base of teachers at PES that results in rare changes in classroom teaching positions. Our teaching staff is a veteran group of educators that dedicate an enormous amount of their personal time to the success of their students. They do this not because of additional financial incentives, but because they are passionate individuals who love the opportunity, and challenge, of working with the children of Paonia, and their families. It is their devotion to the profession that shines at PES!

PPO News

Thank you everyone for your support during our Yankee Candle fundraiser and our Mountain Harvest 5K run. The Yankee Candle fundraiser raised just over \$1500 and the 5K run raised over \$3200. Thank you to our generous 5K sponsors!

We've changed the date of our garden workday to Saturday, November 10th at 10:00am. Please come out and help us install 7 new vegetable garden beds on the west side of the school campus!

A KidZ Clinic Special Message

A Kidz Clinic wants you all to remember to take care of your minds this week. Mental health is just as important as physical health, without a healthy mind it becomes hard for us to achieve any physical tasks. A few ways to keep your mind healthy is to practice gratitude, self-affirmations, and getting enough sleep. Write down two things your are grateful for and two things you like about yourself today and place it somewhere you can see it each day to remind yourself. And of course be sure to get 8 hours of sleep or even a little more each night to ensure your body and mind are well rested enough to learn all of the wonderful things your teachers have to teach you each day!

Wanted:

Destination Imagination Coach

PES is looking for a coach to manage a Destination Imagination (DI) team. DI is a program for PES 5th and 6th graders nominated by their classroom teachers to participate in a competitive problem solving competition. The coach is responsible for managing practices, usually two times a week, until the regional competition in March. If you are interested in this position, please contact Mr. Cox at school.

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 October 16th Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)