



**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**

September 8, 2011



Do You Have Homework Tonight?

Becky Bonner, Assistant Principal

That is the question. School has been in session for four weeks now, and we have all settled in to our routines—at school and at home. How is your nightly homework routine going? It is important to establish nightly homework routines early in the school year so that your child develops good study habits and so evenings roll more smoothly for the entire family. Sometimes, active, busy lives prevent families from setting up effective homework routines; as a result, kids feel hurried and stressed about completing work. Taking some time now to determine the what's, when's, and where's of homework expectations, will go a long way in preventing late nights, incomplete assignments, and frustrated kids (and parents!).

What is homework time?

Dedicating at least an hour of *uninterrupted* time is a good start. Limit distractions and try to maintain the same schedule every day. Refer to your child's planner for assignments; when children know their parents will ask to see their planner every day, they are more likely to use it.

When does homework time begin?

Declaring a consistent start time helps children develop good study habits. If schedules vary on different nights (dance on Tuesdays, soccer on Wednesdays, etc.), set times according to the day of week. Some kids need a break after school, so it's good to add time into the schedule for snacks and play before getting started on homework.

Where is homework time?

Determine one location in the house (e.g., kitchen table, desk, lap desk) where there is adequate light and supplies readily available.

Homework should be an enriching and supportive extension to the school day, not a battle. Hopefully this information and the **newsletter extra on Homework** will provide some ideas for you to make this year's homework experiences successful for you and your child.

Please copy and paste this url <http://www.platteriveracademy.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/NL20110908SE.pdf> to read the newsletter extra about Homework.

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**Attendance Line
(303) 243-5210**



PEACH DELIVERY
Peaches will be ready for pick up tomorrow, **Friday,**

Sept.9. Peaches will only be given out after school from

3:15p to 6:00p. If you

have not paid for your peaches, but have placed an order, we cannot guarantee they will be available. Those boxes that are not paid for are considered extras and can be sold at any time on request, so be sure to get here at 3:15 for your best chance at getting your box. **The school gym will close promptly at 6:00pm.**

For questions or concerns contact:

Susan Robinson
303-789-5237 home
303-921-6425 cell



Students wanted to help us decorate the library for the upcoming Bookfair, the theme is:

BOOK FAIR AND BEYOND!

Reading Is Out of This World!

We are looking for homemade flying saucers and table rockets. Use your creativity, but keep it simple and small. See the Thursday E-folder folder for ideas.

All items need to be brought to the library by Thursday, September 22 and will be entered into a drawing for a \$5.00 gift certificate to the Book Fair. Don't forget to put your name on the decorations.



Come Help Support your PRA 8th Grade Washington D.C. students at movie night!! Come enjoy a fun night with friends and family for only \$5! Bring your pillows, blankets, and sleeping bags for a night that can do nothing but bring your mood UP!

Featuring Pixar's Movie "Up!"

Date: Friday, Sept. 16th Movie Time: 6-9:30pm

Where: Platte River Academy Theatre

**\$5/person- includes movie and dinner!
(Hotdog, drink, & chips)**

- Dinner will be served from 6-7pm
- Movie will start promptly at 7:30pm
- Concession Stands will be open throughout the movie with yummy treats such as popcorn, candy, and other fun goodies for sale!
- See attached form in e-folder for advance ticket purchase!



We Need Belts!

If you have any belts that your children have outgrown, and you would like to donate them to the school, we sure could use them in the office for when students forget theirs. Thank you

Volunteers Opportunities

Technology Lab Help

The First Grade teaching team is STILL in need of one or two additional volunteers to help out in the computer lab during their first grade classes Tech time. Time needed is 9:10am-9:40am Monday-Friday beginning, September 19th and continuing until the end of the school year. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please email rmonahan@platteriveracademy.com



Family Work Day Saturday, Sept. 10 8am-12 noon

The second Saturday of each month is designated as PRA's Family Work Day. Please come help Mrs. Williams with the many 'chores' needed around our campus and log volunteer hours for each family member helping.



Parent Workroom Volunteers Needed

We are in need of 1 or 2 volunteers who can commit to helping in the Parent Workroom on Wednesday mornings. You can choose whatever AM time that works best for you. Please contact Rochelle at rmonahan@platteriveracademy.com



King Soopers Gift Card Fundraiser.

King Sooper gift card fundraiser is a great way for you to give back to our school. Each time you shop King Soopers, fill up your re-loadable card and a total of 5% of your entire purchase is donated to PRA. You can use the gift card for gas and Prescription purchases as well. You will use your gift card, along with your so King Soopers 'Valued Customer' card, so you can still earn your gas points. In addition, when you re-load the gift card, you can use your credit card to make the purchase, so you are earning your points for miles as well.

If you have a re-loadable card from last year, please continue to use it this year.

If you are in need of a new re-loadable card, please stop by the reception desk and you can purchase one for \$5.00, which will then have a \$5.00 value to start.

This fundraiser is a great way for your family and friends to give back to PRA. Just purchase each person a \$5.00 re-loadable gift card and they too will be helping PRA while shopping at any Kroger store.

We have a goal to raise \$7500.00 from our King Soopers gift card fundraiser for 2011/12 school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Karen Semryck 720-921-6830 or ksemryck@gmail.com



2012-13 and 2013-14 School Calendar

The Douglas County School District is asking for feedback/input from the parent community regarding future school calendars. It is very short and is accessed via DCSD's website. The survey is now open and will close on September 19.

Please go to: <https://www.dcsdk12.org/calendar/index.htm> to provide your input for the District's Calendar Committee. Once the District sets/approves its calendar for future year(s), then one will be recommended to the Governing Board for PRA.

Volunteer Opportunities (cont'd)

Decorating for the Book Fair – Parent Help Needed

We would like to have the main entrance to the library decorated by September 19. Many of the signs and displays can be made at home. Ideas and templates are provided by Scholastic. Please contact Ute at umeyer@platteriveracademy.com.

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

We still need volunteers for the following dates/times:

Monday, Sept. 26
2:45p – 5p 2 people

Tuesday, Sept. 27
2:45p – 5p 2 people

Wednesday, Sept. 28
7:45a – 8:30a 2 people

Wednesday, Sept. 28
2:45p - 5p 3 people

Thursday, Sept 29
7:45a – 8:30a 1 person

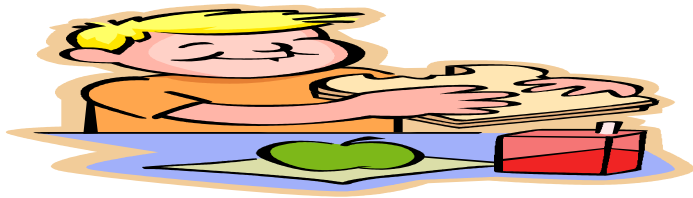
Thursday, Sept. 29
2:45pm – 5pm 3 people

Friday, Sept. 30
8:30a for take down 5 people

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.

You can also find additional information in today's E-folder.



Hot Lunch News

Here is the 2011/2012 PRA hot lunch calendar with session order dates, check due dates, and menu served dates

<u>Session</u>	<u>Order Dates</u>	<u>Checks due</u> <i>(No Later than 9:00a)</i>	<u>Menu Served</u>
2	Aug.25 – Aug. 30	August 30	September 12 - October 7
3	Sept. 22 – Sept. 27	September 27	October 10 - November 11
4	Oct. 27 – Nov. 1	November 1	November 14 - December 16
5	Dec. 1 – Dec. 6	December 6	January 3 - January 27
6	Jan. 12 – Jan. 18	January 18	January 30 - February 24
7	Feb. 9 – Feb.14	February 14	February 27 - March 23
8	Mar. 15 – Mar. 20	March 20	April 2 - April 27
9	April 12 - April 17	April 17	April 30 – May 23

Milk cost is 40 cents



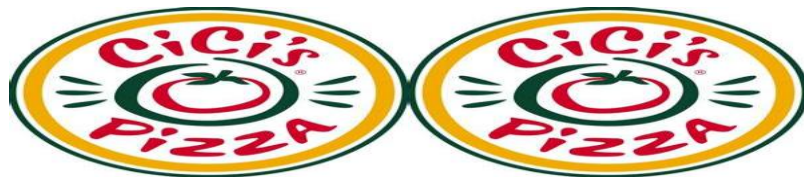
Game Date:

Saturday, September 24, 2011 Colorado Rapids v. San Jose Earthquakes at 7:00PM

Ticket Price - \$15!

\$15 Coca-Cola Family Pack Tickets – package includes: premium ticket (regularly \$32 per person), meal, and a Coca-Cola beverage. Parking is included. No additional taxes or fees. Prices include a \$3 donation to your school to help Fill the Gap!

(See e- folders for more information)



WHAT: Cici's Pizza "restaurant night"

WHEN: Tuesday, September 13th, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.

WHERE: 7414 S. University Blvd., 720-974-3062

WHY: To benefit PRA's DC-bound 8th graders

WHO: Anyone and everyone invited!

Volunteer Opportunities (cont'd)

PTO Hospitality Committee

We are looking for a chair person for the 2011/12 school year.

This person/persons will manage about 5 events for the school year. The functions include Muffins for Mom, Donuts for Dad as well as other dates that are geared toward PRA families and Staff.

Please call or email Karen Semryck to speak further.

ksemryck@gmail.com or 720-921-6830

PTO Baking Committee

The Baking Committee chair is an easy job as you will need to spend most of your time communicating with the volunteer bakers, and then organize the drop off and set up. This person will work closely with the Hospitality Chairperson. The person will receive training, and they will get great support

Please call karen @ 720-921-6830 or email

ksemryck@gmail.com



September 2011

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September Staff Birthdays

9/03-Jenny Gambill (2nd grade)

9/24 - Arlene Bena (office)

September 2011 Calendar of PRA Events

Thursday, September 8

- 6:30p Governing Board

Friday, September 9

- 2-7p Cross Country/ Panther Invitational

Saturday, September 10

- 8a-12 noon/ Family Work Day

Monday, September 12

- 6:30p PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

- 8:30a Prospective Parent Meeting
- 11a-10p PTO Fundraiser/CiCi's Pizza

Thursday, September 15

- 8:30-11:30a Westward Expansion/ 2nd grade
- 6p SAC Meeting

Friday, September 16

- 6p-9:30p 8th grade Movie Night
- Midterm Reports

Monday, September 19

- 6p PREA Meeting

Tuesday, September 20

- 9:30-2:15 Botanic Gardens/Kindies

Thursday, September 22

- 2nd HOT LUNCH ORDERING BEGINS
- DRESS OF CHOICE

Friday, September 23

- Teacher Inservice Day/NO SCHOOL

Monday, Sept.26-Thursday, Sept.29

- Fall Bookfair

Tuesday, September 27

- HOT LUNCH ORDERING ENDS/9AM PAYMENTS DUE

Wednesday, Sept. 28 - Fri. Sept. 30

- 7th Grade Outdoor Ed/Buena Vista

Thursday, September 29

- 8:30a-11a Roman Festival/3rd Grade



Have a great
Weekend!