



**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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Remaining a Sweetheart: PRA's Traditional Top 10

(Just like chocolate, good every year)

With Valentine's Day coming next week one can expect to be inundated with thoughts, reminders, and advertisements to ensure that we do something to acknowledge those close to us in our personal and family relationships. However, there are other ways to be a "sweetheart" beyond the traditional. How about considering the "Top 10 Countdown on Ways to Become a PRA Sweetheart"?

Here are my suggestions:

10. Always remember during the school day to check-in at the front lobby desk. Items dropped off can be delivered to your child by school staff.
9. Call the Attendance Line (303.243-5210) in the morning to leave a message regarding your child's absence. It saves the time from calling you later.
8. Share your cooking and baking talents for the teacher potluck on parent/teacher conference nights. (Next week!). Teachers love sampling our parents' best dishes and desserts.
7. Demonstrate for others that waiting and "cruising" in our carpool line is the time to display extraordinary patience and the best of one's driving skills.
6. Quiet, please, for our kindergarten class while hanging out in the lobby.
5. Honor your teacher's time and schedule during the school day by emailing questions or using voice messaging to get an answer or set an appointment rather than doing a "drop-in".
4. Remember your carpool "date" and show up smiling and on time despite the weather.
3. Send a note of appreciation to a former teacher or your child's current teacher who has really gone that "extra mile".
2. Attend, participate, and enjoy the upcoming PRA's Spring Give 2012 Event Evening at PRA on Friday, February 24, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

And Numero Uno Is!

1. Bring in lattes from Starbucks for your favorite teacher or the front office!

Happy Valentine's Day



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Attendance Line (303) 243-5210



**Minor Change to PRA
Calendar in March 2012**

The Teacher Inservice Day previously scheduled for March 5th has been moved to **Friday, March 2nd**. This aligns PRA's in-service day with a change made by the District to its calendar. You can access a copy of the revised calendar on our website.



**Family workday
Saturday, February 11,
8a-12p**



Attention Parents

We are now using Volunteer Spot, the leading time-saving online coordination tool, to help us organize our Crossing Guard Schedule. Approximately 6 weeks before the month that your grade level is assigned to handle Crossing Guard duty you will receive an invitation from me to join Volunteer Spot and pick your 4 shifts. You will then receive a reminder email 2 days before your scheduled shift. It's that easy! I began this process with January (2nd grade). It is working great and families love the convenience.

March's calendar (5th grade) was sent in mid January

Here is the link if you have yet to signup

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/322345634420262057>

April's calendar (7th grade) will be sent out in mid February

May's calendar (6th grade) will be sent out in mid March

August 2012 (incoming 8th grade) will be sent out in mid June

*Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions

Hot Lunch Ordering Schedule

Here is the 2011/2012 PRA hot lunch calendar with session order dates, check due dates, and menu served date. (Orders may be placed no later than 10:00a on day checks due – Checks now due by 3:30p)

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



Order your "Valentine Grams TODAY!" Don't miss your opportunity to recognize your child's accomplishments, surprise a best friend or even acknowledge your favorite staff member! ORDER YOUR VALENTINE GRAMS NOW!

See E-Folder/or the front desk for forms and more details! Any questions or concerns please call the office at (303) 221 1070.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Volunteer Opportunities

Parent Teacher Conference Teacher Potlucks!

Please share your culinary skills and help show your appreciation

Monday, February 13th -
Sweetheart Meal!



Thursday, February 16th - Food
from Around the World



Please email Janeen Galligan at
janeen@me.com

We need main dishes, sides, desserts, drinks, supplies and help with both set up and clean up.

Remember this will count towards your volunteer hour commitment

Athletics - Calling all 6-8 graders

Spring is right around the corner and that means Track and Girls Soccer at PRA!! Both sports will start in mid-March. Look for a finalized schedule soon.

**Coaches needed!!

In order to have a successful program, we need at least 3 more track coaches. You don't have to be an expert or even a runner; you just have to enjoy motivating students to succeed.

Please contact Amy Borger at
aborger@platteriveracademy.com.



Jump Rope Team

This morning 78 students practiced their individual jumping skills as well as double dutch! What a joy to see our students so excited about moving!!

The Jump Rope Team is for students of all ages and abilities. No sign-up required, just show up Thursday mornings from 7:15a-8:00a.

**Help needed! If you are interested in helping with the Jump Rope Team, please contact Amy Borger at aborger@platteriveracademy.com.



Jump Rope For Heart Update

As of February 9, Heart Heroes at PRA have raised \$1,400!! We are a quarter of the way toward our goal of \$5,000. Help your child become a Heart Hero by logging onto www.heart.org/jump. Create an account and start sending out emails to friends and family members asking them to donate money. All funds raised go to the American Heart Association helping kids with heart disease. **Funds are due March 16.**

Attention Basketball Players

Please note: Two more GIRLS'S games have been added to the schedule for Monday, 2/13, at St. Mary's Academy (**4p B Team and 5p A Team**)

Also note that tomorrow, 2/10, is the Boy's team's last 2 games.



February Scrip Order

Think of getting some gift cards for those quick meals on the run when you are busy with after school activities and/or plan ahead for your winter activities.

Orders and payment are due tomorrow, Friday, 2/10. Your order will be available for pick-up on Thurs. 2/16 at the Front Desk



Please check the **Lost & Found** rack in the front foyer of the school for any items your child may be missing.

The items are really piling up; we have hoodies, winter coats, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. Thank you.



Staff/Student Basketball Game

Thursday, March 1 is the annual staff/student basketball game after school starting at 3:30.

Who will win this year??



February 2012

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	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			

February Staff Birthdays

2/09 - Wendy Hyndman (3rd)

2/13 Jessica Martinez (1st)



February 2012 Calendar of PRA Events

Thursday, February 9

- Hot Lunch Ordering Begins
- 6:30p Governing Board Meeting

Friday, February 10

- 6:30p-8:00p WEP (Washington, DC Enrichment Program)/CURRENT 7th gr)

Saturday, February 11

- 8a-12noon Family Workday

Monday, February 13

- 4p-8p P/T Conferences (5p-5:45p Dinner)

- 6:30p PTO Meeting

Tuesday, February 14

- Hot Lunch Ordering Period Ends at 10a
Checks due by 3:30p
- 11:30p-2:30p Skate City/7th -8th
- 10-11AM Kindie Valentine Day Parties
- 2p Valentine Day Class Parties/PMK-6

Wednesday, February 15

- 3:30p-5:00p WEP (Washington, DC Enrichment Program)/CURRENT 7th gr)
- 5p Douglas County School Spelling Bee

Thursday, February 16

- DRESS OF CHOICE
- 4p-8p P/T Conferences (5p-5:45p Dinner)

Friday, February 17

- NO SCHOOL

Monday, February 20

- NO SCHOOL/Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 21

- 5p-9p PTO Restaurant Night/Red Robin

Thursday, February 23

- 6p SAC Meeting

Friday, February 24

- 6:30p-9p Giving Campaign Kickoff

Wednesday, February 29

- 9a-2:30p Colorado Mt. Club/6th grade



Have a Fabulous
Weekend