



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

February 26, 2019



Mark Your Calendar

March

- 3/4 - Field Trip: 6th Grade Winter Education**
- 3/4 – 6:00 – PPO Meeting**
- 3/12 – 6th Grade Knowledge Bowl**
- 3/13 – Kinder Registration**
- 3/15 – 4th-6th Grade Powderhorn Ski Day (optional)**
- 3/15 – End of 3rd Quarter**
- 3/25 – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- 3/26 – Report Cards Sent Home**

Please check Lost and Found in the cafeteria. We have LOTS of coats and things.

Information in the Office

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

- ✓ **Spring Soccer Registration due February 28th.**
- ✓ **After School Karate Classes at PES for 5-8 year olds**

School News

3rd-6th grade Colorado State Testing

Our annual state student assessments begin in March. This year PES students will be taking CMAS (3rd-6th grade Language Arts and Math and 5th grade Science) tests. Each scheduled day of testing will include one online testing session of approximately 60 minutes.

Here is a schedule of Paonia Elementary testing dates:

3rd Grade: April 2-4, April 9-11

4th Grade: April 2-4, April 9-11

5th Grade: March 25-April 1, April 9-11

6th Grade: March 25-April 1

Community Information

Please remember that we can no longer send home fliers in the Tuesday Express Envelope for community-sponsored programs. Please check our community bulletin board at school, or go to the Parents tab on our school website (pes.deltaschools.com) for more information and copies of registration forms.

Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, March 13th will be our official spring registration day for students entering Kindergarten next year. This year our school district is continuing an online registration procedure. You may register your new students by visiting our school webpage, pes.deltaschools.com, and clicking on the 'Register My Student' button on the right side of the webpage. Students already enrolled in BELA who will be attending PES should not register online until August 1st. If your child is in BELA, and you plan on attending PES please let our office staff know of your intent. If you do not have Internet access you may visit our school on March 13th, and we will have computers available for registration. If you know someone who has a 5 year old, please remind them to come by our school office. Potential parents are also welcome to come visit our kindergarten classroom anytime.

PARENTS - PLEASE DON'T PARK IN THE CROSSWALK DURING DISMISSAL TIME.

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 strong social-emotional foundation.**" At PES we focus on developing that social-emotional foundation through a pyramid of supports starting with nurturing and responsive relationships, then high quality supportive environments, and then targeted social emotional supports.

We begin with nurturing and responsive environments. Being a small school, it is easy for our staff to maintain connections with students as they progress through their academic years. Students should feel that they have a supportive, responsive relationship with several adults in the building.

The second step is ensuring that our learning environments are stimulating, high quality, and promote positive outcomes for all students. The foundation of our classroom wing is the school library where kids have access to a wide variety of learning materials in a comfortable, welcoming environment.

The third step is providing a systematic approach to teaching social skills. I provide social skill and conflict management lesson to each class every two to four weeks. Topics range from identifying feelings to making friends to anti-bullying behavior depending on the grade level.

Finally, if we determine that students need additional assistance in social-emotional development we discuss needs and solutions as part of our Multi-Tiered Systems of Support team meetings on a bi-monthly basis.

PPO News

Our next PPO meeting is on Monday, March 4th at 6:00pm. We'll be looking at gym wall mural ideas, planning the talent show, and discussing possible after school classes for students. We'll have childcare and snacks, so we look forward to seeing you there!

Title I Survey

Each year Paonia Elementary receives approximately \$9,000 in federally provided Title I funds. We use these funds to support our Jump Start summer school program, school-year tutoring, teacher professional development, and parent involvement. We would love to hear your thoughts or feedback on how we can improve our use of Title I budgeting. Please take a few minutes to complete an online survey at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/AWrT8bqiEUDa6aDE3>

Thank you very much for your assistance!

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 February 26th Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)