

MAY 3, 2012



# HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

## OUR MISSION:

*To Inspire every Student (& Teacher)  
to Think, to Learn,  
to Achieve, to Care.*

Visit our website @ [www.her.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.her.ccsd.k12.co.us)

Dear Parents,

Heritage's "Science Expo" was a success with over 120 children and their families attending. Our purpose for this event was to build value for science outside of school with speakers who use science in their careers, informational fliers of places to go in Metro Denver that deal with science, lists of careers based on science degrees, and a display of science activities, tools, and books great for home.

You may wonder why science? Schools have a variety of achievement gaps between groups of students such as a gender gap, a racial gap, a socio-economic gap, etc. At the beginning of the school year, we looked at our school's achievement data based on the Colorado State Assessment Program (CSAP). Our students' of color scores in reading were almost all proficient. However, we noticed a significant gap in the area of science. Our goal is for ALL students to be proficient or above. We asked, "What can we do in school and at home?"

Twelve of our Hispanic and Bi-racial families met to discuss the CSAP data and examine racial achievement gaps through our work with PASS – Parents of Academically Successful Students. The parents also raised concerns around science and a decision was made to do something school-wide to build greater value for science in our homes playing with science, reading about science, and experiencing home and community science activities as a family. Our PASS parents: Bachis Balfe, Lisa Cesario-Scott, and Cynthia Stevens and Heritage's Equity team: Kelly Hobbs-Perry, Susan Kramer, Heather Stevens, and Amy Winant and I met monthly to plan, organize, and run a Science Expo. We hope this event reinforced or inspired our families to participate in science activities together.

A Huge Thank You to our PASS parents, Equity team, presenters, community people who donated the Mexican food, and Tommi Martin, our health technician, who wrote all the science lists displayed on the walls. It was a fascinating and fun-filled family event, and we hope to plan another event next year involving our precious Heritage families and an academic focus to help narrow an achievement gap.

Thank you,

Mary

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**24 HOUR  
ATTENDANCE LINE**  
720-554-3595

Please remember when your student is going to be absent or late, **you are required to call the attendance line by 9:00 am.**

Letting the teacher know is considerate, calling the attendance line is a requirement.

**SNOW DELAY  
SCHEDULE**

The elementary school bus pickup and school start times are delayed

**1 HOUR.**

Please check your local TV and radio stations or [www.ccsd.k12.co.us](http://www.ccsd.k12.co.us), or call 720-554-4701

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>MAY</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF</b>
<b>7-11</b>	<b>TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>NURSE'S DAY</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>INTERNATIONAL RIDE YOUR BIKE DAY</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN MOTHER'S DAY TEA</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO FOUR MILE HISTORIC PARK</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>3rd GRADE FIELD TRIP TO STOCKTON STABLES @ 9:30 AM—1:30 PM</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>REPTILE ASSEMBLY @ 2:30-3:15 AM</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>ACCOUNTABILITY MEETING @ 6:00-7:00 PM *Childcare available</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>PTCO GENERAL MEETING @ 7:00-8:00 PM *Childcare available</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>5th GRADE SCIENCE FAIR</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>PRESCHOOL FIELD DAY @ 9:00 AM-12:00 PM</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>FIELD DAY FOR ALL GRADES</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>MEMORIAL DAY-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>5TH GRADE CIVIL WAR BALL @ 9:00 AM-3:30 PM</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>SOAR AND EAGLE FEATHER AWARD ASSEMBLY @ 9:15-10:15 AM</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>5TH GRADE POOL PARTY @ 10:30 AM-2:30 PM</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN BASEBALL WITH DADS @ 10:30 AM &amp; 2:00 PM</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>4TH GRADE COLORADO MUSICAL @ 10:00-11:00 AM</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION @ 11:00 AM-12:00 PM</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>5TH GRADE CONTINUATION @ 6:30-8:00 PM</b>

**JUNE 5**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR KINDERGARTEN AND 5TH GRADE  
PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME**

**JUNE 6**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 1ST-4TH GRADE  
PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME  
DISMISSAL TIME @ 12:00 PM**



## SOAR



Excerpts From Bad Grades to a Great Life! By Dr. Charles Fay

**Loving Our Kids for Who They Are: *Children who are loved for who they are experience the freedom to become the best that they can be.***

Allow your children to walk their own path.

Most of us probably have a path we'd like our kids to follow. Sometimes they share our sense of direction. Sometimes they invent their own type of compass.

It is helpful to remember that they don't wake each morning and make a written plan for irritating us with their travel plans. It is helpful to remember that they have a special path that is largely determined by their unique personalities... rather than their desire to ignore wise counsel.

Please don't misunderstand! Not for a millisecond am I suggesting that we ought to stand by and simply watch our children self-destruct. Not for a millisecond am I encouraging you to sit idle as they damage themselves or others. What I am suggesting is that far too many children become discouraged and choose self-destructive paths because their parents have not allowed them to follow their unique and positive path.

***Loving others for who they are is the magic that allows them to achieve what they can become.***

Do you have an artistic, creative child who you've tried to make into an analytic, organized one? Do you have a sensitive, introspective child who you've tried to make into an extroverted one? Do you have an active, mechanically oriented child who you've tried to turn into a calm, introspective and focused one?

Take the time to play with them.

How simple. Just take time to play with children.

Is it really that simple? Yes...and.....no.

Yes, the simple act of playing with our children does far more to boost their motivation to do well in school than all of the lectures ever given to all of the children who've ever walked the face of the earth! When we take the time to play with them...and to play what they want to play, we show them how deeply we love them. When this happens, they're far more likely to identify with our values, including our educational ones.

**When I consider the vast number of high achieving students I've known, one of the things that stands out in their lives is the amount of time their parents spent with them playing, participating in sports, or enjoying hobbies. The wise parents intuitively understood that "quality time" can't happen without "quantity time."**

Every time your child makes a poor decision, acts irresponsibly, or behaves disrespectfully, they give you a wonderful opportunity to show them who you really are...and how you love them more than they can ever imagine. Every time you take advantage of this opportunity with loving empathy, you also plant the seeds of joy for a lifetime.

**NOTHING WORKS WITHOUT THE EMPATHY.**

## POINTS OF PRIDE

### ART NEWS

**For the last few weeks Heritage was a beautiful art gallery filled with amazing pieces of art produced by our wonderful students. We are so proud of all their creations. Thank you!**

The Heritage Elementary art show was a huge success with lots of families and staff in attendance to show their support for the arts. Collectively the families raised \$1,763 for the art program. The money raised at the art show will go directly into buying materials for students to create magnificent artwork. THANK YOU for your generous donations.

In addition, I would like to extend a very special thank you to Lisa Bremner our Heritage Elementary Art Coordinator. Lisa has contributed countless hours and a great deal of effort throughout the school year, helping to make for a successful art program and show. Lisa has been responsible for all the hall displays during the school year as well as coordinating the volunteers to help frame students' work. Lisa also helped send messages to families about the art show, set up before the show, and helped clean up after it was all over. The art show would not have been as successful as it was without her considerable efforts. We appreciate everything she has done for the Heritage Elementary art program.

We had several parents on the art committee throughout the school year who spent many hours each month framing the entire school's art pieces and tagging each child's work.

Kris Parker	Sarah Taylor	Jane Kim	Jennifer Yoo
Heather Tarr	Tess Thompson	Renata Richter	Carla Kinsella

The following parents helped out during the Art Show; setting up, welcoming guests, collecting donations, and cleaning up.

Debbie Young	Katie Caskey	Min Yoo	Tessa Tarr	Camilla Manly
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Thanks also to the PTCO for providing treats for the event.

A huge thank you goes out to all of the parents, without whom, none of this would have been possible.

Lastly, I would like to recognize all the teachers and staff here at Heritage Elementary. Their support of the specials programs is priceless.

**Thank you Mrs. Turtle-Williams for your commitment and dedication to the Art Department!**

## Food Services Information

### School Meal Loan Information:

Beginning Monday May 7, 2012 lunch loans will be stopped for this school year. Student meal accounts will not be allowed to go into a negative balance for the remainder of the school year. If a student does not have enough money in their meal account, they will receive an alternative meal (cheese sandwich and milk at lunch or toast and milk at breakfast) until their lunch account is replenished or cash is brought for their meals. We do this at the end of the school year to attempt to clear all negative balances from student meal accounts.

This does not affect students who are on the free and reduced meal program.

### Students Transferring within the Cherry Creek School District:

If students are planning to transfer to another school within the Cherry Creek School District, this includes elementary to middle school and middle school to high school, their meal account balance will automatically transfer. Also, their PIN number will remain the same for all grade levels.

### Students Leaving the Cherry Creek School District:

Before the last week of school, any student moving out of the Cherry Creek School District should request a refund from the kitchen manager at (720-554-3539).

### Returning Students:

At the end of the school year all remaining student meal account balances will carry over to the start of the next school year.

## FIELD DAY

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Get ready for a day of fun! The morning will start with a Fun Run followed by twelve different stations where kids will participate in lots of fun activities including the Railyard Fitness Course. We will stop for lunch at 11:45 am-12:20 pm. After lunch, the Teacher Relays start. During the afternoon, Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade will watch a "G" rated movie. The afternoon session for grades 3, 4, & 5 will be assisted by the Glendale Rugby Club. More information about field day to follow.

To help your child have a fun and successful day please provide the following:

- Sack Lunch
- Running/Tennis shoes
- Sunscreen
- Water Bottle
- Proper Clothing-there are some water stations and kids will get wet

### WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!!

If you would like to volunteer, please go to [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) click on **FIND A SIGN UP** on the green bar and enter [tammybourke@q.com](mailto:tammybourke@q.com) in the Search Box. There you will find all open volunteer opportunities.



THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAD  
ICE CREAM WITH THE PRINCIPAL  
ON FRIDAY MARCH 16, MARCH 23 & MAY 8

COLLETTA S.	SYDNEY S.	SYDNEY Z.	JULIAN D.	KATRINA Z.
SETH S.	AVIV Y.	COLLIN S.	MATTHEW S.	BRYAN P.
JOEY S.	DECLAN T.	BRYSON S.	JACK T.	GEHRIG S.
JEET P.	JASON P.	LEIA T.	ADARA W.	NICHOLAS A.
MAYA R.				

### ARE YOU MOVING?

If you know you will not be returning to Heritage Elementary or moving (except 5th graders), please call 720-554-3501 or email [tholroyd@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:tholroyd@cherrycreekschools.org) or as soon as possible. This is very helpful as we plan for the next school year.

Thank you,  
Toni Holroyd



### CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS

Recycle Used Electronics and Toner Cartridges to Support Heritage Elementary!

Our Heritage Student Council is collecting these items to raise money for our school:

- Cell phones
- Laser and inkjet cartridges
- iPods
- Video games and consoles
- Scientific and graphing calculators
- DVDs
- GPS devices
- PDAs
- Digital cameras
- iPads, tablets and eReaders

## Medicaid or CHP+

Questions, Concerns about Medicaid or CHP +

Call to speak with a Family Health Coordinator at Tri-County Health Department

**Healthy Communities Outreach Line : 303-873-4404** [Healthycommunities@tchd.org](mailto:Healthycommunities@tchd.org)



**HEALTH COLORADO** 303-839-2120 once you have selected a Medicaid provider.

**FIRST HELP** 1-800-283-3221 if your child is sick at night or on weekends.

24-Hour Crisis Number for mental health – 303-853-3500

### Children's Hospital

13123 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Aurora, CO 80045

720-777-1234

### University Hospital

12605 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Aurora, CO 80045

720-848-0000



## Medicaid o CHP+

Preguntas, Preocupaciones, acerca de Medicaid O CHP+

Llame para hablar con un Especialista de Servicios de Medicaid Tri-County Health Department

**Línea de Healthy Communities: 303-873-4404** [Healthycommunities@tchd.org](mailto:Healthycommunities@tchd.org)

Llame: Salud de Colorado al 303-839-2120 Una vez que haya seleccionado un proveedor de Medicaid.

First Help al 1-800-283-3221 Si su niño/ niña esta enfermo por la noche o los fines de semana.

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## *GIVE BACK PROGRAM*

*Support the Cherry Creek SEAC with purchases from  
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*Valid April 13, 2012 through June 13, 2012*

- 1. This is not a discount card.*
- 2. Purchases made by presenting this card will be totaled at the end of the program.*
- 3. A percentage of the total sales will be donated to the Cherry Creek SEAC.*
- 4. Your support for this worthy cause will not cost you anything extra.*



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