



**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

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Attendance Line:
303-243-5210

Some Facts , Reminders and General Information

By Gary Stueven, Principal

A Great Start

Every child who started this week has made a change from last year... and, they seem to have all handled it very well. There were lots of smiling faces as students began the day in a new grade-level and classroom and with renewing friendships and starting new ones.

Please take some time to check out these staff changes by looking at the pictures and reading the bios of our new teachers as posted on the main hallway bulletin board. As your Principal, I could not be more excited about the new teachers who have joined our faculty. A special school year lies ahead and each new staff member will play his or her part, and play it well, along with the "veterans" of our staff to ensure that 2011-12 will follow suit with PRA's history of excellence.

Back to School Night (BTSN)

Put these nights on your calendar to make sure that you are in attendance to hear what your child's teachers have to share about his/her classroom for this year. Grade levels are schedule as follows:

- Grades 6,7,8 Tuesday, August 16
- Grades 3 ,4,5 Wednesday, August 17
- Grades K, 1, 2 Thursday, August 18

The BTSN is 6:30pm -8:00pm. Please plan on attending the entire evening. A program for that evening will be available in the lobby as you arrive.



Attention Parents

In order to avoid unnecessary disruption to the classrooms during school hours, we ask that all parents stop at the front desk when requesting your child's dismissal. Please do not proceed to your child's classroom on your own. We will be happy to call the teacher and have him/her sent to the lobby. Thank you for cooperation.

Calling All Basketball Hotshots!

The Highlands Ranch High School boy's basketball feeder teams are conducting tryouts August 24th, 25th and 27th at Highlands Ranch High School. The season consists of approximately 30 games and requires about 50-60 hours of practice time per team. All boys (6th, 7th, and 8th grade) interested in participating should plan on attending one or more of the tryout sessions. Additional information can be found at www.hrhshoops.org/feederteams.htm .”

Should the District's Board of Education approve a Mill Levy Override and Bond Issue Election in November?

The District BoE will decide this at its meeting on Tuesday, August 16. Every parent in Douglas County has a vested interest in this question. No different than district schools, PRA is a public school and dependent upon state financing and local property taxes to provide a quality education. The financial picture for PRA needs to change or there will be significant budget reductions in the future. Let your school board know of your support to move forward with an election despite the current economic situation. PRA cannot afford to lose financial ground with the cost of your child's education. Please contact the BoE at nona.eichelberger@dcsdk12.org



Celebrate your child's birthday with a **SCHOOLDAY BIRTHDAY SURPRISE!**

- * *Decorated:* Your child's desk or locker will be brightly decorated by 8th graders
- * *Serenaded:* A group of 8th graders sing "Happy Birthday" to your child in front of their classmates.
- * *Treated:* A goody bag for the birthday child

How do I order?

Pick up your order form from the folder outside the office window, fill out and return to anyone in the office at least 3 BUSINESS DAYS prior to the birthday.

**Cost:* \$10 per child (checks payable to PRA Middle School)

This fundraiser supports the PRA 8th graders' Washington DC trip 2012

(Forms available throughout the school year)

Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome back and thank you to everyone who has turned in their 2011-12 Volunteer Surveys. I am busy inputting the information and will begin making phone calls and sending emails for various volunteer needs soon.

TO THE BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!
Reading Is Out of This World!

**PRA Fall Book Fair –
Mon. 9/26 thru Thurs.
9/29**

A great Book Fair can never have too many volunteers! Our school is conducting a fantastic Fair to encourage students to read. Join our volunteer group to host a fun and creative Book Fair event if you:

- *Like to organize and put things in place
- *Bring creative flair to signs and decorations
- *Enjoy offering a helping hand, setting up, or packing up
- *Like to donate food and refreshments
- *Want to help shoppers of all ages find the perfect book

We appreciate your support in whatever form it takes. Please use the following link to sign up.

<http://tinyurl.com/prabookfair2011>

You may contact Ute Meyer at umeyer@platteriveracademy.com with any questions.

August 2011

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28	29	30	31			



September 2011

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

August/September 2011 Calendar of PRA Events

Monday, Aug. 15

- AM/ PM Kindies begin schedule
- 6:30 PTO Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 16

- 6:30p-8p Back to School Night/ 6th gr.-8th gr.

Wednesday, Aug. 17

- 6:30p-8p Back to School Night/ 3rd gr.-5th gr.

Thursday, Aug. 18

- 6:30p-8p Back to School Night/K-2nd gr.

Wednesday, Aug. 24-Thursday, Aug. 26

- 6th Grade Outdoor Ed/Estes Park

Thursday, Aug. 25

- Hot Lunch Ordering Period Begins

Friday, Aug. 26

- DRESS OF CHOICE

Tuesday, Aug. 30

- Hot Lunch Ordering Period Ends
- Picture Day
- 6:30-9pm PTO Fundraiser/ColdStone Creamery

Thursday, Sept. 1 and 2

- Vision and Hearing Screenings

Monday, September 5

- LABOR DAY/ NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, September, 6

- 6:30p Platte River Educational Alliance (PREA)

Thursday, September 8

- 6:30p Governing Board

Saturday, September 10

- 8a-12 noon/ Family Work Day



Welcome Back