

Ralph Moody Mountain Rams

Doug Andrews, Principal



November 20, 2008

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Dear Parents:

I hope that all of you will enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you are able to spend time with family and friends.

I would like to thank all of you who were involved in planning and participating in our Book Character Parade and Parties. The planning for this event is a lot of work – thanks to all. The kids had a great time – lots of fun!

We've concluded our Parent-Teacher Conferences for the fall. This was a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress to this point in the year. We want to thank all of you who attended conferences – we had 92% of our parents attend conferences. What a great turnout!

As the school board continues with their decision regarding schools being repurposed next year, please refer to our Ralph Moody web site. We are making every attempt to keep our page updated with current information.

Also, as a reminder, the weather is getting colder. Please send your child to school with appropriate 'warm weather' clothing. Our basic guidelines are - we will send children outside if the temperature is above 20 degrees and if it's not raining or snowing too hard.

Have a Wonderful Holiday!

Sincerely

Doug Andrews

Important Dates

November

- 19-21 Book Fair
- 20 Science Fair
- 26-28 Thanksgiving Vacation

December

- 3 PLC Day – Late Start 11:01 a.m.
- 3 2nd Grade Music & Recorder Program 2:45 p.m.
- 4 2nd Grade Music & Recorder Program 7:00 p.m.
- 9-12 PTO Holiday Gift Shop
- 19 **NON-STUDENT DAY**
- 22-Jan. 2 **WINTER BREAK-NO SCHOOL**



LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

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.

Please Note: We typically take all Lost and Found items to charity the 1st week of every month.



Counselor Corner

Wow! What a great example of caring to see all the boxes of food donated to Interfaith Community Services. Thank you for your generosity to others in our community.

Bully Proofing Point

Students know what to look for in bully behavior. We then practice the strategies to use when we are bothered by a bully. The phrase we use is HA HA SO. This month, we will look at the first two strategies.

HELP: Seek help from adults. Getting help from an adult is used when other strategies have been tried and are not effective against the bully. Students get help when the situation is serious and adult intervention is needed.

ASSERT: Bullies target kids who appear weak or unwilling to stand up for them self. Being assertive means standing up and telling the bully to stop what they are doing. We practice using I messages. "I don't like it when you tease me, please stop."



PBS

We hope you have seen a RAMS High 5 ticket come home with your child. This is a positive acknowledgement of the behavior we all want to see at school. Staff members are on the look out to recognize children and the great choices they make. We are very proud of the way our students are showing their RAMS pride!

In December, the school will focus on Cafeteria and Restroom behavior expectations. Mr. Golden and Mrs. Centola will teach the cafeteria expectations and the students will get to practice each day.

RAMS in the Cafeteria

Respect yourself, others, and property

- ✓ Say please & thank you
- ✓ Be nice to others
- ✓ Make healthy food choices

Accept responsibility

- ✓ Clean up after yourself
- ✓ Use inside voices in line & in the cafeteria

Make safe choices

- ✓ Report spills
- ✓ Stay seated appropriately
- ✓ Walk

Show excellence

- ✓ Use lunch to fuel your mind & body
- ✓ Show care for classmates



Music News

November has been a great month for music at Moody.

Nathan Grady, Nathan Hodges, Sean Lowe and Preston Mortensen represented Ralph Moody in the Young Voices of Colorado Boy's Choir for 4th -6th graders. Congratulations!

Recorder Society is having a great time playing holiday songs on different sizes of recorders. You can hear them perform their music on Dec. 3rd and 4th. They are the first act in our holiday program.

Fifth graders and Fourth graders are learning how to read music and are playing soprano recorders. They're also learning about Beethoven.

Third graders are singing Patriotic and Thanksgiving songs. They're also playing the xylophones. They've been studying hard learning music note and rests.

Second graders are busily auditioning and rehearsing for their upcoming music program, "Our House Is A Holiday House". The school program is Wednesday, Dec. 3rd at 2:45 and the parent program is Thursday, Dec. 4th at 7:00 p.m.

First graders and kindergartners are moving to a steady beat and singing Thanksgiving songs. They are also playing rhythm instruments.

Happy Thanksgiving.



Read at Home

Dear Parents,

We know that it may be tricky to find time to get to the library and check out new books. Although we encourage children to visit the library and find books of interest, we now have a new way for you and your child to read at home! Our new Houghton Mifflin reading series allows children to access hundreds of 'just right' books from home by visiting our Moody website,

<http://moody.littletonpublicschools.net>

Your child's teacher will be send specific information about their username and password. We know that the more children read the better they become as readers. As they develop as a reader their username or student group will change. We will send home updated information when this occurs.

Thank you for supporting your child's reading experiences!

If you have questions, please contact me at school. I am eager to hear how many enjoyable hours of reading are accomplished at your house this year!

Jane Coulter
Literacy Coach



Transportation News

When it is announced on the radio or television that Littleton Public Schools are on a "delayed start" due to weather, it means that **only** the elementary school start times and bus pick up times will be delayed by 30 minutes. The high school and middle school start and bus pick up times will not change.



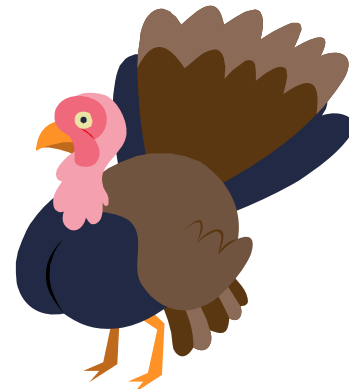
Cold & Flu Crew

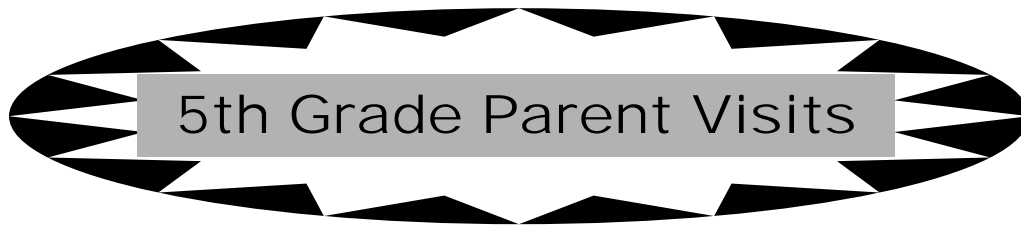
Many thanks to everyone who has donated sanitizing wipes and gloves for our Cold & Flu Crew! The children are doing a GREAT job and have been appreciated by everyone in the building. We will continue the program as long as we have volunteers and sanitizing wipes! If you would still like to donate please have your child drop them off in the Library. Thank you...Mrs. B.



Parking Lot

We are again experiencing difficulty before and after school with our student drop off and pick up area - behind the school in the parking lot. We do not have the space at Ralph Moody for a good drop off/ pick up zone. However, we would ask that if you need to park and leave your car, you either park in a designated parking spot, on a side street, or in front of the school. When parents park in the pull through area behind the school, it does not allow traffic to flow.





Visit with Dr. Oaks, Goddard Middle School Principal

The Goddard administrative team and counselors look forward to meeting the parents of our incoming sixth grade students. Join us for an overview of our academic and exploratory programs, a question and answer session and a tour of the school. Information about intramurals, clubs and special programs including Outdoor Education, WEB, AVID, Gifted and Talented, English as a Second Language and Special Education will also be presented.

Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 1:00 - 2:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 9:00 - 10:30 p.m.



Please contact the principal's secretary, Maureen Anderson, to confirm a reservation, 303/347-7850. An R.S.V.P. is helpful so that we may prepare materials for you.

5th Grade Parent Night April 2nd at 7:00pm Special Programs at 6:15pm

This evening provides an opportunity to learn about the programs available at Goddard, to meet 6th grade instructional teams, elective staff, Special Education and English as a Second Language (ESL) staff, as well as the G/T department. Pre-sessions for Gifted and Talented, Special Education and English as a Second Language will begin at 6:15pm.

Please note, the evening is designed for parents. Students will visit with their elementary school during the spring. Students participate in an orientation to middle school, a guided tour led by current 6th grade students, and an outline of a typical day presented by 6th grade Core teachers.

Parents of Incoming 6th Grade Students

Euclid Middle School Year 2009-2010

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Join Gary Hein,
Euclid Middle School Principal,
for coffee and information about
Euclid Middle School.

Where Learning Takes Flight



November 18, 2008
December 9, 2008
January 22, 2009
February 6, 2009

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Final Conversation
April 2, 2009

7:00 p.m.

Conversations are identical in content and include:

- Overview of the school academic program
- Presentation of elective and exploratory program
- Review of programs for Gifted and Talented
- Information on a safe learning environment
- Explanation of exemplary math acceleration program
- Overview of the Student Activities Program (Intramurals/Clubs)
- Question/Answer session
- Tour of the building



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EXCELLENCE

This session is especially helpful for parents who are still undecided
about where to educate their middle school child.

Although a R.S.V.P. is helpful in order for us to provide refreshments,
you are most welcome as a drop in visitor. You may R.S.V.P. to 303-347-7811.