

# Ralph Moody Mountain Rams

## Doug Andrews, Principal



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

We recently completed Kindergarten registration and the enrollment process for new families to Ralph Moody for next year. We are currently projected to have between 60 and 70 Kindergarten students for the 2009-10 school year! We are also projected to have approximately 390-400 total students for the upcoming year - many thanks to all of you who 'spread the word' about registration and our school. This will be an increase of about 100 students at Ralph Moody. Also, the staff extends a special 'thank you' to the Ralph Moody Marketing Committee who worked very hard to market our school for registration; and to everyone who volunteered to make our Open House such a huge success. All efforts are so greatly appreciated.

'CSAP season' is once again upon us. Third graders took the CSAP in Reading on February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. The remainder of the CSAP assessments will be administered, in grades 3-5, March 9<sup>th</sup> - March 20<sup>th</sup> (the two weeks prior to Spring Break). Although we try not to emphasize these assessments too much, these tests are very important. There are a few things that parents can assist us with:

- Schedule appointments/time away from school outside of assessment dates/times.
- Plenty of rest and a good breakfast will help students perform better.
- Discuss with your child how important it is to 'do their best'.

Just a reminder: We have made some adjustments to our Handicapped Parking areas at Ralph Moody Elementary. We now have three Handicapped Parking places adjacent to the south entrance of the school and one additional space just to the east next to the building. We are asking that you not park your cars in front of these Handicapped Parking places. The parents, community members or staff members who use these parking areas need to have access to them. Thank you for your cooperation regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Doug Andrews



### Important Dates

March	
2	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Music Program 3:00 p.m.
3	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Music Program, 7:00 p.m.
5-6	Parent Teacher Conferences No School For Students
9-Apr. 3	CSAP Testing Window
10	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
19	Ralph Moody Accountability Committee 7:45 a.m.
23-27	Spring Break - No School
30	Enrichment Classes Begin



## Counselor Corner

### RESPECT!

Respect is appreciating the value in yourself and others. Every day, students have the opportunity to show respect to their teachers and fellow students. As children face new situations and get to know a variety of people, having the ability to listen, compromise, and cooperate will help them succeed. I have shared this quote from Rosa Parks with the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade classes and it has prompted great discussions on our behavior choices.

“I learned from my grandmother and mother that one should always respect oneself and live right. This is how you gain the respect of others. If our lives demonstrate that we are peaceful, humble and trusted, this is recognized by others. If our lives demonstrate something else, that will be noticed too.”

### Bully-Proofing Point

Another goal we have at Ralph Moody is to have a caring majority of students. Students can help those who are being bullied by speaking out and using strategies they have learned to assist the victim. A bully is less likely to act when children are together. We cannot be silent and walk on by when someone is being hurt by words or actions. We will stand up and say something to help.



**PBS**

Thank you for working with your children on completing the Home section of our RAMS matrix. We appreciate the time you took to discuss appropriate behavior at home. We believe there is a strong connection between positive behavior and academic success. We will continue to practice and reinforce our RAMS pride at school.

Please check out the Ralph Moody home page. The RAMS core values are listed as a reminder of our school wide behavior goals. When you select PROGRAMS, you will find a PBS tab with information about the behavior approach and a link to the RAMS matrix.



## MUSIC NEWS

Fifth grade classes have had a great time playing three brass instruments (trumpet, trombone, French horn), and three woodwind instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone). Next they'll be playing the string instruments.

Fourth grade classes are playing their soprano recorders. They're also learning how to play new notes on their recorders, reading music and composing music. They're getting ready for the upcoming Recorder Music Program on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. More information will be coming.

Third graders have studied the brass and woodwind families of the orchestra. Next they will study the string family. They're also playing their soprano recorders and learning the notes B-A-G.

Second graders are learning music notes and rests. They're singing and playing rhythm patterns on the xylophone.

First graders are busily learning their upcoming music program "Nuts!". The school program is Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. The parent program is Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Four Reel Productions will be videotaping this program during the Monday performance and will be available for families to purchase.

Kindergarteners are singing songs, moving with the drum beat, and playing rhythm instruments.



## CSAP Testing

CSAP testing will take place March 9-20 for third, fourth and fifth grades. It is important that your student get plenty of rest and eat a good breakfast. Also, please avoid scheduling medical, dental or other appointments during the testing times.



## Ralph Moody Talent Show

"Reach For The Stars" performance

Talent Show tryouts are April 1st from 3:45-5:30p.m. Practices will be every Wednesday in April from 3:45-5:00 p.m. Dress Rehearsal will be Wednesday April 29th from 3:45-5:30p.m. The Talent Show will be on Thursday April 30th and will begin at 7:00p.m. (be here by 6:30p.m.)

For more information on the Talent Show and Consent form please go to <http://moody.littletonpublicschools.net> or pick up a flier at the main office.

The PTO would like to take an opportunity to thank Inspirations Dance Co. for providing instruction this year on our finale. Inspirations Dance Co. is a local dance company that provides instruction on tap, ballet, hip hop, jazz, poms, tumbling, lyrical and more! For more information visit <http://www.inspirationsdanceco.com>

Please direct any questions to Jennifer Lowry Talent Show Coordinator at [lowrykj@comcast.net](mailto:lowrykj@comcast.net) or 303-870-4885



## PTO Corner

Thank you go to the **many** volunteers that worked with all of the recent PTO activities. Without your help, these activities would not be possible!

- Theresa Reynolds did an amazing job putting the Holiday Gift Shop together so the students had an opportunity to select gifts for their family members.
- The Kindergarten Open House was a HUGE success. The school was absolutely packed with prospective parents of Kindergarten students but also those families from Whitman Elementary. The student tour guides were a big hit. Julie Bank put together the Kindergarten registration which included over 60 new students.
- The students had a wonderful time at both the Valentine's Party as well as the last Skate City Night.
- We brought in just over \$1000 with the sale of the eBooks.

If your student is interested in Ralph Moody wear, we have a new supply of hoodies, including blue and now also in pink. As this is not a fund raiser, prices are very reasonable. Order forms will be sent home shortly or feel free to contact me directly.

Dates are still being worked out for some of the following events:

- Skate City Night – Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>
- PTO Meeting – Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>
- Talent Show tryouts – March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>
- School Dance – Friday in April

Check the bulletin board in the front hallway for specific dates and times. Karin Parker does a wonderful job of keeping this up to date and looking great.

Don't forget, Kerstin Shoob will be selling King Sooper gift cards Fridays after school. Look for her in front of the school with her King Sooper bag. If you already shop at King Sooper, use these gift cards and the PTO receives 5% from the store. This is an easy way to help our school!

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### 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.

### Information from Powell Middle School

Parents: If your student will be attending Powell Middle School next year, please see our website at [www.powell.littletonpublicschools.net](http://www.powell.littletonpublicschools.net) for "Incoming Sixth Grade" news and the latest editions of our Newsletter. You will find important dates and pertinent information relating to your incoming student on our webpage. Please continue to check the website during the summer months for updated information. Powell is proud to be "Green", thank you for supporting our "paperless" Newsletter.

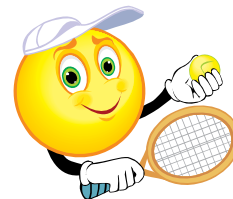
## 2007-2008 LPS Annual Report Now Available Online

LPS is pleased to announce the availability of our *2007-2008 Annual Report* to the public. Every year, school districts in Colorado report their performance to their communities, based on requirements in Colorado Accreditation Rules and the No Child Left Behind Act.

The report includes goals, objectives and plans for improvement. Specifically, you will find district improvement goals and the progress we've made toward those goals, as well as information regarding the following:

- Colorado Growth Model
- CSAP results
- Other LPS testing results
- No Child Left Behind (AYP, teacher quality, post-secondary readiness)

The *LPS 2007-2008 Annual Report* is available online at [www.littletonpublicschools.net](http://www.littletonpublicschools.net). If you would like a hard copy of the report, please call 303.347.3396 to request one. Thank you for your support as we work to better educate your child!



### TENNIS SKILLS CLINIC

The Arapahoe High School girls tennis team will be holding its annual, two-day or four-day, tennis skills clinic for all girls and boys, ages 5-12, from Tuesday May 26th through Friday, May 29th, at the DeKoevend Park tennis courts. The cost is \$45 for two days and \$80 for four days. This includes a snack each day and one tee shirt. The clinic runs from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon each day. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form in the office or send an email to [sstjohn504@yahoo.com](mailto:sstjohn504@yahoo.com)