

Cougar News

Mrs. Crawford, Principal

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January/February 2007

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I hope that you all had a restful and enjoyable winter break.

As the weather gets colder it is important that your children are coming to school properly dressed as they go out on the playground if the weather permits (not raining, snowing, and the temperature is above 20 degrees). The time for sandals, short sleeves, and shorts is over. Please help your child choose appropriate clothing.

Testing is fast upon us and it is very important that your child comes to school prepared. A good nights sleep, nutritious breakfast, and a positive attitude make a great difference in academic achievement.

ACCELERATED READER STORE

Our third annual Accelerated Reader Store for Christmas shopping was a huge success. The student's almost cleaned us out this year buying presents using the points that they earned reading books and passing the Accelerated Reader test.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our after-school programs are really busy. We have 300+ students attending the 2:30-3:30 classes for academic assistance.

Our Mariachi program is into its second 6-week session. The first six-week session was an amazing success with over 20 children in grades 4/5 in instruments and an equal number of 3,4 & 5 grade students in dance.

Please take a moment to visit the Columbia Mariachi web site that Mr. Rivera was kind enough to create for us.

HELP

If you have a guitar, trumpet, or violin that you are not using and would like to donate to the Columbia Mariachi program, we will give it a very good home. Contact Mrs. Crawford or Mrs. Lopushinsky here at school.

DISTRICT SPELLING BEES

This year Columbia will host the 4th grade spelling bee on February 6th at 3:30. The fifth grade spelling bee will be at Newbery on February 8th at 3:30.

PARENT MEETING

January's meeting was canceled due to the storm. February's meeting will be

February 12th. Family Math Night will be the focus of this meeting.

3rd ANNUAL BINGO NIGHT

This year we will have the Bingo Night on March 9th from 6-8 p.m. in the cafeteria. There will be a raffle for the baskets and snack foods available.

REMEMBER these dates: NO SCHOOL

Jan. 26; Feb. 16; & Feb. 19

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Columbia currently has 3 adult education classes in session.

English as a second language (ESL) is meeting on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:30. Miss Oliva Gonzalez is the instructor.

Spanish literacy classes are meeting Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30-6:30 and Mrs. Menley is the instructor.

Mrs. Covarrubias is teaching conversational Spanish. If you are interested in this class, please call the school.

UPCOMING CLASSES:

- *Gang awareness
- *Legal rights as a parent
- *Parenting classes
- *The adult beginner computer class will be held in March and a basic keyboarding skills class will be scheduled at that time as well.
- *Plaza Comunitarias (GED in Spanish using the computer) classes will be held on Monday & Tuesday evenings 5-8 p.m. in the library. If you are interested in this class, please contact Melinda Heath at 679-6551.

If you are interested in any of the above classes, please contact the school at 662-7256.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have the honor of having 3 new National Board Certified teachers in our building. Mr. Woolsey, Miss Johnson, and Mrs. Siepman recently completed the necessary coursework and testing to become National Board Certified teachers.

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Mrs. Cone is also a National Board Certified teacher bringing our total to 4. Congratulations!

Mr. Draggoo-Feb. 5th
Mrs. Anspach-Feb. 26th
Both are at 6:30-7:30 pm

TARDINESS

For the month of December we had a total of 3885 minutes (or 64.75 hours/9.96 days) in tardiness. Also, remember that December is a very short month.

Please help your student get to school on time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TOP CAT: January 29th
 February 26th

1st grade poetry nights:



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