

THE DRAGON BULLETIN
FLAGSTAFF ACADEMY'S OFFICIAL
WEEKLY Communication Tool

FOR THE WEEK OF: October 27, 2008, through October 31, 2008
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PRINCIPALS' CORNER:

Parent Teacher Conferences are fast approaching on November 13th and 14th. We cannot emphasize enough how important these are for you and your child!! In order to make this conversation as productive and meaningful as possible, we would like to offer the following suggestions:

- Talk with your children before the conference and ask general questions about how they think the school year is going. Ask what they think their report card will show. Discuss how things are going on the playground and at lunch and who their friends are.
- Take notes during the conference so you can digest what is presented at a later time.
- Prepare a list of questions to have prior to the conference. This list shouldn't be too long as there is limited time available.
- Discuss any problems you are having with homework getting completed or whether or not the amount is too much or too little.
- Recognize that the teacher has a great deal of information to share with you and not a great deal of time to discuss things in detail.
- Be prepared to schedule additional time at a later date if needed.
- Be prepared to collaborate and not attack or become defensive. Generally teachers will give parents bad news because they want to help the child do better, not to place blame on the parent or child. Sometimes the message does not come across that way and parents naturally become defensive or angry. Try and assume the teacher has your child's best interests in mind and respond calmly and tactfully. Indicate that you are most concerned with solving the problem and helping your child succeed.
- Speak with all the teachers involved in your child's education including the specials teachers, literacy specialists, and Spanish teachers. They have valuable information about your child and it shows your child that these areas are important as well.
- Remember that we all are here to partner with you in the education of your child. If your needs (or your child's) aren't being met, say something to the teacher so it can be resolved and doesn't fester creating more of a problem later.

BOARD NOTES: NOTICE OF MEETING CHANGE

Due to the national elections, our regularly scheduled board of directors meeting on Tuesday, November 4th, has been changed to Wednesday, November 5th, at 7pm. Our agendas are always posted at school and on the Flagstaff Website at least 24 hours prior to our meetings.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE INFO:



Our parent conferences will take place in about two weeks, on November 13 and 14, and our Middle School staff members are eager to visit with you and encourage the best effort from your children. On

Thursday, November 13, the Middle School conference schedule will include ten-minute appointments from 8:00 am until 7:30 pm with breaks for staff meals. On Friday, November 14, ten-minute appointments will begin at 8:00 am with final conference times scheduled at noon. If you feel that ten minutes is too short for your appointment, contact your student's homeroom teacher for possible alternatives.

Our four core teachers have sign-up schedules in their classrooms and ask that you contact them individually to set up times to meet. Conferences with more than one teacher present are also possible to arrange if we have adequate notice of these requests. Your student's homeroom teacher will facilitate this for you.

All of our conferences will be held in the teachers' own classrooms, and we will do our best to follow the scheduled appointment times. Our Specials faculty members will be meeting parents in the multi-purpose room. Check with the front office for their available times. It is a great opportunity to become better acquainted with the teachers and work together on behalf of your children at Flagstaff.

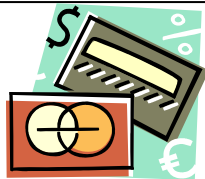
EMAILS: We have been using Infinite Campus to send emails. The emails that are generated from Infinite Campus show they are sent from info@flagstaffacademy.org. Please make sure your browser does not send them to your junk mail box. Also, if you are not receiving emails occasionally, check with Sheila or Julian in the office to make sure we have your correct email address.

CALENDAR UPDATES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5	6	7
7:25-8:10 am Spanish Class 7:25-8:10 am Adv. Orchestra 3:30-4:20 pm Music Club 4:20-5:00 pm Music Club 3:30-4:45 pm Chess Club 3:30-4:15 pm Dance Club 3:35-4:30 pm Spanish Class 3:30-5:00 pm Brownie Troop 618	7:25-8:10 am Adv. Band 3:30-4:30 pm Young Rembrandts 3:30-5:00 pm Brownie Troop 1893 3:30-4:20 pm Beg. Band	3:30-4:20 pm Choir 4:30-6:00 pm Dragon Pops 7:00 pm Board Meeting	7:25-8:10 am Adv. Band 3:30-4:20 pm Beg. Orchestra 3:30-5:00 pm Junior Troop 609 Jungle Animal Mask Contest Entries Due Today	7:25-8:10 am Computer Game and Web Design 1:00 pm Enrollment Information Clinic ALL Library Books Due
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RETAIL SCRIP

The last order before Christmas is due Wednesday, November 12, by 4 PM. Gift cards make GREAT gifts. You can also purchase for your own gift-giving. They are merchants such as Amazon, Toys R Us, Borders, Build-A-Bear, and many others you can use for your holiday shopping. Order at www.shopwithscrip.com using Flagstaff's code: C3LC38771L353. It is VERY easy once you do it. Only about five families have purchased scrip this year. Flagstaff could earn thousands of dollars if more families would take the time to participate. Please help support our school by purchasing gift cards through this program. Contact Allison Remund with questions (a.remund@gmail.com or 303-828-1023).



Ballot question 3A asks voters to approve a fixed mill levy equaling approximately \$16.5 million. If approved, the override dollars will benefit all District schools, including our charter schools. Flagstaff Academy would receive approximately \$300,000.



Ballot question 3B asks voters to approve bond issuance for up to \$189 million to repair and renovate school buildings, enhance computer and internet access, facilitate 21st century learning, prepare the Skyline High School building to accommodate a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program, accommodate student growth where needed, and replace Frederick High School which is now between 2- and 30 percent over capacity. Flagstaff Academy will receive no bond funds from 3B.

The bond improvements will positively impact all residents of the St. Vrain Valley by providing more choices in academic programming, improved school facilities, and 21st century schools that strengthen property values and ensure that our community attracts and retains businesses and corporations looking to relocate or expand operations in the St. Vrain Valley.

We are looking for corporate sponsorships for our Spring Gala!

*Do you own a business or know someone who does?
Does your employer sponsor community events?*

This is a great way to gain exposure to the community while supporting Flagstaff. Sponsorship levels from \$100 to \$1000 are available. Contact Karen Cooper at 303-828-3332 or coopkc1@comcast.net for more information.



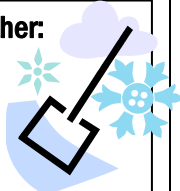
SAVE THE DATE !!!

Flagstaff Academy's 3rd Annual Spring Gala will be held on March 14th, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel in their Grand Ballroom.



School Closure information for inclement weather:

Yes, it is time to think of this again. If St. Vrain School District closes school, we are automatically closed as well. You will be able to see this information on Channels 4, 9, and 7 as well as under Flagstaff's name. It is unlikely we will be closed if St. Vrain is not. However, if you are curious check the same Channels for Flagstaff's name.



LOST AND FOUND: We are quickly approaching *COLD* weather and your child's jacket may be in our lost and found. The clothes and lunch box quantity is HUGE! Please look through it when you are in the building even if you don't think your child has lost anything. You may be SURPRISED!

Box Top Collection Contest Update: These are listed in order of most collected to least collected: Jarvis: 348, Lamb: 253, Battistoni: 216, Applehans AM: 179, Zook: 103, Curtis: 92, Wilson: 88, Applehans PM: 75, Meyer: 68, Anderson: 41, DePoyster: 40, Debbout: 22, Long: 21, Reh: 15, Gudmundson: 7

A COAT DRIVE "One Warm Coat" coordinated by the Flagstaff Academy Girl Scouts, is going on now until November 18, 2008. All coats will be donated to the OUR Center in Longmont. Thank you for your help in bringing "One Warm Coat" to those in need in our community. Drop boxes are located at school entrances.



DROP IN VISITS OF CLASSROOMS: We LOVE having parents in the building and classrooms. Life happens and we also know there are times when items need to be dropped off or picked up from classrooms. Our teachers do incredible jobs keeping children's attention and we as parents know how hard that is to do. If at all possible would you help our teachers by scheduling your visits during a break time like specials, lunch or even after school?

LIBRARY NEWS:

ALL Library books are due Friday, November 7. Parents, in preparation for the Scholastic Book Fair, all library books must be returned by Friday, November 7 (regardless if the due date is later). Please help your student(s) remember to return their library books in advance of the Book Fair.



Sneak Peek the Book Fair and Build a Student Wish List

To get a sneak peek of award-winning books that will be featured at our Book Fair, watch book video previews, and create an online student Wish List go to <http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/books/>. Print the Wish List and bring it with you to the Book Fair.

Book Fair Kick-Off Event--Jungle Animal Mask Contest

Use your creativity and imagination to create a jungle animal mask that celebrates our Book Fair Safari theme. All grade levels are invited to compete. Masks must be homemade and easily attached to a wall, e.g., papier-mâché, paper, etc., and no bigger than 11"x17". Entries will be judged and first place prizes will be awarded to one K-2, 3-5, and Middle School participant. Entries must include student's name and teacher/grade. All entries must be delivered to the Library by the end of the school day on Thursday, November 6.

Grand Day Lunch

K-2 Students bring someone Grand to lunch on Wednesday, November 12! This is your chance to invite your grand parents, or anyone you think is Grand, to join you for lunch. After lunch your guests can visit the Scholastic Book Fair. Just complete the invitation included in your Friday Folder and return it to school by Tuesday, November 11.

DRAGON COMMUNITY:

VETERANS DAY: HONORING ALL WHO SERVED.

Wednesday, November 12th, from 6:30-8:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. Bring the whole family to this amazing event! The American Legion will perform an official flag ceremony and local veterans will talk about their military experiences. Our veterans have much to offer us and can teach us all about liberty, patriotism, and democracy. They are taking their time to come and talk with us. Please honor them with your presence!! Don't miss this opportunity for your kids to hear first hand experiences from veterans!

