

Ralph Moody Mountain Rams

Doug Andrews, Principal



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Dear Parents:

WELCOME BACK!! We are off and running! Thanks to all of you who were able to attend Back-to-School Night. It's wonderful to see everyone back at school after the summer break.

What an exciting year; we are implementing a new Language Arts program in both the reading and writing areas that we very excited about. Teachers spent many hours in training over the summer to learn about these new programs. We will also continue with the Every Day Math program. Additionally, we will be rolling out our Positive Behavior Support System as the year progresses.

Later this fall, parents of fourth and fifth grade students will be receiving CSAP results from last spring. There will be some changes in the report you will receive. Colorado has added "student growth" to the information you will receive. Look these over carefully and if you have questions, you may either contact your last year's teacher or the current teacher for further explanation.

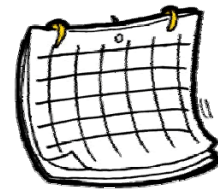
We also want to welcome our new staff members at Ralph Moody Elementary:

Amy Lockett – Kindergarten
Jamie McAfee – 1st grade
Cristina McNatt – 2nd grade
Nicole Robillard – 3rd grade
Jane Coulter – Literacy Coach
Luz Centola, Karin Parker, and Michelle Molina as paraprofessionals

Thanks to all of you for a great beginning to the school year. If you have questions or concerns, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

Doug Andrews, Principal



Important Dates

August

25-Sept. 26 MAP Testing Window
27 PLC Day – Late Start 11:01 a.m.

September

Thru 26 MAP Testing Window
1 LABOR DAY-NO SCHOOL
2 Kindergarten Vision and Hearing
15-Oct. 22 Enrichment Classes after school
10 PLC Day – Late Start 11:01 a.m.
12 Individual Pictures
19 EARLY DISMISSAL-1:03 p.m.
20 PTO Carnival
22-Oct. 3 CoGat Testing (3rd Grade)
24 PLC Day – Late Start 11:01 a.m.



Counselor Corner

Welcome back to the new school year! Ralph Moody is a great place for your children to learn and grow. My job as the school counselor is to support the students in social and academic settings. I lead small groups of students to help them learn skills and build relationships. Some of the groups offered are: new students, coping with anxiety, friendship, kindergarten skills, anger management, leadership, and family change. If you feel your child would benefit from a small group, please let me know.

Another part of my job is to teach the “Bully-proofing your school” program in the classrooms. The lessons follow a researched based curriculum that teaches children to recognize and handle bully behavior. The key to the program is to empower the majority of the students to take care of each other and to act in a way that is caring.

The counseling office offers support to families in need of additional resources. I can assist families with finding community counseling, food and clothing assistance, and other support services. All requests are handled in a confidential manner.

All the parts of being a school counselor come together around the children. I am in a position to support children during their time at school and work with the staff to ensure the success of all our students. Together we will show our RAMS pride!

Please stop by or give me a call if I can assist your child this year.

Erika Alpern
347-4619

PBS

Ralph Moody is pleased to be implementing a school-wide PBS approach. The **Positive Behavior Support** includes strategies for teaching behavior expectations, opportunities to practice what is expected, and positive recognition for desirable behaviors.

The staff has approved school wide expectations for all of our students to learn and put into practice. Please become familiar with our RAMS Pride.

Respect yourself, others and property

Accept responsibility

Make safe choices

Show excellence

Another aspect of using PBS is gathering discipline data. We will use the data to recognize positive behavior and to address behavior concerns. Ralph Moody will use a classroom and office discipline referral form to document behavior offenses. Our goal is to teach students what is expected and to make corrections so our school is a safe place to be. All teachers will be meeting their students at a designated spot on the playground for the morning bell. At the end of the day, teachers will walk their students back to that location on the playground. Please decide as a family where your meeting spot should be on the playground since all students will be released to the back of the building. Students will then proceed to the bus, car, or to walk home. Our goal is to have a safe and orderly dismissal time each school day.

Fall After School Enrichment Classes

Fall After School Enrichment is coming soon. Please watch for the registration forms so you can sign your child up for these fun after school classes. Enrichment classes will run from September 15, through October 22, 2008, on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Contact Luz Centola with any questions, 720-283-9585. Hope to see you there!!!



Infinite Campus Parent Portal

The Parent Portal is a portion of the student information system that was implemented during the 2004-05 school year. Those of you with students at the middle or high school level may already have your parent portal account and be familiar with this system. You should now be seeing information on your elementary student when you access the portal. For those of you with only elementary age students, we invite you to sign up for Parent Portal access.

Please note that grade information will only be available to view on 4th and 5th grade students.

Other information that will be able to viewed for all students includes attendance, health (which will allow you to print a copy of your students immunization record should you need it), transportation information, your contact information and your access log.

The following is the procedure to follow to obtain access to the Parent Portal for your student:

- Only a parent/legal guardian is authorized to open a Parent Portal account
- Each parent/guardian will need to come to the front office **and be prepared to show a drivers' license** in order to receive an activation key request form, your personal ID number, and instructions on how to log in to the Parent Portal portion of Infinite Campus.



Carnival

Please remember to mark your calendars for the PTO Carnival on Saturday, September 20 from 11:00am – 2:00pm.



Join one of Littleton's Oldest Cub Scout Packs!! If you're in 1st-5th Grade and are interested in friends, adventure, teamwork and FUN, come to the Pack 114 Fall Recruitment Fair! September 9th, 7PM at the Littleton United Methodist Church. 5894 S. Datura St. If you have questions, feel free to call (303)514-8700 or email littletonpack114@comcast.net.