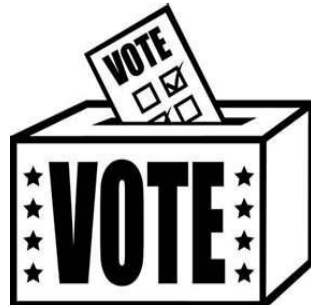




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Provide a content-rich,
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April 14, 2011



An Election Close to Home

By Gary Stueven, Principal

It is hard to fathom that candidates are already laying individual claim to the congressional and presidential elections to be held in 2012. Who do you believe will be the last man (or woman) standing when the polls close on November 6, 2012 and the sun rises the next morning?

Yes, national and state elections are important. However, right at PRA you annually have the privilege and opportunity to vote for candidates who will represent you on our Governing Board. Some of these candidates are your neighbors; all are parents at PRA and have an investment in their children's education just as I hope you do.

When you think of the impact that voting can have on your child's future, I believe that your vote in PRA's Governing Board Election has a more direct connection than any national or state election. When was the last time you had the opportunity to interact directly with a national or state politician about your child's education? If you have, did it make a difference? Understandably the issues at the national and state levels can be overwhelming, but it is not that way with the governance of PRA because of the proximity that you enjoy to those who represent you on the Governing Board.

It is a privilege, and duty, for all of us as citizens to participate in every election that calls for our vote. Every PRA family has a similar obligation to cast its ballot in the upcoming Governing Board Election. Make it your promise to participate (vote) this year.

Three seats on our seven-member Governing Board are open this year. The election for these seats begins next Tuesday and closes on Wednesday, April 27. Each PRA family will be receiving election information and a ballot in the U.S. Mail this weekend or Monday. Please take the time to review the six candidates, vote your choices, and then turn-in the ballot at school.

In advance, thank you for giving this opportunity and obligation your attention.

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Attendance Line 303-243-5210



"Meet the Teacher"

If you have an incoming kindergartener for Fall 2011, please join us on April 21, 2011 at 4:00 pm to meet your teacher for the 2011/2012 school year. This event is designed to help your family find out more information about kindergarten. Due to space constraints, we ask that only the incoming kindergartener and his or her parents attend. Hope to see you there!

Any questions, please contact
Judy Poulliot at
jpoulliot@platteriveracademy.com



TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

Thursday, April 28 is National "Take Your Child to Work Day". Please note that if your child(ren) go with you to work on April 28, it may be an unexcused absence. Your child's absence will only be considered excused if your place of work has an official program designated on this day for children of all its employees. The reason for this is that without a specific program hosted by your employer, your child could go to work with you on any non-school day instead.

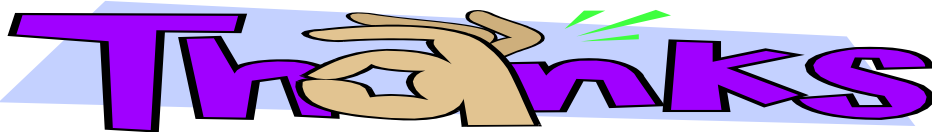
Paper Crafting Club

Hosted by Mr. Taylor

The paper Crafting Club is designed for students in 4th through 8th grades who wish to explore a few different ways that paper can be used to create art. We will meet each Monday and Wednesday after school, from 3:30 until 4:15, and try such projects as:



Starting April 18th, and running four weeks to May 11th (off once on April 25- no school), we will try a variety of these crafts, from beginner to more moderate levels as we progress. Registration deadline is Friday, 4/15. Check for sign up form in today's 'e-folder'.



Once again, Donuts for Dads was an amazing success! With over 400 attendees, it was great to see all the Dads, Grandfathers and Uncles indulging in Krispy Kreme donuts, coffee and juice with the students and staff of PRA. As always, this event is not possible without the wonderful volunteers that get up EARLY to set up for these hungry men and children. A special thank you to Heather Price, Mariana DuPlooy, Katie Murphy, Angela Linderman, Sheryn Thomas, Cindy Osoro, Nicole Cimbura and Rochelle Monahan for all their efforts - You women are amazing!!! Also, special congratulations to Andy Hildebrand and Paul Camden who won the gift certificates in the raffle.

Dads, keep in mind Muffins for Moms is May 17th and please contact me if you want to volunteer for this event and return the favor to our very deserving moms!!!

C_clytle@msn.com

Thank you!
Crystal Lytle
PTO Vice President

Volunteers Needed



Are you looking for an easy, on your own time, volunteer job where you can even bring your children? Well, we have the job for you.

As our school calendar changes, we need to have someone make those changes on the Reader Board that is located at the corner of Lark Sparrow and Colorado Blvd. For more information or to volunteer please contact Rochelle at:

rmonahan@platteriveracademy.com



On Wednesday, May 11th PRA will host a 9Health Fair for students in grades 3-8. This is an all day event being held in the gym. We are looking for at least 1 parent volunteer from each classroom to help guide the children through the different stations. Grades 3-6 volunteers are needed in the AM from 8:20 – 11:25 and grades 7-8 volunteers are needed in the PM from 12:30 – 2:30.

Contact Rochelle at rmonahan717@platteriveracademy.com if you can help with this event.

Gently Worn Shoe Drive and

Soles4Souls

Since the earthquake struck Japan in March, Soles4Souls has partnered with other organizations to transport and distribute needed aid. Since its inception after the Asian Tsunami in 2004, the shoe charity has continued to respond to natural disasters like the one in Japan with footwear that protects victims against foot-borne diseases.

"As we continue to realize the magnitude of this disaster for our friends in Japan, we cannot forget how important basic necessities - such as shoes- will be in the ongoing rescue and rebuilding efforts," said Wayne Elsey, Founder and CEO of Soles4Souls.

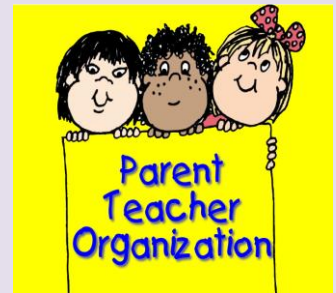
Soles4Souls collects, recycles and reuses donated shoes, and to date has given away over 13 million pairs of shoes in 125 countries, including Haiti, Kenya, Nepal and the United States. Please consider donating ANY gently worn shoes to this worthy cause. Any size, style and type is welcome - there will be a collection box in the lobby at PRA. We are coordinating with the local Brighton Collectibles store in Park Meadows to get the shoes transported to Soles4Souls. If you have any questions please contact

Karyn Jones at 303/346-3676.

Let's see how many pairs of shoes we can collect by May 1st!



Our Lost and Found items are beginning to pile up again. Please be aware that all items not claimed by May 26, the last day of school, will be donated to charity.



Due to a special guest coming to our meeting, the PTO had to move their original date for the April meeting from April 11th to April 18th.

DRESS CODE MTG

There will be a dress code meeting on Wednesday, April 27th from 11:30am-12:30pm. This is a good time to come if you have any questions or suggestions for our 2011-12 dress code. If you are not able to attend and would like us add something to the agenda for that day, please email us at dresscode@platteriveracademy.com



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[WWW.KIDPROOFSAFETY](http://WWW.KIDPROOFSAFETY.COM)
.COM OR
1-866-GO-SAFETY

HOT LUNCH

PRA PTO Inc, Hot Lunch News

Online ordering available **April 14th – April 19th**

With payment due **Tuesday April 19th at 9 AM**

- Step 1 - Visit <http://www.platteriveracademy.com/parents.htm> & click on "Order Hot Lunches/Milk Cards"
- Step 2 - Order Hot Lunch Items and Milk Cards. Submit & Print Order.
- Step 3 - Submit payment for Hot Lunch and Milk Cards. Make checks payable to PRA PTO, Inc.

Reminders: All orders that have not been paid by April 15th will be cancelled. If your child has food allergies please contact vendor directly to check ingredients. **Please DO NOT USE RED PEN WHEN WRITING OUT CHECKS!**

Session 9 Menu May 2nd – May 25th

Monday May 2nd Nacho Day

Tuesday May 3rd and May 10th Noodles & Company

Tuesday May 17th and 24th Chick-Fil-A

Wednesday May 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th Pizza Café

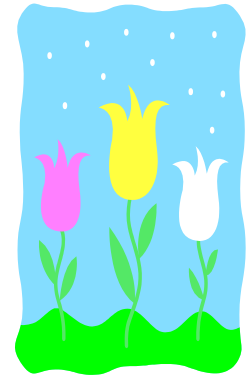
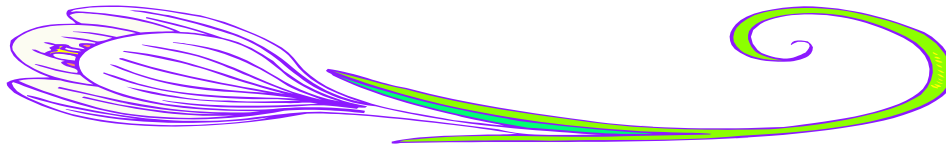
Thursday May 5th Chick-Fil-A

Thursday May 12th and 19th Panda Express

Friday May 6th, 13th and 20th Subway

Please note there will be no Hot Lunch or Milk served on Thursday, May 26th.

Thank you for supporting the PTO Hot Lunch Fundraiser.



April 2011

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April Birthdays

4/22 - John Hettich (MS)
4/22 - Gabby Vail (Aide 6th)

April 2011 Calendar of PRA Events

Thursday, April 14 until Tuesday, April 19

- HOT LUNCH ORDERING PERIOD

Thursday, April 14

- 9:30a-1:30p Butterfly Museum/2nd gr.
- 6:30P Governing Board Meeting

Friday, April 15

- 9a-1:30p Four Mile Historical Park/1st gr

Saturday, April 16

- Science Olympiad State Tournament

Monday, April 18

- 9:30a-1p Botanical Gardens /Kindies
- 6:30 PTO Meeting

Tuesday, April 19

- HOT LUNCH ORDERING ENDS
- Governing Board Elections Begin
- 1:30p-3p Medieval Feast practice/4th gr

Wednesday, April 20

- 8:30a V&H Retests
- 1:30p-3p Medieval Feast practice/4th gr

Thursday, April 21

- 8:30a-10:45a Dress Rehearsal Medieval Feast/4th gr
- 4p Meet the Teacher/ 2011-12 Kindies
- 6p Medieval Feast/ 4th gr Gym
- 6p SAC Meeting

Monday, April 25

- NO SCHOOL/TEACHER WORK DAY

Wednesday, April 27

- 9:15a-1:30p Sakura Square/2nd gr
- 11:30a Dress Code Meeting
- Governing Board Elections End

Thursday, April 28

- 8:20a-1:30p Colorado Capitol/4th gr
- Mid-Terms
- 6:30p Talent Show



Bake Sale Tomorrow
Remember Your Quarters!