



IMPORTANT DATES

MONTH+ DAY	TIME	EVENT
April 1- 30	ALL MONTH	B.A.T. sponsored Beattie Night Out at Souza's (all month!)
April 7	3:15 - 4:30	B.A.T. meeting
April 7	6:30 p.m.	District Battle of the Books contest @ Linton Elementary
April 11-15		Volunteer Appreciation Week
April 12	3:20 - 5:00	School Improvement Team meeting
April 13	8:40 -12:00	Track meet for Mesa Verde and Longs Peak students
April 14	5:00-8:00 p.m.	SPRING FLING!!!
April 15	NO SCHOOL	Parent-teacher conferences for some families
April 18	NO SCHOOL	Staff collaboration day
April 21	10:00 + 6:00	Sunshine Singers concert
April 21	3:15 - 4:15	Gifted +Talented Steering Committee meeting
April 22	9:00 - 11:00	Bear Lake field trip to Martinez Farm
April 27	Morning	Group picture day (Smile ☺)
April 28	9:10 - 11:20	Evergreen field trip to the Gardens at Spring Creek
April 29	9:20 - 12:15	L.P. student field trip to Blevins and Webber-bound students
May 5	3:15 - 4:30	Last Beattie Action Team meeting for 2010-11

PRINCIPAL THOUGHTS.....Mr. Sam Aldern

It's appropriate to begin this newsletter by pointing out that the week of April 11-15 has been designated as Volunteer Appreciation Week. Volunteers are always important to us at Beattie – and parent and community help has never been more crucial to us than this year! We want to thank each and every one of you who has helped us in any way this year, whether you've helped at school on a regular basis or if your assistance has been in some other way. In a somewhat ironic twist, our biggest volunteer-led event, the Spring Fling, will again be held during the volunteer recognition week. This year it appears we will have many community volunteers beyond our Beattie parents who will lead activities that night. This will enable Beattie parents to enjoy the games with their children! Obviously, it has taken MANY parent volunteer hours to plan this wonderful event. Please know how much you are all appreciated!

There are a couple of updates regarding our innovation plans. Using input from the School Improvement Team, the School Accountability Committee, and the Gifted + Talented Steering Committee, our staffing plan for 2011-12 will include a full-time, Master's level endorsed G/T teacher. We continue working with Ed Goodman regarding the development of functional creativity into our instruction, and our excitement about what this will provide our students keeps growing. Some of the work we have generated with this has already been used effectively with students this spring.

Thanks to all who participated in the PSD meeting on mill levy innovation funds and/or completed the survey. The results of this input will be posted on the district website very soon. A Review Panel of parents and community members will meet on or near April 14 to review the results and make recommendations to Administration for possible revisions. The revised plan will be presented to the Board of Education on April 26.

In the spirit of transparency I will share that there have been discussions at the district level about the possibility of using part of Beattie's space to house some adults who work with the Early Childhood program. At this time there have been no definitive decisions made. We most certainly will share updated news with you as it becomes available.

Thank you very much for reading this newsletter and for staying informed about Beattie!

BEATTIE BIGHORN NEWS

April 7, 2011

R.A.M.S. – Respect Always Means Success

What's Up in Art?

"The arts celebrate multiple perspectives. One of their large lessons is that there are many ways to see and interpret the world."

Elliot Eisner

Kindness Club: Artists Making a Difference



**American
RedCross**

Students are meeting during their lunch recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays to fold as many origami birds as we can to help with our latest goal, to raise money for **Japan** and the many people affected by the earthquake and tsunami. We will have a table set up at the Spring Fling and we are folding origami birds to offer as gifts to folks that make a donation to our cause.

*100% of the money raised will be donated to the **Red Cross**.*

Designs and Images Art Show at Foothills Mall

Spring is art show season and during the month of April PSD celebrates visual art with "**Designs and Images**", a district-wide art show held at the Foothills Fashion Mall. The exhibition highlights the outstanding work of students from K-12. This year's exhibition will open on **April 19 through May 2 with an ice cream reception for the artists and their families on April 25th**. All the schools will be represented and the displays will be located throughout the mall. So, grab the family, and head to the mall for a dazzling array of "**Designs & Images**"!!! I will be notifying the students whose artwork will be on display by April 19th.



Congratulations to the Evergreen artists!!



It was a terrific Evening for Art on March 24th. With all the artists' families and friends we had a full house! Thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work preparing the art work and for the fastest clean up yet!

Student Teacher Pete Mahan

Hello! My name is Pete Mahan and I'm excited to be at Beattie Elementary to student-teach this spring! I finished my first art degree in drawing at Saint Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota and came back to Fort Collins to study art-education at Colorado State University, and have also been taking classes in sculpture and ceramics.

We have some great projects lined up in the art room for the coming weeks! First graders are creating their own personal planets and space drawings to hang on the ceiling. Second grade will be starting a new unit on paper-craft and origami soon. Third grade is finishing up a basket-weaving project and will begin a printmaking project where they will be designing their own money. The fourth graders are working on large collaborative Georgia O'Keefe inspired paintings of flowers. Fifth graders are already deep into a unit on still-life drawing and creating their own still-life chalk drawings of toys.



You're invited to the "Belief Project" Exhibition at the ARTLab in downtown Fort Collins. Featuring YOUR ARTWORK!



This year IMPACT Dance Company visited 3 schools in Poudre School District, including Beattie! It is still possible to enjoy the exhibit on April 9th 3-6pm as we display your student's artwork and share our experiences from Laurel Elementary, Beattie Elementary 5th grade students and Leshar IB World School. The "Belief Project" Exhibition will be on display in the ARTLab April 1-10.

The ARTLab is located in downtown Fort Collins at 239 Linden Street.

IMPACT Dance Company will also be presenting "Believe It!" an innovative performance at the ARTLab featuring "new to our public" dances that explore our daily search for self through movement, text and video. IMPACT Dance will present a short performance that shares work from their events this season, in multiple performances, on Friday and Saturday, April 8th and 9th at 6:00, 7:15 and 8:30pm. For tickets visit, www.impactdancecompany.com, email; impactdance@comcast.net or at the door. Seating is limited and doors open 15 minutes prior to each show. In conjunction with the show, artwork from IMPACT's "Belief Project" outreach to area schools will be on display from April 1st-10th.



We hope you are able to join us!

Judy Bejarano, Artistic Director Lisa Morgan, Assistant Director
Amber Mazurana, Outreach Coordinator
IMPACT Dance Company
www.impactdancecompany.com · impactdance@comcast.net

It is an absolute pleasure teaching your children art!

Kimberly Noel



Clothing Donations for the Health Room

We are running very low on certain clothing items in the health room and we are hoping that our wonderful Beattie Community may have some gently used items to donate. The following are items we could use.

- 1) **Underwear**- Boys and girls, small sizes only
- 2) **Socks**-Boys and girls, small sizes preferred, but all sizes appreciated
- 3) **Pants and shorts**-Boys and girls- Small sizes only-Kindergarten through second grade



We have plenty of tops but would really appreciate any of the items listed!



Thank you, Duffy and Sabine





Reminder: Delivering and Picking Children Up From School



These rules are important for the safety of our students AND the Fort Collins police department has been known to issue tickets for traffic violations at Beattie!

It is very important that children do not arrive at school prior to 8:15 a.m. unless they are in a supervised activity. Also, children need to leave school right after 3:08 p.m., again unless they have a supervised activity.

Parents are asked to pick up or drop off their child(ren) on Meadowlark in front of the school south of the cross-walk, or in the cul-de-sac north of Beattie on Nighthawk. We especially encourage parents of primary aged children to use the cul-de-sac and/or the church parking lot.

Please remember:

- We have a daycare van loading area on the east side of Meadowlark and it extends from the crosswalk to the parking lot entrance. **We request there be NO PARKING here during the day.**
- Red areas will be no parking zones during the day. This is for student drop-off and pick-up only. This is also on the east side of Meadowlark, extending from the crosswalk to the bike rack.
- In order to keep children safely away from bus and auto traffic, we have designated the **parking lot for staff members only**. (Certainly parking will be allowed in these areas during the evening for programs, art shows, and other events.)
- Parents using the church parking lot should meet their children and escort them to their car.
- Staff members and buses will enter the parking lot only from Meadowlark and will exit only onto Nighthawk.
- Please also remember that **we need to keep our students safe by:**
 - Not double parking on Meadowlark or Nighthawk, however briefly
 - Not making U-turns
 - Crossing only at the crosswalk on Meadowlark
 - Staying on the sidewalk around the cul-de-sac, not crossing on Nighthawk.

Thank you!



COME TO PLAY, PLAY TO LEARN!

SUMMER B.A.S.E. CAMP

Exploring the Environment

Free registration March 21-April 15

Contact the main office at 266-1734, talk with your Site Director, or go to www.mybasecampkids.org



PE AND WELLNESS NEWS with COACH MUELLER

Thank you to everyone who came out to the final Beattie Roller skating party. We had more Beattie families come out last Thursday than at any other skating party! I have used some of the money to purchase new track and field equipment and a class set of pedometers. All students will have the chance to enjoy the new gear.



Speaking of track and field... the Beattie 4th and 5th grade **track and field meet** will take place at school on **Wednesday April 13th from 8:40 - 12:00**. At our meet we will determine which students will represent Beattie at the district track meet. I really need volunteers to help me coordinate the Beattie April 13th event. So far I only have two parents coming in and I really need ten.

!!HELP!!

Please contact me at mmueller@psdschools.org to let me know if you can help. Thanks!

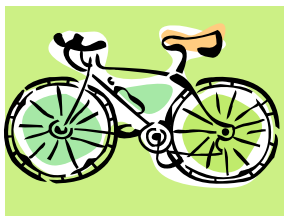
!!HELP!!

The District Track Meet long distance events will run on Thursday evening, May 5th and sprints, relays and field events will take place Saturday morning, May 7 from 8:00 - 12:00.

Field days are also just around the corner. For many students and me too, this is the best day of the year! You can help by volunteering to assist with the stations. The more help, the better. If you can come out to Beattie for any part of the day, please contact me to let me know your availability. Field day for BL, EV and CR (K, 1st and 2nd) will be on Wednesday, May 18th from 9:00 - 11:30 and SV, MV and LP (3rd, 4th and 5th) will be May 18th from 12:30 - 3:00. Check your calendars!



Our weekly wellness activities will continue through April. Your children have several more chances to get their names into the raffles for the bikes and scooter. Please encourage them to join the after school running club, *Get-Up-And-Go*, on Mondays. If running is not their "thing," for the month of April we are also offering a soccer game in center field at the same time. Remember that all students must have a signed permission form in order to participate and students younger than 3rd grade must be accompanied by an adult. Since the weather is much better now, it is time to dust off the bikes and ride to school. Every Wednesday morning that students ride, wheel or walk to school, they get another chance at the grand prizes. Finally, lunch laps are always available for students on Wednesdays at noon recess.



The names of three lucky and very healthy winners will be chosen in a random drawing in May by the wellness team. We will notify students and parents as soon as we have selected the names. The more wellness events that a student participates in, the greater his or her chance of winning.

Hopefully, I will see many of you in the next two months. Thanks for all you do to keep your children healthy! Coach



Volunteers

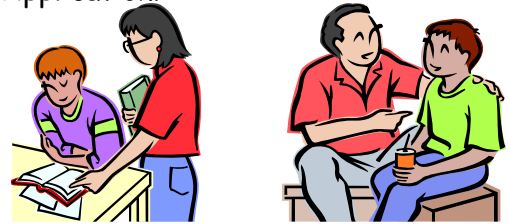
Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 10th to the 16th and on behalf of staff and students of Beattie, We Thank You for your service and commitment to our school! Volunteers have logged in well over 500 hours of service since September! Everything from classroom and playground volunteers, party coordinators and helpers, field trips, Turkey Trot, Holiday Shop, 2 Book Fairs, and Evening's of Art, Music performances, and many others. Whew! This is an amazing amount of volunteer help! Thank you to all Beattie Volunteers - Your dedication to Beattie does not go unnoticed! We have many volunteer opportunities still coming up at Beattie and now in addition to email requests you can go online to Beattie's homepage and find opportunities under News and Events.

Volunteers please remember to log in at the computer all time volunteered as these hours get turned in monthly to our district office. If you haven't already updated your register profile online please do so to avoid being deleted from the registered volunteer database. Your profile should be updated each school year. Also please make sure you have an email address on your profile so that you receive Beattie Volunteer Email Requests! If you have questions on how to update your profile please contact: **Amy Quinn at amyjosh1@hotmail.com.**

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Please visit www.psdschools.org, click on the *Community* tab, then *Volunteers and Partnerships* to fill out the Volunteer Online Application!

Thanks for all that you do for Beattie!

Amy Quinn, Beattie Volunteer Coordinator



Musical News with Mrs. McCollum



Sunshine Singers Spring Program

Thursday, April 21

Two performances:

10:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M at Beattie

Concert dress: black pants/slacks and white button down shirt/blouse

Arrive by 5:30 P.M. for warm-ups

Invite friends and family!!!

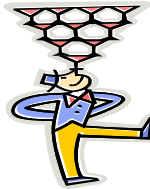
The 2011 Annual Beattie Showcase

Attention all Singers, Actors, Comedians, Dancers, Diablo Movers,
and all others who like to be "in the limelight"!!!!

You are needed for the Beattie Showcase of student talent on May 20th at 1:30.
If you are interested in auditioning for one of our 20 "acts" begin your preparation now and
turn in the following permission form. Auditions will be April 13th and 14th.

All "acts" need to be approximately 2 1/2 minutes in length.

Because the time for the Beattie Showcase is limited, we need to cap the number of
performers in the show, pending the number of students who audition.



The Beattie Showcase will be Friday, May 20 at 1:30.

Auditions for the Showcase will be April 13th & April 14th during your child's lunch recess. Please have your
child sign up for an audition time (located on the music door).

The time limit per act is 2 1/2 minutes.

In order to audition a permission slip must be returned to Mrs. McCollum by April 13th.

_____ will be auditioning for the Showcase.

Unit Teacher _____ Encore group: (circle) Orange Blue

The act will be _____

(Please give a description of the act such as instrument, singing, dancing, acting, etc.)

Other students involved are:

_____	Unit _____	and in	Orange	Blue
_____	Unit _____	and in	Orange	Blue
_____	Unit _____	and in	Orange	Blue

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Comments:





Spring Fling is Upon Us!

1 week away!!!

April 14, 2011 from 5pm-8pm

www.beattiespringfling.org

Tell your family! Tell your friends! Tell EVERYONE!! **The online auction is going on NOW** and ends April 13th, the day BEFORE Spring Fling. There are already people bidding so get out there and get in on the action! Our Annual Beattie Spring Fling Fundraiser is only 1 WEEK AWAY!!! This year, the theme is "Celebrating Family Time." We will be playing lots of family

games like Bingo, Candyland and one that is going to become a classic...Minute-to-Win-it. Of course there will be prizes!!! We will have our, always popular, Face Painters and an awesome Silent Auction. The donations this year are second to none! Visit the website to learn all about it! **The \$5.00 "Entertainment Vouchers" are now available in the office for presale at a discount; they are \$4.00 before the event and \$5.00 at the door.** If you would like to help out during this last push before the event, please contact the coordinator, Janell Osborn at Janell@whitespacegraphics.com. We can always use some help. These are the areas we are looking for some extra help:

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email address _____

To help with the Spring Fling I would like to: (return this form to your child's teacher or to the office)

Donate an item for the silent auction (Do you own a business or know someone who does that would donate an item or service?)

Provide a **STORE BOUGHT** item for the cake walk (please bring **ON** April 14th)

Pick up donations the week of Spring Fling (contact Janell Osborn)

Donate a bag of individually wrapped candy

Donate books to the "Read It Again" program (see article in the newsletter about this program).

These next two items require you being a registered volunteer. It's easy to become one if you are not.

<http://www.psdschools.org/partnerships> and click on the "click to register" under the individual parent or community volunteer

Help set up the afternoon of April 14th (starting after school)

Help with clean up after the event. (8:00-9:00)

"Hands Around Beattie" T-shirts, water bottles, and entertainment vouchers are for sale in the Beattie office NOW!

Respect Always



Means Success

Adopt-A-Ram!

This year we are having fun with our mascot! Purchase an 8 1/2 x 11 "RAM" for \$1 and decorate it in any way you choose. Turn it in to the office and we will start a "pride wall" in the gym. Let's see how creative you can get! Involve the whole family by having each member decorate their own RAM. Let's see if we can fill an entire wall in the gym with RAMS!!!

Adopt-a-Ram will be available starting the night of Spring Fling in the craft room. There will be crayons and markers available to decorate, so be sure to show your Beattie Bighorn Pride and Adopt-A-Ram of your own at Spring Fling!



Read-It-Again Books!

Our new program to keep great books in the hands of our amazing kids and raise a little money for the school is up and running! Thank you to those who have donated books so far. The bin is ready to be emptied to make room for more! Keep them coming!!! Look for the big blue bin located in the media center near Mrs. Hagen's desk to donate your gently used books. Those books will then be sold beginning at the Spring Fling on April 14th for no more than \$2.00 each! Everyone will benefit because we think all of us enjoy sharing in reading time with our kids. There's still time to find a couple books to donate and then attend Spring Fling to pick out some other really great gently used books for you and your kids to read again and again! For more information, please contact Sharyl Bragg at sharyl1@live.com.



IMPORTANT NEWS from the BEATTIE KITCHEN!!

All past due lunch accounts are due on **MAY 2nd**. There will be no charging of food after this date!! This is PSD policy in order to balance the student accounts. **Thank you!**



LOST AND FOUND

Please have your children check our lost and found for missing items. We have dozens of unclaimed items, including coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves/mittens and an assortment of other items. If these items remain unclaimed by the end of the school year they will be donated to charity. **Thanks!**

Beattie Night Out

All Month!

Please present a

Coupon when dining

At **SOUZA'S!!!!!!!**

Souza's Smokin BBQ
www.fortcollinsbbq.com
1005 W Stuart St, ste A-1
Fort Collins, CO 80526
970-232-9412



The Beattie Elementary Family & Friends will get 10% off and we'll donate 10% to the school.

Kids under 10 always eat free (dine in only and with the purchase of a sandwich or meal), can't be combined with other offers Photocopies are allowed, valid for the entire month of April 2011

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Please join the **Beattie Action Team (BAT), our parent/teacher organization, for the last meeting of this school year on **May 5, 2011** at **3:15** in the **Beattie Media Center**.**

All parents are welcome!

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Thank you for reading our newsletter and staying informed about all the events and Activities at Beattie!



Please read on....

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION



3 easy ways to make a difference!

Earn cash for your school every time you **clip Box Tops coupons**, shop online at the **Box Tops Marketplace** or order books through the **Box Tops Reading Room**.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SCHOOL:

Hello Beattie Community! We would like to remind you to earn money for our school by participating in Box Tops for Education. We have ordered assignment notebooks for grades 1 through 5. These notebooks are used by almost every student and are the daily communication tool between teachers and parents. We are excited that our notebooks for next year will include a wellness component, reminding children to make healthy choices! The notebooks cost almost \$1,000 and the money raised through Box Tops will help to pay the majority of this charge! **THANK YOU!!!**

clip box tops

1 Clip Box Tops

Find Box Tops coupons on hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for your school.

2 Send Box Tops to school

Turn in your Box Tops coupons to your participating school. Your school will send the Box Tops coupons to Box Tops for Education.

3 Your school earns cash

Twice each year, Box Tops will send a check to your school for each Box Tops coupon redeemed, up to \$20,000 each year.

shop marketplace

1 Sign up

Log in to btfe.com to support your school and shop over 100 participating retail stores.

2 Shop

Shop online at the Box Tops Marketplace. Choose from quality stores such as Target, JCPenney and OfficeMax.

3 Your school earns cash

Up to 15 eBoxTops™ per \$10 spent* will be automatically donated back to your school, up to \$20,000 each year.

shop reading room

1 Sign up

Log in to btfe.com to support your school. Click on "Earn/Shop Reading Room."

2 Shop

Browse Barnes & Noble's entire selection and purchase.

3 Your school earns cash

Up to 6 eBoxTops™ per \$10 spent* will be automatically donated back to your school, up to \$20,000 each year.

Plus, look for chances to earn Bonus Box Tops for your school each month in the **Earn** section of the website. Just click on Bonus Box Tops to see sweepstakes, local bonus offers and more!

It's easy to earn cash for your school. Go to btfe.com and sign up today!

Northern Colorado Intertribal Pow-wow Association, Inc.
proudly presents the

19th Annual Spring Powwow & Indian Art Market

April 16-17, 2011

CSU Foothills Campus
B.W. Pickett Equine Center
701 S. Overland Trail
Fort Collins, Colorado



- ❖ **Theme: "Honoring Our Youth"**
- ❖ Events begin at 10:00 a.m. each day
- ❖ Intertribal Dancing begins at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday; noon on Sunday
- ❖ Witness some of the finest in Native American singing & dancing
- ❖ Arts and Crafts Vendors, Suppliers
- ❖ Children's Activity Center
- ❖ Food Concession featuring Indian frybread & tacos
- ❖ Incredible door prizes..... *plus much much more...*

Public Welcome and Invited!!

Admission: \$5/day, \$8/weekend;
Children 6-12: \$3/day; \$5/weekend; Ages 5 & younger: Free

Volunteers needed: Call or text (970) 308-7245

Powwow Info: (970) 498-0290 ❖ <http://www.fortnet.org/PowWow/>

Arts & Crafts Vendors: Call Meg at (970) 493-6470

Major co-sponsors include:
Colorado Council on the Arts,
City of Fort Collins Fort Fund,
and other local businesses and individuals



Sponsors not responsible for accidents, injuries, stolen or lost articles, short-funded travelers.
This is a family event and use of alcohol/ drugs prohibited!!

APRIL 2011

Pick a Better Snack—PEAS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>DAILY OFFERINGS</p> <p>1% White Milk Skim Chocolate Milk 100% Apple Juice 100% Orange Juice</p> <p>Variety of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables</p>	<p>*V* Vegetarian or made vegetarian upon request</p> <p>*P* Contains Pork</p> <p>Menu items are subject to change</p>			<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza *V* •Meatball Deli on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Turkey & Cheese Wrap <p>Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Strawberries Pineapple Tidbits</p>
<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chicken Patty Sandwich on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Soft Wheat Pretzel w/ Cheese *V* •Chicken Caesar Salad <p>Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Peppers Apples Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Potato Crunch Fish Sticks •Marvelous Mac & Cheese *V* •Chef Salad *V* <p>Fresh Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cauliflower Oranges Diced Peaches</p>	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Wholesome Chicken Nuggets •Crazy Cheese Quesadilla *V* •Ham, Turkey & Cheese Deli on Wheat Bread <p>Rice & Pinto Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Grapes Strawberry Jello</p>	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Enchilada Bake •Colossal Cheeseburger on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit *V* <p>Power up Peas Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Strawberries Diced Pears</p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza *P* •Chef Boyardee Cheese Ravioli in Tomato Sauce *V* •Colorful Veggie Wrap *V* <p>Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Kiwi Pineapple Tidbits</p>
<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Homemade Beef & Bean Burrito •Max Filled Cheese Sticks with Pizza Sauce *V* •Wheat Un crustable PB & J *V* <p>Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Apples Diced Pears</p>	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chicken Patty Sandwich on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Sloppy Joe on Wheat Bun •Turkey & Cheese Deli *V* <p>Fresh Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Grapes Diced Peaches</p>	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Italian Lasagna •Wholesome Chicken Nuggets •Wheat Un crustable PB & J *V* <p>Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Snap Peas Grapes Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza *V* •Cheesy Nachos *V* <p>Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Kiwi Diced Peaches</p>	<p>15</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</p>
<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</p>	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Baked Potato Bar *V* •Colossal Cheeseburger on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Chef Salad *V* <p>Fresh Steamed Broccoli Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Oranges Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Marvelous Mac & Cheese *V* •Hot Dog on Wheat Bun •Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit *V* <p>Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Apples Fruit Cocktail</p>	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Turkey Gravy & Mashed Potatoes •Chicken Patty Sandwich on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Wheat Un crustable PB & J *V* <p>Power up Peas Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Strawberries Diced Peaches</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Big Daddy's Pepperoni Pizza *P* •Saucy Beef Spaghetti •Turkey & Cheese Wrap <p>Fresh Steamed Baby Carrots Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Kiwi Diced Pears</p>
<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Cheesy Nachos *V* •Rib A Que Sandwich •Colorful Veggie Wrap *V* <p>Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Broccoli Apples Diced Peaches</p>	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Bean & Cheese Burrito *V* •Wholesome Chicken Nuggets •Wheat Un crustable PB & J *V* <p>Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Celery Sticks Oranges Diced Pears</p>	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Whole Grain Corn Dog •Colossal Cheeseburger on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Chef Salad *V* <p>Oven Baked French Fries Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Snap Peas Bananas Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Teriyaki Chicken Dippers •Chicken Patty Sandwich on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Yummy Yogurt w/ String Cheese and Fruit *V* <p>Whole Kernel Corn Leafy Greens Tomatoes & Cucumbers Strawberries Applesauce</p>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Big Daddy's Cheese Pizza *V* •Meatball Deli on Heart Healthy Wheat Bun •Turkey & Cheese Wrap <p>Green Beans Leafy Greens Baby Carrots & Cucumbers Strawberries Pineapple Tidbits</p>

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Three task forces of the Unified Improvement Plan have been organized to address major academic improvement strategies of the [Unified Improvement Plan](#) approved by the Board of Education in January 2011.

"The heart of the Unified Improvement Plan is the strategic actions the district will perform in order to educate students and reduce achievement gaps," says Jerry Wilson, Ph.D., PSD Superintendent of Schools.

Each task force is outlined below. To learn more visit the PSD website at www.psdschools.org :

- **[Major Improvement Strategy Task Force 1](#)**: Design and implement a collaborative process to prioritize, deploy, and monitor district initiatives.
- **[Major Improvement Strategy Task Force 2](#)**: Establish a collaborative process for defining and adopting non-negotiable learning outcomes for all students based on new state standards in core content areas.
- **[Major Improvement Strategy Task Force 3](#)**: Establish a process for identifying and implementing specific evidence-based strategies and resources to effectively address student achievement gaps and align intervention and support materials with universal expectations.

2. Elementary Schools Offer Targeted Learning Opportunities Instead of Traditional Summer School

Starting this summer, PSD will have new options for elementary summer school. Schools will be able to apply for funds previously used for summer school (\$85,000 total district-wide) to address students' specific needs for additional instruction to close achievement gaps and to meet achievement goals stated in school improvement plans.

"Due to reductions in funding, PSD is examining priorities for educational programs," says Kevin Hahn, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools. "We looked at program effectiveness and cost-benefit analysis for student learning as well as examining summer school research. Based on this information, elementary principals indicated a desire to move in a different direction with the use of summer school funds."

Schools will apply for mini-grants over the next months to meet the specific needs of students at home schools.

Some schools may collaborate in offering academic interventions. In these cases, students would attend a school near their home school. The mini-grants could be used for an extended school day and/or extended school year schedule, such as a summer program or "jump start" program just before school starts in August. Learn more at www.psdschools.org

3. Watch for Secondary Summer School Information on the PSD Website Soon!

Materials on food allergy/anaphylaxis support, immunizations, and tobacco cessation will also be available. In addition, eligible students will be able to enroll in the free CHP/Medicaid health care coverage program that day. ***The aim of this event is to provide school children and teens with health screenings***, education, and support in a variety of medical areas including asthma, allergy, dental health, diabetes, weight management, fitness, mental health, and tobacco cessation.

RESUMEN DE LAS NOTICIAS ESCOLARES DE ABRIL DE 2011

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Se organizaron tres comités especiales para trabajar en las estrategias para un mejoramiento académico significativo del [Plan de Mejoramiento Unificado](#), que la Junta de Educación aprobó en enero de 2011.

El superintendente de las escuelas del PSD, Dr. Jerry Wilson, dijo que la parte central del Plan de Mejoramiento Unificado está compuesto por las acciones estratégicas que el Distrito llevará a cabo con el fin de educar a los alumnos y reducir las diferencias de rendimiento.

La función de cada comité especial se resume a continuación. Para obtener más información, puede ir al sitio *web* del PSD, www.psdschools.org:

- **Comité especial para la estrategia #1 para un mejoramiento significativo**: Diseñar e implementar un proceso colaborativo con el propósito de establecer el orden de prioridad de las iniciativas del Distrito, su implantación y seguimiento.
- **Comité especial para la estrategia #2 para un mejoramiento significativo**: Establecer un proceso colaborativo para definir y adoptar los resultados innegociables del aprendizaje para todos los estudiantes, con base en los nuevos estándares del estado en las áreas del conocimiento básico.
- **Comité especial para la estrategia #3 para un mejoramiento significativo**: Establecer un proceso de identificación e implementación de estrategias basadas en la evidencia específica y recursos, con el objetivo de trabajar de una manera eficaz en las diferencias de rendimiento estudiantil, y alinear las intervenciones y el material de apoyo con las expectativas universales.

2. Las escuelas primarias ofrecen oportunidades de aprendizaje enfocado en lugar de la Escuela de Verano tradicional.

A partir de este verano, el PSD tendrá opciones nuevas para la Escuela de Verano de la primaria. Las escuelas podrán hacer una solicitud para recibir fondos, que anteriormente estaban destinados para la escuela de verano (un total de \$85,000 para todo el Distrito), con el fin de manejar las necesidades específicas de los alumnos para recibir instrucción adicional, y así eliminar las diferencias de rendimiento y alcanzar las metas establecidas en los planes de mejoramiento de las escuelas.

El Dr. Kevin Hahn, superintendente asistente de las escuelas primarias, expresó que debido a las reducciones de fondos, el PSD está examinando las prioridades de los programas educativos. «Estudiamos la efectividad de los programas y el análisis de costo-beneficio para el aprendizaje de los estudiantes, así como los trabajos de investigación relacionados con la escuela de verano. Con base en esta información, los directores de las escuelas primarias indicaron su deseo de tomar una dirección diferente, haciendo uso de los fondos para la Escuela de Verano.»

Las escuelas presentarán solicitudes para mini subvenciones en los próximos meses con el propósito de satisfacer las necesidades específicas de los estudiantes en las escuelas asignadas. Algunas escuelas pueden colaborar al ofrecer intervenciones académicas. En estos casos, los estudiantes asistirían a una escuela en las proximidades de su escuela asignada. Las mini subvenciones se podrían usar para un día escolar extendido y/o el horario de un año escolar extendido, tal como un programa de verano o un programa “de empuje” antes de que inicie la escuela en agosto. Infórmese más acerca de esto en www.psdschools.org.

3. ¡Esté atento/a a recibir muy pronto información sobre LA ESCUELA DE VERANO DE LA SECUNDARIA en el sitio *web* del PSD!

4. El 9 de abril de esta primavera, Día del Bienestar de la Juventud (*Youth Wellness Day*) se ofrecerán chequeos de salud gratis, ejercicios y actividades para el buen estado físico, e información acerca de temas de salud para todos los estudiantes del Distrito Escolar Poudre.

“El Día del Bienestar de la Juventud” proveerá chequeos de asma, salud dental, diabetes, salud mental y manejo de peso. *Este evento gratis, que se realizará por primera vez este año, tendrá lugar el 9 de abril en Rocky Mountain High School, de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m., y se llamará ‘Día del Bienestar de la Juventud: ¡Escoger lo Saludable Importa!’ (‘Youth Wellness Day: Healthy Choices Matter!’).*

Habrà también material de apoyo disponible para alergias a alimentos/anafilaxis, vacunas y eliminación del uso del tabaco. Además, los estudiantes que califiquen podrán inscribirse ese día en el programa gratis de cobertura de cuidado de salud, *CHP/Medicaid*. **El objetivo de este evento es proporcionar a los niños y jóvenes, en edad escolar, chequeos de salud,** educación y apoyo en una variedad de áreas médicas tales como asma, alergias, salud dental, diabetes, manejo de peso, buen estado físico, salud mental y eliminación del uso del tabaco.

