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Northridge Elementary

Principal Message

Happy Fall! Our Title 1 Parent Night, Bengal Boosters Family Game Night and Fall Festival were all well-attended this month. Thanks for all you do to support learning, your child, and our school! Your participation makes a positive difference.

The Cookie Dough Fundraiser was a BIG success! Our school made about \$6, 930.00! The Jog-a-Thon was fun, well-attended and the money is still to be counted! Boo Pops were a fun addition to the month of October. The funds raised go to support field trips, speakers, technology and other important resources to help our students learn! THANK YOU!

I am seeing lots of Star Students coming in to share their academic accomplishments each week! This is so exciting! Students are required to share what they are learning and how this learning helps them be a better reader, writer, problem solver or student! Students are proud to sign the start student STAR and obtain a small prize. Do celebrate those STAR student recognitions as home as well!

We are focused on helping all students become proficient readers, writers and problem solvers! Staff is working hard to provide extra supports to learners during school hours and during our well-attended tutoring sessions. We have many volunteers coming in to help read with and to students or provide mentoring to support both academic and social growth! Please do continue to support learning by providing a time, place, encouragement and help with weekly homework. Reading to and with your child are critically important to school success! Thanks for doing such a great job with At Home reading!

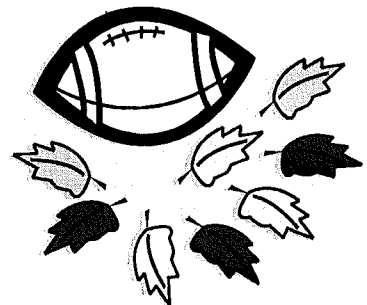
We are pleased to partner with you in your child's education!

Warmly,
Lorynda Sampson

NORTHRIDGE MISSION STATEMENT:
Northridge Elementary inspires and encourages lifelong learning, academic excellence and personal integrity within a context of diversity, responsibility and respect.

NOV/DEC CALENDAR

- 11/5-"Big Kahuna" fundraiser celebration
2:00-4:00 in the gym
- 11/11-Veteran's Day Celebration-9:30 am
Family Movie Night 5:30 pm
- 11/12-Jog-A-Thon winners to Rec Center to
celebrate 11-3.
- 11/17-LPMS to visit our 5th grade at 8:30
- 11/18-Winter Concert for Bengal Choir, 5th
Bell and all 4th Grade-6:00 pm
- 11/19-Crazy Hair Day
- 11/26-End of 1st Trimester
- 11/22-11/26-No School Thanksgiving
Break
- 12/9 & 12/10-Ecocycle Presentations for
grade 4
- 12/17-All School Holiday Sing-Along 2:25-
3:00 pm (**staff & students only**)
Backwards Day
- 12/20-1/4-Winter Break-No school
- 1/5-Students Return! ☺
- 1/25, 1/26, 1/27-Conferences 4:00-8:00 pm.
- 2/11-Grade 4 has Fire Safety Team



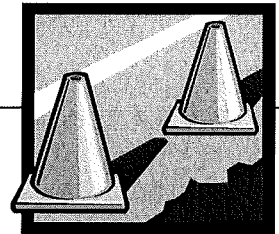
Weather and Traffic Safety

Thanks for helping keep ALL students safe and for remembering to set a good example by **always** following the traffic expectations on 19th, Gay St. , in the Hug-and-Go and in the Bus Lane. Thanks for using the crosswalks at **all** times; especially in bad weather.

In wintry weather, it remains very important to pull up all the way in the Hug-and-Go Lane. It takes but a few seconds, less than the time to drop off your child, for a traffic jam to extend out onto Gay St. This creates a very dangerous situation. Also, if one driver doesn't follow the rule, then we have many thinking they don't have to follow this safety rule. This creates an unsafe situation. Students walk down the sidewalk to access the playground or building.

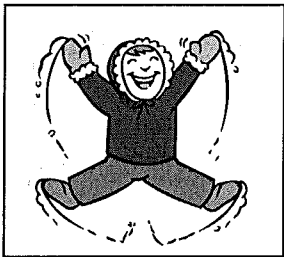
The exercise and fresh air are good for the brain even in cold, wintry weather. Thanks so much for helping us keep everyone safe and for setting a good example. Our staff cares deeply about the safety of each and every child! Please be kind to the duty people. They are looking out for ALL children!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



OUTDOOR RECESS

We will have outdoor recess most days, in most types of weather. Please make sure that your child brings a coat, hat, gloves and boots in wet or wintry weather. We go outside most days unless the temperature is below 15 degrees and/or is very rainy or snowy. Colorado weather changes quickly and students should come to school prepared to be outside each day.



NORTHRIDGE ELEMENTARY R.O.A.R. BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

In order to provide and maintain a productive learning atmosphere for ALL, students, staff parents and guests are expected to demonstrate the following behaviors at all times:

**RESPONSIBILITY
ORGANIZATION
ACHIEVEMENT
RESPECTFUL**

Way to R.O.A.R at Northridge
Elementary!

PTO UPDATE

PTO thanks YOU for your support and help during our busy fall schedule. We had lots of parents helping with Vision and Screening, BOLT, Fall Festival, BOO Pop sales, Cookie Dough distribution, picture day, the Jog-a-Thon, and Big Kahuna Celebration! THANK YOU!

MEETING DATES:

We Want You!

February 2 March 1 April 5
Social Time 6-6:30, Meeting 6:30-7:30 pm
Child care and interpreters provided



GT Identification: Search for Students
School Newsletter Nomination Information

Each year elementary and middle schools in St. Vrain Valley School District complete a process to identify students who demonstrate exceptional ability or performance in one or more academic areas and may therefore qualify for Gifted/Talented educational services. These students usually perform at least two years above grade level in their strength area(s) and require additional academic challenges in order to support their continued educational growth and progress. In addition, they usually demonstrate characteristics of unique creativity and high motivation in their strength areas.

The search for gifted/talented students begins with an opportunity for parents and/or teachers to refer students for review. Once referrals are received, a team of educators review student CSAP data, standardized test scores, rating scales and other school data to determine student eligibility.

If you believe that your child qualifies and would benefit from district Gifted/Talented services, please pick up a nomination form from your school office, or contact your school's Gifted/Talented resource teacher or liaison, Melissa Castillo. Please submit your nomination form by November 29th.



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Ask these individuals about the details of their proposals and consider supporting this Classroom Grant program by going to the Education Foundation's website at www.efsvv.org.

Identificación de Estudiantes con Talento Académico Excepcional: En Búsqueda de Estudiantes
Nota Informativa

Cada año las escuelas primarias y secundarias en el Distrito Escolar del Valle de St. Vrain completan un proceso para identificar estudiantes en los grados del tercero al octavo quienes demuestren una habilidad o rendimiento académico excepcional en una o más de las áreas académicas y que podrían por lo tanto calificar para recibir servicios educativos por su talento excepcional. Estos estudiantes por lo regular muestran un rendimiento académico de por lo menos dos años por encima del nivel del grado que cursan en las áreas que le son de mayor fortaleza y requieren de retos académicos para poder apoyar su continuo crecimiento y progreso educativo. Además, ellos por lo regular muestran características de creatividad única y una alta motivación en las áreas que son su fuerte.

La búsqueda de estudiantes con talento excepcional o dotados con cualidades académicas únicas se inicia con una oportunidad para los padres y/o los maestros para referir a estudiantes y hacer una revisión de su caso. Una vez que las referencias son recibidas, un equipo de educadores revisa datos informativos de las pruebas CSAP, resultados de pruebas estandarizadas, escalas de clasificación, y otra información escolar para determinar la elegibilidad del estudiante.

Si usted cree que su hijo(a) califica y se beneficiaría de recibir servicios educativos por su talento excepcional, favor de recojer una hoja de referencia de la oficina de la escuela, o pónganse en contacto con el/la maestro(a) de recursos de servicios educativos al talento académico excepcional, Melissa Castillo.



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