



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

March 26, 2019



Mark Your Calendar

March

3/26 – 1st & 3rd Grade Field Trip

3/26 – 3:30-4:00 Book Fair

3/26 – Report Cards Sent Home

April

4/1 – 6:00 PPO Meeting

4/10 – Talent Show Permission Slips Due

4/16-4/19 Spring Vacation

4/23 – Talent Show Auditions

4/24 – 6th Grade Hwy 133 Cleanup

4/25 – 3rd Grade Field Trip

School News

3rd-6th grade Colorado State Testing

Our annual state student assessments began this week. 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 60-90 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

Talent Show on the Horizon

PES will be hosting the fifth annual 'Eagles Got Talent' talent show on Math 3rd at 6:00 in the Paonia High School Commons. The talent show is for 3rd-6th grade student performers from PES. Our auditions are Tuesday, April 23rd. If your child would like to perform, please make sure they turn in their audition permission slips, which will be sent home next week.

Lunch Charges

Parents remember to stay on top of your child's lunch accounts. We want to have all lunch charges cleared before the end of the school year. You can apply for free/reduced lunch at any time if your employment situation changes. However, you are still responsible for previous lunch charges once you qualify for free/reduced lunch. You can always call or visit Wendy in the cafeteria to add money or check your account balance.

City Market Cards

City Market has a Community Rewards Program that provides funding to local organizations. In order to support PES you can register your card at www.citymarketcommunityrewards.com. Please take a moment to visit the website to register your City Market card and choose Paonia Elementary School (#10725) as your organization of choice.

Information in the Office

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

- ✓ After School Karate Classes at PES for 5-8 year olds
- ✓ Baseball and Softball Registration Forms
- ✓ After School Spanish Classes

Principal's Message

As you can see from the front page, we started the annual cycle of state assessments this week. The state assessments, also known as Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS), are an important tool that the state uses to measure the progress that schools, teachers, and students are making each year. Schools, teachers, and students are measured on the academic achievement level that is obtained, as well as the growth from one year to the next. Although we want all of our students to make the highest achievement level possible, growth is the measure that we emphasize the most at Paonia Elementary. Regardless of a student's achievement level, we want them to show that they are making high growth. High growth is a result of students scoring in the 64th percentile or better when compared to other students across the state who had the same score the previous year. High growth is an attainable target for all students, even when meeting or exceeding expectations isn't.

Information from the CMAS assessments is what has led to the numerous accolades that our school receives. School of Distinction, Governor's Distinguished Improvement Awards, John Irwin Schools of Excellence and most recently our Colorado Succeeds Prize are all based on students' CMAS performance. Although we often have a higher percentage of students making achievement than the state average, it is how we are 'growing' our students that truly separates PES from other elementary schools across the state.

We greatly appreciate our families' support of the high expectations that we set for ***all*** students at PES. It is the unwavering belief that ***every*** student can make high growth that creates such a wonderful learning environment at our school.

PPO News

Our next PPO meeting is this coming Monday, April 1st. We'll meet in the school library and be discussing ideas for an outside school mural, painting some inspirational messages in bathroom stalls, recent ALICE training for violent situations.

We hope to see you there! As always we'll have childcare outside on the playground now that it stays light later, and some light snacks. We give away a \$25 visa card to one lucky attendee!



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.

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

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)