



THE DRAGON BULLETIN
FLAGSTAFF ACADEMY'S OFFICIAL
WEEKLY Communication Tool

FOR THE WEEK OF: April 6, 2009, through April 10, 2009
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PRINCIPALS' CORNER:

A few weeks into my tenure as Interim Principal, and a parent just brought to my attention the fact that I have yet to fully introduce myself!

In 1999, I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Literature, and in 2001 I earned a Master's Degree in Education. Currently, I am pursuing an advanced degree in administration (July, 09 completion). I have over nine years of classroom teaching experience as well as four years of experience overseeing new program development and senior manager for Avid 4 Adventure. As a founding member, we were able to create success by rapidly assessing and adapting to a dynamic environment in which we sustained over 100% growth in each of my four years as course director.

As a classroom teacher, I taught K-4. Since starting at Flagstaff two years ago, I have worked as the 4th-8th grade math and literacy specialist. One of my ongoing teaching goals is to help students find success in unfamiliar places. I am still teaching an advanced 5th grade math class. I greatly enjoy teaching in the classroom as well as data management and curriculum intervention.

I am greatly enjoying the opportunity to work more closely with the students, teachers, and parents here at Flagstaff. Please check up on me by visiting my Flagstaff webpage, which can be accessed from the school's homepage: www.flagstaffacademy.org

EMAIL DISFUNCTION!!

Some emails apparently were delivered recently that were supposed to be delivered about a week ago. We are investigating the problem and trying to remedy the situation immediately. Please disregard the emails that seem to be outdated. Our apologies for the errors.

BOARD NOTES:

The dress code passed final vote. It will be published in the parent handbooks. The major changes were to exclude pajama pants and add modesty components concerning the length of shorts/skirts, and the neckline of shirts. The RFP policy passed final vote.

April 21st, 2009, will be a regular board meeting. The Agenda and Board Packets will be posted on-line at <http://sites.google.com/site/flagstaffboardmeetings/>.

1. New School TOUR!! We missed the last one due to the snow day. We have rescheduled for next Friday, April 17th 3-4:30pm. This will be the ONLY tour in April. The school is coming along so quickly and looks amazing - Please come see it. There will not be kids allowed on this tour, adults (18 years old and older) only.

2. Board Vacancy applications accepted until April 17th. - If you are interested in being involved with Flagstaff at a higher level, you should consider becoming a board member. We are searching for a replacement Board Member. Per the Flagstaff Academy Bylaws, The Board of Directors will fill, by majority vote, any vacancies that may occur on the Board before the next regular election. This Board position has a term that will expire in October, 2010.

Anyone interested in being considered for this position should submit a letter of interest to Kevin Wells by April 17th.

3. *ANNUAL MEETING date changed!!!** The annual meeting will be held Thursday, May 7th at 7pm at Sunset Middle School. Come to hear the state of the school.

In case you cannot attend a board meeting but would like to address the board anyway, you can always send an e-mail to FlagBoard@flagstaffacademy.org.

CALENDAR UPDATES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
13	14	15	16	17
KINDER GRAD PICTURES 7:25-8:10 am Adv. Orchestra 3:30-4:20 pm Music Club 3:30-4:30 pm Chess Club 3:30-4:15 pm Dance Club	7:25-8:10 am Adv. Band 1:00 pm Enrollment Info Clinic 3:30-5:00 pm Brownie Troop 494 3:30-4:20 pm Beg. Band 3:30-4:45 pm Girls on the Run	3:30-4:20 pm Choir 3:30-5:00 pm Mad Science 4:30-6:00 pm Dragon Pops	7:25-8:10 am Adv. Band 3:30-4:20 pm Orchestra 3:30-4:45 pm Girls on the Run	7:25-8:10 am Computer Game and Web Design 1:00 pm Enrollment Info. Clinic 6:30-9:00 pm MS DANCE
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LAST RETAIL SCRIP OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!

Even though this is the last order of the school year, you can earn money for the school all summer long through the scrip program. Buy any or all of the reloadable gift cards. Throughout the summer, you can reload these cards by using PrestoPay. The school will automatically receive the earnings. Current reloadable cards include: AMC Theatres, Banana Republic/Gap/Old Navy, Barnes & Noble, Lowe's Home Improvement, Papa John's, and Starbucks. **ORDERS ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH, BY 4 PM.** See the Scrip form in today's Friday Folder for details.

ATTENTION SEAGATE EMPLOYEES:

Join Seagate's Drive for Education

Surplus External Drives Available for Local Schools

What do you do with perfectly good, brand-new hard drives whose only drawback is a lower capacity point than what retailers want today? Well, rather than scrap the drives, we could donate them to local schools and invest in our communities.



If any families have relatives that work at Seagate please ask if they would be willing to submit a request too. Mr. Shen is a Flagstaff parent that works at Seagate. If you have any questions he may be a good contact.

LOST AND FOUND... WE ARE REMOVING ALL LOST AND FOUND ITEMS ON APRIL 27TH. Be sure you check it out in the multipurpose room.

NEW PARENT PARTNER MEETING will be coming soon! Please watch for information on time and date.

THIRD GRADE PARENTS:

Flagstaff Academy third graders have the opportunity to participate in Bonnie's 3rd Grade Cabbage Program as offered by Bonnie Plants. Each third grader will receive a cabbage plant for planting. The student is to grow the plant over the summer and at harvest, take a picture (preferably digital) of the mature cabbage and submit it to Mrs. Simone by September 3, 2009. The plants will be judged by size and appearance. The winning entry for Colorado will be given a \$1,000 scholarship. Planting tips and details are shown at www.bonnieplants.com.



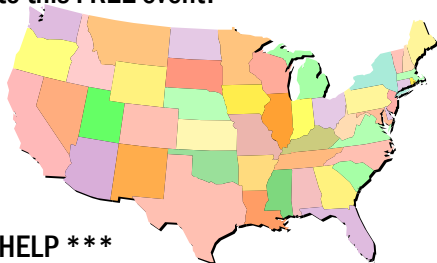
BOX TOPS and LABELS CONTEST: Here's the FINAL count for the Spring box tops/Campbell's labels contest. **Congratulations to Mrs. Jarvis' class!!** They are the proud winners of the spring ice cream party. And big THANK YOU to everyone that saved, clipped, and turned in box tops and labels. Every little bit counts! We are planning a couple of new contests for the summer and fall so watch for announcements.

Thanks! Mary

Jarvis: 1,239; Applehans AM: 798 O'Malley: 739; Curtis: 493; Wilson: 487; Reh: 483; DePoyster (2nd): 417; Battistoni: 404; Lamb: 377; Meyer: 327; Applehans PM: 312; Slinker: 268; Staehly: 239; Long: 174; DePoyster (4th): 147; Anderson: 147; Zook: 143; Gudmundson: 111; Wilkins: 100; Lesser: 66

Dragon Community

Save the Date: Friday, April 24th, 5:30pm-8:30pm in the Multi-purpose room! **FESTIVAL OF STATES!!** Prepare to explore our country and learn all about other regions and characteristics!! This fun and educational event will help us to understand traditions, history, and unique features of the United States. Many Flagstaff families will be hosting booths relating information about where they have lived, worked, or visited. Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about other Flagstaff families and the world!! **BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY** to this **FREE** event!



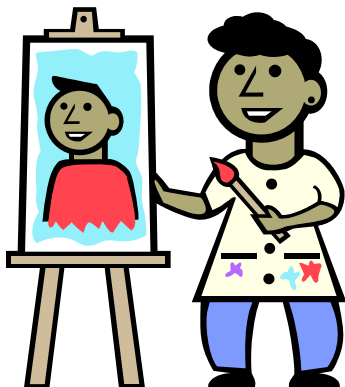
***WE NEED YOUR HELP ***

Get your whole family involved—your kids can help! Share your heritage or your passion about any state in our country! Contact Kristie Rollman at rollmans4@comcast.net for more information!

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT DURING LAST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL.

We realize several of you would like to plan on taking vacations during the last few weeks of school.

It is even more difficult for students to make up work missed during this time of year. Please do everything possible to keep your child attending regularly.



The District Spring Art Show is Coming

Where: The Twin Peaks Mall (in the old JC Penney's space)

When: It opens April 18th

APRIL 30TH ACTIVITY FEE DUE: Reminder...

Everyone's activity fee is due at the end of this month. April 30th is when you need to pay **AT LEAST HALF** of \$230 for K-5th grade and/or \$275 for 6-8th grade. If you have any questions please contact the business office.



GALA RESULTS:

The 2009 Gala Team is very pleased to announce that we were able to raise over **\$49,000** this year! Other non-profits are having a very difficult time getting people to attend and to contribute to their cause. But this was not a problem for us- our numbers across the board were **MAGNIFICENT**. More people attended than in the past, and we were able to raise more funds!!

Many of the companies that donated items and services are listed on our website: www.flagstaffgala.com. Please consider working with them next time you are looking to spend money on... just about **ANYTHING!**

Thank you to all of you who attended, donated, and or contributed in some way- together we were able to beat the odds and make our great school even more outstanding!



Library News Adopt-A-Dewey Update

The Adopt-A-Dewey fund raising program for the library has concluded and it was a big success! Mr. Zook's class was not only the first class to reach their fund raising goal but exceeded it and won a pizza party lunch (compliments of the librarian).

Adopt-A-Dewey classes raised more than \$1,500 (in just 4 weeks). These funds will be used to purchase materials for the following "adopted" Dewey classifications:

- Mr. Zook's class adopted Greek mythology (Dewey 292)
- Ms. Battistoni's class adopted the Civil War (Dewey 973.7)
- Kindergarten adopted Fairy Tales (Dewey 398) and Poetry (Dewey 811)

Because this pilot effort was so successful, we hope to make Adopt-A-Dewey an ongoing, school-wide program next year. To learn more about Adopt-A-Dewey please visit <http://sites.google.com/site/flagstafflmc/Home/> and click on the Dewey Worm.

Thanks to all the parents that so generously supported this effort. A complete list of materials acquired with these funds will be posted to the library website in the fall.

Library will close the Week of May 4

All library materials are due the week of May 4, the last week the library will be open for this school year. We need all library materials returned by the week of May 4th so we can conduct a complete inventory prior to packing for our move.

Library Volunteer Breakfast

Calling all library volunteers, and would-be library volunteers, to join us on Wednesday, April 29th, at 8 AM for breakfast in the library. This is the librarian's chance to thank all the volunteers that helped in the library this year and discuss volunteer staffing needs for next year (we will need lots of help as move into our new 2,500 sq. ft. plus space). Please RSVP to zmidler@flagstaffacademy.org by Monday, April 27th, if you plan to attend.

LOOKING FOR MOVERS AND SHAKERS: We are gearing up for the move to the new school. If you have any time to give please contact Julian McCrandall at the front desk.

