



Eagle's Cry

The Paonia Elementary School Newsletter

April 9, 2019



Mark Your Calendar

April

4/10 – Talent Show Permission Slips Due

4/16-4/19 Spring Vacation

4/23 – Talent Show Auditions

4/24 – School Evacuation Drill

4/24 – 3:30 6th Grade Hwy 133 Cleanup

4/25 – 3rd Grade Field Trip

4/26 – 4th Grade River Days

4/26 – 3rd Grade Field Trip



Information in the Office

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

- ✓ After School Spanish Classes

School News

3rd-6th grade Colorado State Testing

Our annual state student assessments finish this week. Here is a schedule of the remaining Paonia Elementary testing dates:

3rd Grade: April 9-11

4th Grade: April 9-11

5th Grade: April 9-11

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 by tomorrow, Wednesday, April 10th.

Fridays are School Spirit Days!

Show your school spirit every Friday by wearing our school colors – red and black. Of course if you have Paonia Elementary School shirts you should wear those, but any red and black is great to wear! Check at the office for information on how to order Paonia Elementary clothing. We do have school magnets and license plate holders for sale at the office as well.

Lost and Found

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 so come check this week for missing items.

Parents, please make sure to pay your child's lunch bill and keep a positive balance in your lunch account.

Thank you!

Principal's Message

This year, as part of my Principal's Message to families, I am using 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 in school fits together to educate the whole child.

One of our value statements is, "**We value independent problem solving.**" At PES we focus on developing every student's ability to work independently or collaboratively, depending on the task at hand. Developing the confidence of our students to attempt and complete a task without the assistance of an adult or peer begins at an early age. Working collaboratively can be beneficial, but as important is the ability to put forth individual effort to complete a task.

A key element of brain development is the concept of struggle. We strive to teach our students that deliberate effort helps rewire the brain, which leads to enhanced learning and achievement. Research in mind, brain, and education has shown that students who have a growth mindset and recognize that working hard to learn can increase achievement does in fact increase achievement. Putting forth more effort to solve a challenging academic task, persisting despite confusion, shows students that their academic success is due as much to effort as it is to 'smartness'.

PPO News

At last week's PPO meeting we discussed:

- School security and what lockdown and evacuation drills will look like with our new ALICE training.
- Campus improvement projects such as an outdoor mural on the gym, ongoing garden projects, STUCO eagle statue, and painting bathrooms.
- Planning for the upcoming student talent show.
- Teacher Appreciation Week plans.
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Our last PPO meeting of the year will be on May 6th. We will be discussing final plans for the talent show as well as 5K Fun Run planning for next fall. Please join us and share your ideas! Kids will be supervised on the playground, and you could win a \$25 Visa card. We hope to see 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.

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 April 9th Eagle's Cry. Please enter this coupon in the newsletter drawing.

(Names of children)

(Parent signature)