



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

January 29, 2019



Mark Your Calendar

February

2/4 – 6:00 – PPO Meeting

2/5 – 3rd Quarter Midterms

2/13-2/14 – 6th Grade Denver
Overnight Field Trip

2/15 – Valentine's Day Parties

2/15 – Crazy Hat and Sock Day

2/18-2/22 – Winter Vacation

2/28 – 6th Grade Knowledge
Bowl

March

3/4 - Field Trip: 6th Grade Winter
Education

3/4 – 6:00 – PPO Meeting

Information in the Office

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

- ✓ Good News Club
- ✓ 5th Grade Colorado Ski Passport Applications
- ✓ K-2 Saturday Basketball Clinics
- ✓ Pee Wee Wrestling

School News

Spring Seed Fundraiser

This spring we are conducting a Spring Starts fundraiser. Seed catalogs were sent home on January 15th. Seed catalogs and orders must be returned to school by this Friday, February 1st. Please consider placing your garden orders with us this spring, and make sure to tell your friends and family!

Attendance Policy and Student Illness

We have entered cold and flu season. I know that some families are concerned about the impact of the district attendance policy when their child misses school for multiple days. I appreciate that you are taking care of your children by keeping them home while they recuperate. Please know that we will take those absences into consideration if we need to develop 6-day attendance plans with a family.

School Resource Officer

The Town of Paonia and the Delta County School District have partnered to provide a School Resource Position to the Paonia schools. Officer Taffini Patterson will be working in PES and PJHS 4 days a week. If you see Officer Taff around, please say hi! The students are enjoying getting to know her

Valentine's Parties – Crazy Hat/Socks Day

This year we will be celebrating Valentine's Day on Friday, February 15th at school. Most classes will have a celebration on Friday afternoon. February 15th is also Crazy Hat/Socks Day. Students are encouraged to wear their crazy items that day!

Wanted: Talent Show Coordinator

We are beginning to plan for our 4th annual PES talent show. We are setting 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 of this activity. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Cox.

Principal's Message

The holiday season brought many of our students new bright and shiny handheld technology devices. At this time of year I like to take a minute to remind everyone of our policy regarding electronic devices at Paonia Elementary.

Students are to keep their devices turned off and in their backpacks during the school day. If students need to make a phone call, they are to ask their teacher to come to the office to call. If a student brings a device to school and it is lost, stolen, or damaged it is the students' responsibility not the schools. A student who abuses the technology policy may have their device taken for the day.

This is also a time to review the apps that your child uses. I would encourage you to ensure that your children are only using apps that are appropriate for their age. In the past parents have shared with me some concerns about social media apps such as Snapchat and Kik. These are messaging apps, but they allow users to message unknown people (sort of like an anonymous chat room) or have messages appear only for a short time. They provide the potential for misuse by users wanting to chat with children or for children to send inappropriate messages thinking that the message will not be around for long.

In this day and age of increased technology availability and use, we all need to make sure that we are educating our children to be good 'digital citizens'.

PPO News

Our next PPO meeting is on Monday, February 4th at 6:00pm. We'll be finalizing our spring plans and reviewing the first Seed Start Sale fundraiser. We will also begin looking into the possibility of an outdoor mural on our gymnasium wall. We'll have childcare and snacks, so we look forward to seeing you there!

Morning Student Drop-Off Procedures

If you are parking in the morning to bring your children into school, please use a parking spot on the East side of the parking lot, or pull as far forward as possible at our curb. We would like to save as much curb space in front of the building as possible for parents that are just doing a 'drive-by' drop off. Drop-offs should happen at the curb, not in the middle of the lot. Mr. Cox will be opening car doors from 7:45-8:00 on most mornings for families doing a drop off in the parking lot.

Boots!

Old Man Winter is here and our playground is covered in snow! Please make sure that your students have boots for the playground and tennis shoes for the gym. We only have a couple of pairs of extra shoes at school. It is important for students to bring their own, appropriate shoes to school. Students will not be allowed to participate in PE if they do not have the appropriate shoes. Remember, it's a good idea to keep a pair of PE shoes in your backpack or in your classroom.

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 January 29th Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)