



**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 29, 2011



Why Is This November 1st Important?

By Dr. Gary Stueven, Principal

Maybe your oldest is turning 16 or 21 or you are hitting the “big 40”. Yes, these would be important, but I am thinking of something different than birthdays. I am thinking of votes (rather than years) being tallied with an end result that can and will directly impact PRA.

You will soon be receiving your mail-in ballot for the November 1st Election. For Douglas County residents there are at least four issues of significance. These are:

1. Selections for three open seats (directors) on the Douglas County School Board of Education
2. Asking voter approval for a Mill Levy Override for District/School Operational Dollars
3. Asking voter approval of a \$200 million Bond Issue for school facilities and technology
4. State Proposition 103 – A request to raise state income tax and sales tax for K-12 funding.

If you value:

- your child’s current and future education at PRA or another DCSD school , and
- how possible local tax levies are to be used and state tax revenues redistributed for schools, and
- who will provide leadership on the Douglas County School Board:

Then, you must become an informed voter by knowing the importance of all of these issues. Please seek out more information and facts about these issues on the DCSD website or by “Googling” on the internet any of these topics/issues.

In advance, thank you for supporting your school every day and for exercising your right to vote.

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



October Count for Student Attendance

The October count window is the time when the district decides our funding for the year. This attendance window opened on Friday, September 24 and will continue through Friday, October 7. **The most essential day for your child to attend (unless he/she is ill) is Friday, September, 30.**

This is the official day that the district counts students. Please do your best to have your children here and on time on that day. Thank you so much for your cooperation in this area.



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - October 11th and 13th POTLUCK DINNER

Tuesday, October 11th - Harvest Festival Thursday, October 13th - Appetizers and Desserts

We need entrees, desserts, drinks, paper products and people to help set up, serve and clean up. Remember food prep goes towards your volunteer hours! Please email janeen@me.com by Friday, October 7th if you are willing to help.

Please have dishes to the school by 4:45 PM



Platte River Academy 8th Grade Butter Braid Fundraiser

We are very excited to announce the upcoming fundraising event! For those of you that are familiar with **Butter Braid®** pastries – you'll be glad to know that they're back! For those of you that are not familiar with Butter Braid® pastries – you'll wonder how you ever lived without them. **Each pastry is a hand-braided treat filled with your choice of 6 delicious flavors: Cherry, Apple, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Cream Cheese, and Caramel Rolls. Butter Braids have 0g of trans fat and are made with 100% real butter and only the finest ingredients, your taste buds will surely thank you!** Please visit www.coloradobutterbraid.com for more information on these incredible, filled pastries.

Each Butter Braid pastry sells for \$12.00 and we raise \$5.00!

WHY: We are raising money for our [Washington DC Trip](#)

WHEN: Turn in orders with money no later than **10/7/2011** – you may purchase a butter braid at the front desk or from an eighth grader.

DELIVERY: Orders will be available for pickup on **10/13/2011 at 2:00 PM** in the gym.

How: Please make an effort to support us in this cause. It will help provide the funds we need to make a difference. Thank you for doing your part to make this fundraiser a success!

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: [P.R.A. Middle School](#)

(Order form in today's Thursday Folder)



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We Still 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



2011-12 Platte River Calendars

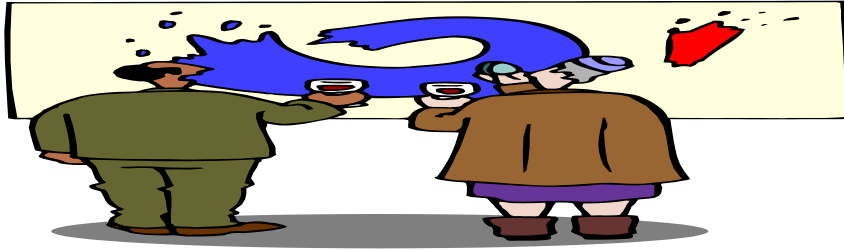
are now available for only

\$9 in the front office.

Stop by and pick yours up today.

Volunteers Opportunities

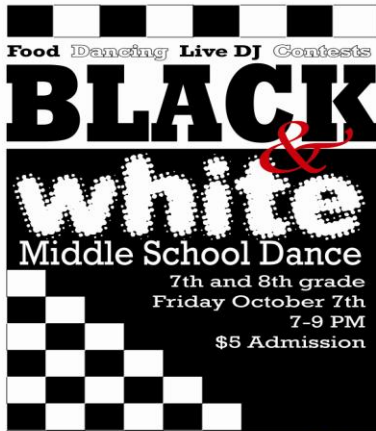
First grade teacher, Mrs. Martinez, is looking for one parent volunteer who would be able to come in any 3 days each week from 8:00am-8:20am to read with individual students. Please contact Mrs. Martinez at jmartinez@platteriveracademy.com if you are available to help. Thanks for volunteering.



Don't Miss the October Art Show!

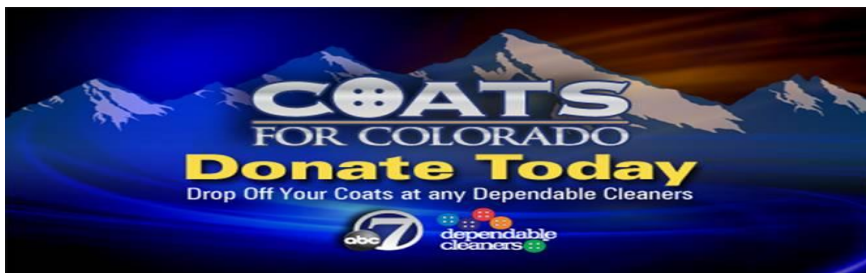
Platte River Academy will have the first art show of 2011 at the Highlands Ranch Public Library. Numerous Platte River Academy artists will have their work displayed prominently in the Children's section of the library the entire month of October. Please drop by to view some wonderful work.

Highlands Ranch Library ♦ 9292 Ridgeline Blvd. ♦ Highlands Ranch ♦ Colorado, 80129 ♦ 303.791.7323



7th and 8th Graders don't miss the PRA Middle School Dance, October 7th, 7-9 PM. Wear Black and White and come dance to our DJ. There will be contests, prizes, dancing and snacks. Admission is \$5 at the door.

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Scouts Coat Drive

Help Colorado families stay warm this winter!
 Bring gently used or new coats to PRA
 By Thursday, Oct. 13
 There is always a need for children's coats!
 Sponsored by: PRA Girl Scouts

Volunteer Opportunities (cont'd)



"Are you a Techie?"

The PRA Technology Committee is looking for those parents who can add value to the committee because of their respective technology experiences, skills, and/or interest. Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 5pm.



Support our Troops
PRA Community Service Opportunity
October 10-13, 2011

(See today's e-folder for more information)



Broncos Tackle Hunger

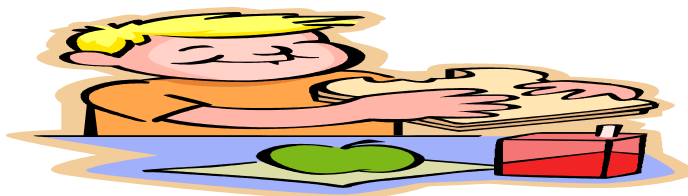
PRA is happy to support the Broncos Tackle Hunger campaign! In 2010, they were able to collect nearly 70,000 pounds of food that was distributed through FoodWorks Colorado to local food banks; we know with your help, we can collect even more this year and ensure the **2011 Broncos Tackle Hunger** campaign is a HUGE success!!

Please send non-perishable food items to your child's homeroom teacher October 1-31, 2011. The homeroom with the most items collected wins a pizza party, second place wins an ice cream party, and third place wins otter pops! Help us to help others! Please support the Broncos Tackle Hunger campaign!

To show your support, wear **orange** and **blue** on October 13th!
Your homeroom may win a special prize!

If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Bowles at showles@platteriveracademy.com

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Hot Lunch News

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

(No Later than 9:00a)

<u>Session</u>	<u>Order Dates</u>	<u>Checks due</u>	<u>Menu Served</u>
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



Script Ordering

We are placing our first Scrip order tomorrow, Friday, September 30. This is an easy fundraiser for the PRA PTO. When you order gift cards from the many retailers, the PTO receives a percentage rebate back from each retailer. There are information sheets in today's e-folder about the program and how to order. Orders placed this week will be available for pickup on Friday, Oct. 7th.

Thank you for supporting the PRA PTO!

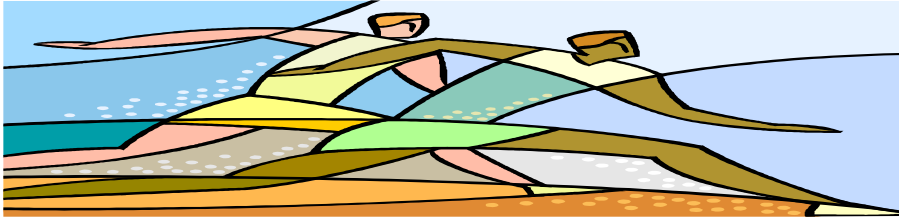


Used Uniform Sale!

Our Sunshine Fund coordinator, Jamie Sitarz, will have the used uniform racks up on Parent/Teacher Conference days, Tues. 10/11 and Thurs. 10/13.

Please stop by and 'shop'. Only check or cash can be accepted.

(Still in desperate need of belts. All sizes.)



**SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011!**

Calling all runners and walkers.....Platte River academy is having its fourth Annual Panther 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, November 5.

7:30a-8:30a Registration and Bib/T-shirt Pick-up
8:45a 5K Run/Walk Start
9:30a 1 Mile Kids' Run Start
10:00a Awards Ceremony

This event is designed for competitive and recreational runners and walkers of all ages. Baby joggers are permitted for race runners. Dogs on leashes and baby strollers are welcome for the walk!

There will also be a 1 Mile Run offered to all grade levels. Awards will be given to the top 5 boy and girl finishers.

The awards ceremony will also include to top 3 men and women finishers and 1st place for men and women finishers in the following age categories: 10 and under, 11-13, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and up.

The funds raised from this event will benefit PRA's Athletic Department for equipment and uniforms.



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PRA Students and Family in the News



Come to see two of our fellow PRA students Abby Linderman and Adam Shupe in Hello, Dolly!

CYT Denver is doing a run of Hello, Dolly at the new Lone Tree Arts Center on November 4th, 5th and 6th. CYT Denver is a non-profit Children's Theater Company and was voted the best theater company in Denver three of the last four years by Channel 7 News. Tickets to the performances of Hello, Dolly! are just \$15.00 per ticket. This is a terrific price to see a theater company of this caliber in the beautiful new L T P A C. You can reserve your seats by visiting the on-line LTA C box office:

www.lonetreeartscenter.org. Take your mom, take your dad, take your kids, take your grandparents, don't miss this show!



REUSE AND RECYCLE TO HELP!!

8th Grade D.C. Trip fundraiser: Birthday Surprises

We are asking for your donations of unused unwanted items!

Wrapping paper -Birthday or solid colors

Ribbon and bows

Crepe paper AND streamers

Goody bag toys and party favors (unused)

Small toys - (unused) Happy Meal Toys, etc.

Toys - Sales promo giveaways, freebies from the office,

Free ice cream coupons, or popcorn, etc.

Goody Bags - any plain or birthday theme

Colored tissue

Hats or tiaras

CANDY

Scotch tape

Scissors

A drop box will be available ONGOING throughout the

school year in the school Lobby.

Your donations will be put to good use!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

PRA 8TH GRADE

WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP 2012



September 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	

September Staff Birthdays

9/03-Jenny Gambill (2nd grade)
9/24 - Arlene Bena (office)

October 2011

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

October Staff Birthdays

10/03- Sue Thompson (SLPath)
10/23 - Heidi Tomic (office)

September/October 2011 Calendar of PRA Events

Friday, Sept. 30

- 7th Grade Returns from Buena Vista

Tuesday, October 4

- 6:30p PREA Meeting

Wednesday, October 5

- Online Bookfair closes

Thursday, October 6

- 6:30 Governing Board Meeting

Friday, October 7

- 9a-1p Museum of Natural History/1st gr
- 7p-9p Middle School Dance/7th - 8th

Saturday, October 8

- 8a-12p Family Work Day

Monday, October 10

- 6:30p PTO Meeting

Tuesday, October 11

- Picture Retake Day
- 4p-8p Parent/Teacher Conferences
- PTO Fundraiser/Pei Wei All Day

Thursday, October 13

- DRESS OF CHOICE
- Last Day of Coat Drive
- 4p-8p Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 14

- NO SCHOOL/Teacher Comp Day

Monday, October 17-October 21

- FALL BREAK

Tuesday, October 25

- 9:15a-2p Children's Museum/Kindies

Thursday, October 27

- 9a-9:30a Puppet Show/1st and 2nd grs
- 4th HOT LUNCH ORDERING PERIOD BEGINS
- 6p SAC Meeting

Friday, October 28

- REPORT CARDS SENT HOME

Monday, October 31

- 2p Fall Festival Parties
- Parade time pending



Have a great
Weekend!