

THE DRAGON BULLETIN
FLAGSTAFF ACADEMY'S OFFICIAL
WEEKLY Communication Tool

FOR THE WEEK OF: November 17, 2008, through November 21, 2008
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PRINCIPALS' CORNER:

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and I'd like us to take a moment and reflect on what we have to be thankful for as a school community. These past few months have us well on our way to a newly renovated facility with financing which was accomplished before the economic down fall occurred. Hopefully you experience a group of professional educators who sincerely believe in partnering with you in the education of your child (ren). Flagstaff Academy continues to hold rigorous academic standards that put us at the top of the district and even leading the way at the state level. Technology has finally been implemented and will continue to grow and expand in our new home. The school is receiving lots of positive press with our Signatures in Space program and a large number of teachers presenting at the National Core Knowledge Conference in California.

This is all wonderful and inviting, but I want to take a moment and thank you, our Flagstaff parents. I thank you for your commitment to excellence as I have seen parents who simply didn't care. I thank you for the countless time you give to the school and make a difference for the classroom teachers and students. I thank you for your ideas and always wanting something more for the school and community. I thank you for your patience with driveline and realizing we are simply trying to keep kids safe. I thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach your children. They, after all, are why we are here and truly give us a reason to be thankful!

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE:

Student Council is sponsoring a holiday toy drive Monday, December 1 - Tuesday, December 16. The toys will be donated to a shelter. Examples of items to bring are toys, books, and games in new or good used condition. These toys will be collected by the Student Council each day from your students' classrooms.



LOST AND FOUND: We will be donating ALL UNCOLLECTED items December 18th. To ensure your child's items are returned, put his/her name inside.

Happy Thanksgiving!

BOARD NOTES: The Board would like to thank everyone who contributed to the discussions about dress code, whether by email or in person. Comments ranged from strong opposition to any change whatsoever to the dress code, to people absolutely supporting a strict uniform policy with most comments being some sort of modification of the two. Rather than try to modify the new proposal, the Board voted to create a second committee to go back to the original dress code. Noting the concerns and comments provided over all this time, they will make a recommendation to the Board. The committee will be comprised of one Board member, two Flagstaff employees, two Flagstaff parents, and one Student Council member. The information provided prior to last night's meeting will be given to the committee so there is no need to resend your statements. Thank you all for your interest and your patience!

MEETING TIMES HAVE CHANGED! The next Board meeting is Tuesday, December 2nd, at 6:00 PM. Mark your calendar. We would love to see you there.

If you are interested in contacting the Board of Directors you may email them at flagboard@flagstaffacademy.org.

LIBRARY NEWS:

The Book Fair requires many hours of preparation, planning, and volunteers to make it all happen and ensure a successful outcome. To all the volunteers that generously contributed their time to help with set-up, decorating, publicity, cashiering, and tear down-- Thank You and it was a pleasure working with all of you!



--Zoe P. Midler, Flagstaff Librarian

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.

CALENDAR UPDATES FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
December 1	2	3	4	5
7:25-8:10 am Spanish Class 7:25-8:10 am Adv. Orchestra 3:30-5:00 pm Brownie Troop 618 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	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 1:00 pm Enrollment Info Clinic 6:00 pm Board Meeting	Hearing and Vision Testing 3:30-4:20 pm Choir 4:30-6:00 pm Dragon Pops 6:30-8:00 pm Dragon	7:25-8:10 am Adv. Band 3:30-4:20 pm Orchestra 3:30-5:00 pm Junior Troop 609	7:25-8:10 am Computer Game and Web Design 1:00 pm Enrollment Info. Clinic
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CHESS CLUB WINS AGAIN!



The Flagstaff Academy Chess Club once again brought home trophies from Saturday's Denver Tournament. There were 178 (not including adults)

scholastic players and 14 to 16 schools and clubs participating! Flagstaff took home TWO TROPHIES: 2nd place trophy in K-3 division and 2nd place in 4-6 division! This is HUGE!!

Ming Ming Sun placed 2nd in K-3 rated, Sean Peskin placed 5th in 4-6 unrated, Cory Kohler medaled with a 3.5 score and Scott Roberts (the father of Ayden, Bryce, and Chase) won the adult division with Tim Kohler placing 2nd. Also, participating were Colin Bruce, Matt Reh, Deven Melocco, Alakh Patel, Connor Peskin, Oskar Wells, Ayden Roberts, Bryce Roberts, and Jack Conser. We won trophies because each of the kids had at least one win - we earned one trophy by one point!

When Tim Kohler was accepting the trophies that were being awarded, another school coach whispered to Connie Bruce, "Yeah, they're really good!" What a great compliment! December 6th is our next tournament!

SPRING GALA: The Spring Gala theme this year is "Imagine the Future!" Our Silent Auction and party will be on March 14th, 2009, at the Radisson Hotel in Longmont. Start putting some funds aside as this great event is Flagstaff's BIGGEST Fundraiser!!

Please consider helping us - the Gala is a GREAT way of getting in those volunteer hours! We will need:

- Set-up and break-down help on the 13th and the 14th of March.
- Help with solicitation calls from home.

Spring Gala Wish List:

- 15ft moving truck for use on the 13th and 14th of March
- Pianist to volunteer at the Gala
- lighting - someone who has experience with event lighting
- graphics or printing services

Please contact Spring Gala Chair Lisa Nelson at 303-828-5358.

SUCCESSFUL CANNED FOOD DRIVE!!

Brownie Troop #618 (2nd grade) sends a big thank you for all the donated canned food. With everyone's help we exceeded the goal of 500 cans. The OUR Center will be able to help a lot of people from the donations.

Thank you so much! Kerry Nieberger



WOW! COAT DRIVE A SUCCESS! Brownie troop 494 & 1893 want to thank you for helping less fortunate people. They collected FIFTY-FOUR (54) coats during the drive. The coats will be donated to the OUR Center.

School Closure information for inclement weather: If St. Vrain School District closes, we are automatically closed. This information is 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.

Box Top Collection Contest Update: DRUM

ROLL PLEASE... The winners are Lamb: 449 AND Battistoni: 446. They were so close they both WIN. Other counts are: Jarvis: 364, Anderson: 297, Zook: 250, Reh: 225, Applehans AM: 211, Curtis: 182, Applehans PM: 129, Long: 109, Meyer: 80, DePoyster (4th): 40, Debbout: 22, Gudmundson: 16