Ralph Moody Mountain Rams
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Dear Parents,

Awesome job PTO, students, and parents!! Our spring fundraiser was once again a huge success. The 'Cookie Dough Fundraiser' raised approximately $13,000. Many, many thanks go to the PTO, our students, parents and the entire Ralph Moody community for all the efforts made during our spring fundraising event. This money will be used by our PTO to support many efforts at Ralph Moody.

As you are all aware, LPS designates 10 "PLC" Days during each school year. These ten days have been very beneficial for teachers to work in a focused effort to improve learning at Ralph Moody. Our staff has continued its work focused in the Language Arts area of curriculum and assessment. This Professional Learning time is invaluable for these efforts.

The work of a Professional Learning Community is primarily focused around four key questions: 1) What do students need to know and be able to do? 2) How do we know if they know it? 3) What do we do for those students who don't know it? 4) What do we do for those students who already know it?

Ralph Moody's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) is centered in the Language Arts area. We have dedicated much of our time during PLC's to reading/writing instruction and tracking student progress. Grade level teams have focused on monitoring individual student learning and achievement. Our efforts are designed to track student progress and determine instructional strategies from in-depth data review and analysis. PLC teams have used several assessments to measure and monitor individual student progress toward student learning goals. We do give 'universal assessments' periodically throughout the year – DRA2, CSAP and MAP assessments. However, as a school, we also *monitor* each student's progress along the way with classroom assessments.

As teachers monitor student progress toward learning goals they can determine if students are making the necessary progress toward their learning goals. Teachers also determine if students are experiencing difficulty with certain key concepts or skills. From there, teachers then make instructional decisions about 'next steps' for each child's learning and instructional focus.

This has been the ongoing work of our PLC teams. By having this time set aside, we continue to make strides to improve our school and the learning opportunities for our children.

Sincerely,

Doug Andrews

Important Dates

(please visit the Ralph Moody website for a more detailed list of events including field trips)

May

Thru May 4	MAP and DRA2 Testing Window
Thru May 4	LPS District Writing Assessment
Thru May 11	LPS Math Assessment Window (K-2)
2	PLC Day – Late Start 11:01 a.m. Skate City Night 6-8:00 p.m.
3	3-5 Field Day
4	K-2 Field Day
4	VIPS Breakfast
9	Lakeside Night
10	Chick-Fil-A Fundraiser
11	PTO Carnival (5:00-8:00 p.m.)
16	Lakeside Rain Date (if necessary)
17	5th Grade Continuation (7:00 p.m.)
18	**LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS- 2:03 DISMISSAL**
21	Last Official Day for Teachers

Field Day

Field Day is a fun, special day for you and your students. However, we still need to be considerate of student safety and follow the guidelines that are in place every day at Ralph Moody. These guidelines include:

If you would like to join your child for lunch at school, please inform Irma, the kitchen manager, at 303-347-4614 so she can accommodate your lunch request. Lunch orders need to be to Irma by Noon on Tuesday, May 1.

If you are taking your child to lunch after field day, they <u>must</u> be signed out **and back in** at the main office. NO EXCEPTIONS

To take any student other than your own child to lunch requires pre-arranged, written permission from the parent. NO EXCEPTIONS

If your child is leaving school after field day they <u>must</u> be signed out at the main office.

Also, if your child uses an inhaler, please consider having them use their inhaler prior to going out to the field day activities.

5th Grade Continuation Ceremony

This year's ceremony will be held in the gym at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 17th. A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Congratulations future 6th graders!

All 5th graders must have all cafeteria, classroom and library fees taken care of and/or books returned in order to participate in the May 17th ceremonies.

Counselor Corner

Spring is in the air! The end of the school year is near but academic and behavior expectations remain high. There are many projects and assignments that need to be finished and students are expected to give their best effort every day. We want our students to end the year with positive behavior and a sense of accomplishment. It's exciting to plan for the next school year knowing our students are ready for the next challenge.

PBS

Our PBIS team is planning a behavior support lesson for the beginning of May. **Bloomin' RAMS** will recognize appropriate and outstanding student behavior during the final weeks of school. When a student earns a flower, he/she will add it to the classroom RAMS vase. The entire class will enjoy a reward when 10 flowers have been earned for RAMS behavior. All of the teaching and support staff will be looking for super behavior examples to end our year!

Ralph Moody teachers will recognize students in our final RAMS assembly. Students will be honored for outstanding academic achievement, effort and character. Our specials' teachers will also honor students in each of their classes. We are proud of the academic efforts of our students!

Music News

Congratulations to the following children for participating in the LPS District Elementary Band Festival on April 6th: Michael Hatanaka, Chloe Johnson, Kendra Ivey, Juston Robson and Aaron Stremel. 122 fourth and fifth graders from our district elementary schools performed in a wonderful concert!

Food Services News

Littleton Public Schools Food Services Program has received confirmation from its current beef suppliers that Lean Finely Textured Beef treated with ammonium hydroxide (referred to as 'pink slime') is not used in any of its beef products served to our students.

Student Council

The student council sponsored Earth Week the last week of April. Ralph Moody does a great job of recycling and Terra-cycling. We encouraged classes to turn off the lights, go outside to read, pick up trash, and eat outside. We can care for the Earth every day in making smart choices in how we use our resources.

Cookie Dough News

The PTO is excited to share with you that you brought in over $10,700 profit in our Spring Cookie Dough Fundraiser!!! We have 58 people who sold 15 or more units.

Congratulations to 58 students who earned the Games 2U prize which is coming to school May 1st. If you sold 15 items or more, you are invited to play during your lunch recess!!

The top sellers were: Jayce A. (Mrs. Haag) 33 items; Zebadiah B. (Ms. Holstein) 33 items; Angel S. (Ms. Asher) 26 items; Simeon E. (Mrs. Duckworth) 25 items; and Kylie E. (Mrs. Haag) 25 items. Thank you so much for your huge efforts to support your school!!

Lakeside Night

Lakeside Amusement Park will be open only for Littleton Public School students and their families on May 9, 2012. Watch for a flyer to come home regarding pre-sale tickets.

Ralph Moody Parent Survey

The parent survey is available for you to complete online from now until May 10. The link is available on the Ralph Moody Website. If you do not have access to the internet, hard copies of this survey are available in the main hallway near the office.

Lost and Found

We have many items in the Lost and Found at Ralph Moody. Every effort is made to get lost items returned to their owners, but you can help greatly by **writing your child's name** on their coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, lunch boxes, etc. All items will be checked for a name and returned to the owner. Items without names that have not been claimed by the end of each month will be donated.

Camp Invention

Hands-on Science Fun! Real World Challenges! Qualified Educators! Let Your Child's Imagination Soar! Sign up for Camp Invention, at Sandburg Elementary School, June 4 - 8, 9:00 - 3:30. Enter SPRING to save $15 off your total by May 31. You may register at www.campinvention.org or call 800-968-4332. For more information you may contact Sue Clark, Director, at number1gram@comcast.net or 720-318-5117.

Free Lunch All Summer At Two Sites This Year

The Summer Food Service Program helps children get the nutrition they need during the summer. During the school year, more than 18 million children receive free and reduced-price meals at school. During the summer, that number drops to only about 3 million.

The Food Services Department of Littleton Public Schools announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Services Program. Meals will be provided to all children, ages 1 to 18 years, without charge. Meals will be served:

May 29 to August 2 (week of July 4 TBD)
Lunch serving time 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Field Elementary
5402 S. Sherman Way
Littleton CO 80121, 303-347-4483 (kitchen)

Centennial Academy of the Arts
3302 W. Berry Ave.
Littleton CO 80123 303-347-4431 (kitchen)

Parents are allowed to accompany student(s) on the bus. The bus schedules for Centennial and Field are attached.

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