



# Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

November 27, 2018



## Mark Your Calendar

### November

**11/28 – Field Trip: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Delta Library**

**11/29 – Field Trip: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Delta Library**

**11/30 – 4:00 Gingerbread House Building at Town Hall**

### December

**12/1 – 12:00-4:00 Gingerbread House Sales at Town Hall**

**12/3 – 6:00pm PPO Meeting**

**12/5 – PHS Wounded Warrior Dodgeball Tournament**

**12/11 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Counts**

**12/17 – 6:00pm PES Holiday Program at PHS Gym**

## School News

### Celebrate The Beat

The Celebrate the Beat residency ended on Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup> with a wonderful performance by our 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. It was fantastic to see so many students working together, and amazing how much they learned in a short period of time. Thank you to everyone who came to our performance!

### Gingerbread Houses in Paonia

This year PES will again be sponsoring the children's gingerbread house creation station during the Paonia Holiday Festival. Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, come to the Paonia Town Hall from 12:00-4:00 to create and decorate a gingerbread house. If you can donate any of the following items, please bring them to the PES office by Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. We need graham crackers, red vines, animal crackers, Chex cereal, dots, pretzels, red hots, M&Ms, smarties, mints, and small candy canes. We could use volunteers to help build the gingerbread houses on Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:00 in the Town Hall Meeting Room.

### Holiday Program Bake Sale

This year we will have a bake sale after the Holiday Program. Families are asked to bring a baked item for the sale. Just like for the school BBQ, we are asking families to donate items by their last name. Here's the list:

Last name A-D: Pies or cakes

Last name E-H: Quick bread, sweet rolls, etc.

Last name I-M: Fudge, coated popcorn/pretzels, etc.

Last name N-R: Dessert bars, cupcakes, brownies, muffins

Last name S-Z: Cookies, jams, or jellies, salsas

If you have a favorite family holiday recipe, please feel free to bring that instead of the items listed above. Please drop off your items at school on Monday, December 17).

## Information in the Office

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

- ✓ Good News Club
- ✓ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Colorado Ski Passport Applications

### **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 value statements is, "**We value a caring and challenging learning environment.**" At PES we believe that every child can learn, and that the best learning happens when children have to struggle. That doesn't mean they have to struggle independently, we will provide the appropriate scaffolding around the child so that they have 'supported struggle'. Humans learn best when they are put in situations where their brains have to work to solve a problem or complete an activity. Whether it is learning long division, the elements of a 5-paragraph essay, or a dance routine our students are learning the skills, and coping strategies, that they will need to succeed in their future endeavors. We strive to ensure that **all** children leave PES with a toolset to be happy, healthy, and prepared members of our society.

### **PPO News**

Thank you to everyone who helped install our new school garden! Come check out the beautiful raised beds in our back playground, they look amazing! We can't wait for growing season to return!!

Our next PPO meeting is on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We'll be finalizing plans for the Holiday program and planning our spring projects. We have childcare and snacks, so we look forward to seeing you there!

Don't forget the Gingerbread Sales Event this weekend! Prep is Friday night and sales are on Saturday at Town Hall!

### **A KidZ Clinic Special Message**

We have all heard about the "winter blues" or even experienced it. Six out of every 100 Americans may suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) a.k.a. "winter blues". This is a series of mood swings that occur when the light diminishes in the winter. A Kidz Clinic wants you to avoid the "winter blues" by getting your daily dose of vitamin D, plenty of exercise, and enjoying the sunlight when you can! About 10-15 minutes of play in the sun is a great mood-lifter and source of vitamin D. Today is a beautiful day to take some time outside in the sunshine, but don't forget your jacket! Have an awesome week everyone!

### **Wounded Warrior Dodgeball Tournament**

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual PHS Winter Warrior Dodgeball Tournament is next Wednesday, December 5, at 6:30. All proceeds will be donated to benefit local veterans programs. Teams can sign up with Mrs. Allen at PHS (\$20 per team). Tournament admission is \$2.00 per person. An all-you-can-eat chili supper will be served from 5:00-6:30 in the PHS commons for \$5.00. There will be a bake sale and auction for items after the tournament.

### **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.

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I've read the November 27<sup>th</sup> Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

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