



**Platte River Academy
Mission Statement:
Provide a content-rich,
academically rigorous education
with a well-defined, sequential
curriculum in a safe, orderly and
caring environment**

August 19, 2011 “Special Edition”

Special PRA Newsletter Insert
School Advisory Committee
August 19, 2011

A Golden Opportunity for Two to Make a Difference in the 2011-12 School Year

SAC (School Advisory Committee) is recruiting two new members for the 2011-12 school year! The two open positions include a DAC (District Accountability Committee) representative for PRA (to act as a liaison between the Douglas County School District and PRA), and a “Survey Guru” – someone with a love of numbers and a knack for compiling survey data for SAC and PRA. Come and find out how you can make a positive impact in the lives of PRA students and families by attending the next **SAC meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m.** We look forward to working with you to make a positive difference in the lives of PRA students and families!

Save the Date!
Wednesday, August 31
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

The School Advisory Committee will host the third annual **PRA Parent Core Knowledge Seminar**. The seminar is recommended for ALL PRA parents, and is a must for families with children new to PRA. Our guest speakers will feature two PRA teachers, one representative from elementary school and the second representative from middle school. Look for more information regarding this event. For now, **SAVE THE DATE!**

Before attending the PRA Core Knowledge Seminar, parents are encouraged to read “**The Knowledge Deficit**” by E.D. Hirsch which is available online from various sources. To get an idea of your child’s studies for the coming school year, check out “**What Your Xth Grader Needs to Know**” from PRA’s library. Copies are also available at Barnes and Noble, and various online outlets.

For more information, check out the Core Knowledge Foundation website:
<http://www.coreknowledge.org/parents>

For comments or questions: please contact Katie Murphy, SAC Chairman,
pkmcmurphy@comcast.net.

Please go to next page and print the registration information.

PRA Core Knowledge Seminar deemed a must for all PRA Parents!

“All PRA parents are encouraged to mark their calendars for August 31st to attend the PRA Core Knowledge Parent Information Seminar.” --- Dr. Gary Stueven, PRA Principal

For three years standing through Satisfaction Survey response, an overwhelming number of Platte River Academy (PRA) parents have related to the **School Advisory Committee (SAC)** interest in learning more about our unique Core Knowledge curriculum and program. To meet that need, SAC has joined forces with the **PRA PTO** to host the **Core Knowledge Parent Information Seminar** scheduled for **Wednesday, August 31**.

The Core Knowledge Seminar is being offered at **6:00 - 7:30 p.m.** on Wednesday, August 31.

Come listen to Core Knowledge PRA Faculty Experts to:

- **Find out what's so special about a Core Knowledge education**
- **The Origins of Core Knowledge and its benefits to students, teachers and parents**
- **Ask questions pertinent to your child's grade level**

In addition to receiving invaluable knowledge about Core Knowledge, PRA will also be giving out fabulous door prizes at the seminar! Be sure to mark your calendars!

To ensure your spot at the seminar and help us with a refreshment count, kindly clip and return the attached **RSVP by Friday, August 26 to your child's classroom teacher.**

-----Clip & Return by Wednesday August 26-----

RSVP

PRA Core Knowledge Parent Information Seminar

[] Yes! I/We plan to attend the 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. session of the PRA Core Knowledge Parent Information Seminar on August 31.

Name/s: 1. _____

 2. _____

[] I can help with the Seminar. Please contact me.

Phone: _____

Name/s _____

Questions? Want to help? pkmcmurphy@comcast.net Sponsored by PRA and SAC