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Winter 2008 — Bear Tracks



Principal's Pen

December 2008

Happy Holidays Blevins Community!

Wow, I can hardly believe that Thanksgiving Break is behind us, and we are only a couple weeks away from the end of the first semester and Winter Break! This is an exciting year in Poudre School District as all three-grade levels, elementary, junior high and senior high, prepare for the upcoming transition and new grade reconfiguration. There is a sense of excitement in the air accompanied by a bit of anxiety as we all try to figure out what this change will mean to each of us. Just two weeks ago, Blevins hosted a 5th and 6th grade (next year's 6th and 7th graders) Parent Night where the differences between junior high and middle school were presented, as well as our preliminary middle school organization. Parents were also given the opportunity to ask questions to both staff members and students. By no means are we completely prepared, but I am confident that by August 22, 2009 Blevins "Middle" School will be prepared for our students ready to face the challenges of the 21st Century.

Let's not get in too much of a hurry though, our focus needs to remain on this year's students.

Currently, Blevins students and staff are busy with many activities including: Homework Help (available to all students), Science Olympiad is organized and working diligently to prepare for spring competition(s), girl's basketball and wrestling are nearing the end of their respective seasons, Blevins Art and Technology Clubs are organized and meeting, and 2008-09 Yearbook Staff is diligently preparing this year's publication. Congratulations to all our Fall/Winter student athletes in the 7th, 8th and 9th grade for their hard work and dedication to being their best. Blevins is especially proud of the 7th Grade Football Team in celebration of their 3rd straight district championship. The new Cross Country team also represented us well and tied for 2nd in the District. Congratulations also go out to the students and staff of the Blevins Music Department for their outstanding fall performances.

On Friday, January 16th Blevins will be celebrating its 4th annual Blevins Community Fair. This year's fair will include recognition and celebration dedicated to Blevins' 40th anniversary. The plan includes invitations to our feeder elementary 4th, 5th and 6th graders, their families and current Blevins' students and families. We are currently collecting prizes, organizing volunteers and planning games and activities for the evening. Come out and support the Blevins Community and enjoy all the fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Becky Duran, Blevins Technology teacher, for being selected as the Blevins Teacher of the Year. Ms. Duran will represent Blevins in the annual Poudre School District "Excellence in Education" recognition in March.

Reminders: Please support Blevins in keeping our campus safe by **not** using the bus cul-de-sac for pick-up and drop-off from 7:20-8:00 am in the morning and 2:30-3:00 pm in the afternoon. Please use the designated student drop-off and pickup area on the west side of the building (our back parking area). Please also note, for student safety, **U-Turns are not allowed** on or around campus.

This spring, Blevins' SIT (Site Improvement Team) and School Leadership Team will continue our focus on plans and preparations for the upcoming 2009-2010 middle school transition. (5th and 6th graders will transition into Blevins and 8th and 9th graders will transition out.) We'll be looking for your best thinking in relationship to this change. We want to keep all that makes Blevins great, while bringing some of the best features of middle school to our community. Remember, all SIT meetings are open to our parents and community. Please join us! Consult the Blevins building calendar for meeting times and dates.

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Jan. 16th

Community Fair/ 40th Anniversary Celebration

Blevins Junior High School

Date: 01/16/08

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm





Please join us for a night of family fun at our Blevins Community Fair. All Blevins families, plus 4th-6th graders, are invited and encouraged to attend. Food, games, fun, and prizes! Help us show our community what a great place Blevins is!

- Hovercraft rides
- Cake Walk
- Bingo
- Many, many more fun and exciting booths!

List of Needs for the Blevins Community Fair

1. *******VOLUNTEERS for carnival assistance*******
 2. Item donations for Bingo
 3. Putters and golf balls
 4. Pledges to donate store bought cakes to be delivered Jan. 16th (am)
 5. Food vendors willing to make a deal!
 6. Two liter bottles of soda
- If you are able to help, please contact Heidi Lovaas (hnutter@psdschools.org), Mike Viney (mviney@psdschools.org), or Becky Duran (rduran@psdschools.org)

January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NO SCHOOL - WINTER BREAK						
4	5 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Work Day	6 PTO Mtg. 6:30 pm	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 7 7 Bball @ Boltz 8 Bball @ Blevins	15	16 Blevins Community Fair & 40th Anniversary Celebration 	17
18	19 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day 	20 PreAP Info Night 6 pm PreAP Writing Sample 7 pm	21 7th grade Lincoln Center Field Trip 12:00 pm 7 Bball @ Preston 8 Bball @ Blevins	22 PreAP Info Night 6 pm PreAP Writing Sample 7 pm	23	24
25	26 PreAP Writing Sample 5:30 pm 7 Bball @ Blevins 8 Bball @ Kinard	27	28 Bball BYE	29 Bball vs. Laramie	30	31

Schedule of Events

- **Jan. 6** - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Jan. 16** - 6-8 pm BLEVINS COMMUNITY FAIR & 40th Anniversary Celebration
- **Jan. 19** - NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- **Jan. 20, 22** - PreAP Parent Information Night 6:00 pm/PreAP Student testing 7:00 pm
- **Jan. 21** - 7th gr. Lincoln Center Field Trip

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 7 Bball @ Blevins 8 Bball @ Lincoln	3 PTO Mtg. 6:30 pm	4 SIT Mtg. 3:00-4:30 room 204 7 Bball @ Blevins 8 Bball @ Webber	5	6 SCHOOL DANCE 7-9 pm	7
8	9 PHS Counselors visit Blevins 7 Bball @ Wellington 8 Bball @ Blevins	10 RMHS Counselors visit Blevins Mardi Gras @ lunch	11 8th grade Lincoln Center Field Trip 7 Bball @ Blevins 8 Bball @ CLP	12 5th & 6th grade Student/Parent Info Night 6:30 pm 7 Bball @ Leshner 8 Bball @ Blevins	13	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL - Collaboration Day 	17 Bball Pig Tail Game	18 8th Grade Basketball Tournament	19	20	21
22	23 Volleyball Tryouts	24	25	26	27	28

Schedule of Events

- **Feb. 3** - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
- **Feb. 6** - School Dance 7-9 pm
- **Feb. 11** - 8th gr. Lincoln Center Field Trip
- **Feb. 12** - 5th & 6th gr. Student/Parent Info Night 6:30 pm
- **Feb. 16** - No School - Collaboration Day
- **Feb. 23** - Volleyball Tryouts begin

March 2009

Schedule of Events

- **March 6-7** - Pirates of Penzance performances 7 pm
- **March 10** - Choir/Orchestra Concert 7:00 pm
- **March 12** - Band Concert 7:00 pm
- **March 13** - Last day of 3rd quarter
- **March 16-20** - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
- **March 23-April 3** - CSAP Testing Window

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1	2 Musical Rehearsal 4 pm	3 PTO Mtg. 6:30 pm 9th Grade Lincoln Center Field Trip Musical Rehearsal	4 SIT Mtg. 3:00-4:30 room 204 Musical Rehearsal 4 pm	5 Pirates of Penzance Performance 7 pm	6 Pirates of Penzance Performance 7 pm	7
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CSAP Testing Window						
29	30	31 Volleyball BYE				

From the Counselors:

Reduce the amount of time your child spends in front of a screen

Screens - from TV sets to computer monitors - are here to stay. But that doesn't mean your child should be glued to one all day long. So make a point of getting him away from the screen and on the path to a healthful, active life. Here's how:

- **Set limits.** Decide on a reasonable amount of daily computer/TV time - say, 2 hours - and stick with it. If your child exceeds that amount, pull the plug on him.
- **Talk to him.** Explain to your child why you're limiting his screen time. Tell him it's important that he get exercise and fresh air instead of sitting in front of the TV or computer. Just don't expect him to agree with you!

- **Banish the bedroom TV.** Studies show that kids with televisions in their rooms watch an extra 90 minutes of television every day.
- **Walk the walk.** If you don't want your child to be a couch potato, don't be one yourself. Drop the clicker and grab a tennis racket or baseball mitt.
- **Offer alternatives.** Give your child other things to do besides sitting in front of a screen. Offer to go biking with him. Or shoot hoops together.
- **Don't use screen time** as a reward or punishment. It'll make the TV and computer seem even more important to your child.

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Source: "Helpful Ways to Reduce Screen Time", National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/public/heart/obesity/wecan/live-it/screen-time.htm.

Important Grading and Registration Dates

- **Jan. 15** 1st semester report cards handed out to students during Advisor
 - **Jan. 30** School of Choice deadline
 - **Feb. 6** Mid-quarter grades handed out to students during Advisor
 - **Feb. 9** Poudre High School Counselors visit Blevins to hand out registration packets
 - **Feb. 10** RMHS Counselors visit Blevins to hand out registration packets
 - **Feb. 16** FRHS 8th & 9th gr. Transition Night for parents/students 5:30-7:30 pm
 - **Feb. 18** FCHS Curriculum Fair
 - **Feb. 18** PHS Curriculum Fair 6:00-8:30 pm
 - **Feb. 18** RMHS Curriculum Fair 4:30-6:30 pm
 - **Feb. 20** High School Counselors visit Blevins to collect registration packets
 - **March 13** 7th grade schedules handed out during Advisor
 - **March 27** 3rd quarter report cards passed out during Advisor
- *****RMHS Transition Night for 8th and 9th grade parents and students was held on 12/11 and 12/12. If you were unable to attend, you can log on to RMHS's website for more information.

2008 Blevins Teacher of the Year
and PSD Foundation Excellence in
Education Award Nominee -
Becky Duran!



Pre-AP Info

If you are interested in your student being enrolled in a Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) class as a 7th grader at Blevins for the 2009-2010 school year, please attend one of the following information nights along with your student: Tuesday, Jan 20th at 6 PM or Thursday, Jan 22nd at 6 PM. As part of the application process, your student will be required to produce a writing sample at one of the following opportunities: Tuesday, Jan 20th at 7 PM, Thursday, Jan 22nd at 7 PM, or Monday, Jan 26th at 5:30 PM.

If your student is a current 7th grader at Blevins and would like to enroll in a Pre-AP class for their 8th grade year, please have them talk with their current teacher.

When registration forms are completed in February your student will need their teachers' initials to approve enrollment in any Pre-AP class.

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Schultz, sdchultz@psdschools.org, or 488-4009.

7TH GRADE FOOTBALL TEAM DISTRICT CHAMPS AGAIN!



WALK OF CHAMPIONS



UPCOMING BLEVINS SPORTS

Boys Basketball - Practice begins Dec. 15

Girls Volleyball - Practice begins Feb. 23

*Please remember to have sports physicals turned in to Mrs. Garcia before the first day of practice. They are available in the Health Clinic at Blevins. (High school athletes need to get the forms from their High School.)

THE MATH DEPARTMENT WILL BE REQUIRING ALL STUDENTS TO HAVE AT LEAST 2 WHITEBOARD MARKERS FOR THE 2ND SEMESTER. PLEASE ADD THIS TO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING LIST. THE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY ACQUIRED INDIVIDUAL WHITEBOARDS TO ENHANCE STUDENT LEARNING. WHAT A GREAT TOOL TO CHECK ON STUDENT PROGRESS AND UNDERSTANDING!

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Earlier this semester, Blevins Parents were asked to take a few minutes of their day to participate in an anonymous On-line Branding Survey to help Blevins measure how well we are serving our students, families and community. In general terms (see the results included in this newsletter), 90 % or more of Blevins parents are either satisfied or very satisfied with Blevins Academic Achievement, Quality of Instruction, Quality of Leadership/Principals, Safety, Student Behavior and Discipline, Customer Service, Opportunities for Involvement, Quality and Frequency of Communication, and Overall Satisfaction with Blevins and PSD. Blevins celebrates this very high parent satisfaction rating, but recognizes that we can always improve. The parent comments shared in this survey by our community, either positive or negative, were greatly appreciated and will be used as a "tool" to critically take a look at Blevins and our constant aspirations for improvement. If you are dissatisfied/satisfied with Blevins in any way and feel that you have not been heard, I invite you to personally communicate with myself or if more comfortable, any member of the Blevins Office Leadership. (Mr. Bryan Davis, Assistant Principal, Mr. Brad Stone, Counselor/Social Worker, or Ms. Diane Schultz, Counselor) Your feedback is important to us.

I hope you and your family have a wonderful and enjoyable holiday season.

Respectfully, David Linehan

2nd Semester Spirit Days!

Jan 9 Career Day "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Jan 16 Bruin Pride Day

Jan 23 Crazy Hair/Hat Day

Jan 30 Bruin Pride Day

Feb 6 Pirate vs. Ninja Day

Feb 13 Bruin Pride Day

Feb 20 High School Pride Day

Feb 27 Bruin Pride Day

Mar 6 Superhero Day

Mar 13 Bruin Pride Day

Mar 20 Spring Break

Mar 27 Hawaiian/Tropical Day

Apr 3 Bruin Pride Day

Apr 10 Tie-Dye Day

Apr 17 No School

Apr 24 Bruin Pride Day

May 1 Dress Your Advisor Day

May 8 Bruin Pride Day

May 15 Teacher Work Day

May 22 Formal Dress Day

HIP HOP EXPO

Please encourage your child to attend the Down for Life Hip Hop Expo 2009! There will be convention style demos, performances, teaching, team competitions, live street art, food, and more fun! The event celebrates living tobacco, alcohol and drug free. Co-sponsored by Poudre School District, TEAM Ft. Collins, the City of Ft. Collins Recreation Department and the Family Center. Jan. 31st at the Northside Aztlan Community Center from 6:00-10:00. For grades 7-9. \$2.00 entrance fee. Parent volunteers are needed for the night of the event. Call April Stutters at 567-1449 for more information.

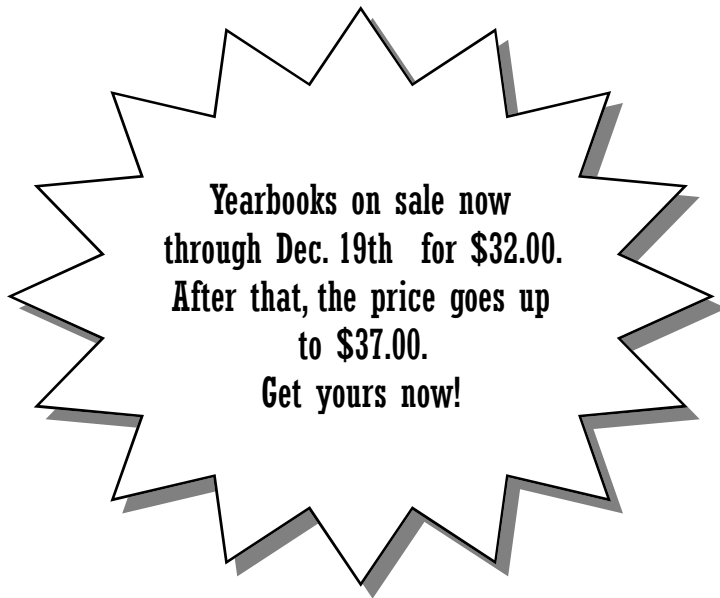
Mr. Viney's bike lab



Students learned to calculate the speed and mechanical advantage provided by different gear combinations.

Had lots of fun!





**Congratulations to the following students for being
recognized as
Blevins Student of the Month!**

7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade
September:		
Isiah Hines	Dani Croteau	Cassa Niedringhaus
October:		
Cooper Gaboda	Maddi Lynch	Laura Hufnagel
November:		
Kaitlyn Nagel	Cory Vernon	Austin Walter
December:		
Ivan Schmich Kinney	Bradley Foulk	Caleb Blosser

Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), which provides financial assistance with utility bills has announced a funding increase. This increase means that more money is available to assist hard working Coloradoans with their heating bills this winter. LEAP began accepting applications on November 1.

To qualify for LEAP, applicants must be responsible for paying heating costs to either a utility company or a landlord as part of rent. Applicants must also be permanent legal residents of the US and CO, or have household members that are US citizens.

LEAP applicants must provide a copy of valid identification and a completed affidavit indicating that they are lawfully present in the US with their program applications. Some of the valid forms of ID are: CO Drivers license or ID card or a US Military ID card.

LEAP applications are accepted from Nov. 1—April 30. Applications are available by calling 1-866-432-8435, or at the Larimer County dept. of social services, most utility companies, or community agencies.

CHECK YOUR STUDENTS' GRADES FROM HOME ONLINE ON PIV

HOW TO USE:

Below are step-by-step instructions to check your student's grades online:

1. Go to www.psdschools.org
2. Click on "Schools"
3. Click on "Pinnacle Grade Viewer"
4. Click on "Access Pinnacle Grade Viewer"
5. Log in with your child's ID number and student PIN number. (Call Blevins with questions)
6. Select school
7. Request report
8. Class report & selection - 3 drop downs available
 - Select a class - Lists student's eight classes.
 - Select a report - Options available: report card, class grades report, class missing grades.
 - Select a marking period - 1st quarter, 2nd quarter...

YOU DID IT!!!

(For further information, please call Student Services, 488-4008)

School Choice Procedures for 8th grade Athletes

Eighth-grade student athletes who plan to participate in high school athletics at a high school outside of their attendance area must submit a School Choice application to that high school by January 30th of their 8th grade year. Once athletes begin practice at the high school as 9th graders, they must remain at that high school in order to maintain full varsity eligibility.

If sometime during their high school career, student athletes choose to return to their neighborhood high school, they will not be eligible to participate in 50% of varsity competition for the first year they return to their neighborhood school.

Upcoming Music Events

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| March 2-4 | Musical Rehearsals |
| March 5-6 | Musical Performances |
| March 10 | Choir and Orchestra Concert |
| March 12 | Band Concert |
| April 7 | Talent Show Auditions |
| April 22 | Talent Show Rehearsal |
| April 23 | Talent Show Performance |
| May 19 | Band Awards Concert |
| May 21 | Choir and Orchestra Awards Concert |

**Don't forget that the 2nd Monday of each month
is our Cici's Pizza Fundraiser Night!**

BLEVINS PE CLASSES PLAY WHEELCHAIR RUGBY!



Thank you to
Renee Lee,
Brenda McDowell,
and Robby Hanley
for organizing
this event
through
Adaptive
Recreation
Opportunities
for us!



Blevins Junior High School Two Hour Late Start Schedule For Severe Weather

Tuesday-Friday Schedule

1. 9:50-10:55 (65)
2. A Lunch 10:55-11:25 (30)
Class 11:30-12:30(60)
B Lunch
Class 11:00-12:00 (60)
Lunch 12:00-12:30 (30)
3. 12:35-1:35 (60)
4. 1:40-2:40 (60)

Monday Medley Schedule

1. 9:50-10:20 (30)
2. 10:25-10:55 (30)
3. A Lunch 10:55-11:25 (30)
Class 11:30-12:00 (30)
B Lunch
Class 11:00-11:30 (30)
Lunch 11:30-12:00 (30)
4. 12:05-12:30 (25)
5. 12:35-1:05 (30)
6. 1:10-1:35 (25)
7. 1:40-2:10 (30)
8. 2:15-2:40 (25)

Don't forget to sign up for the Blevins email list on the District website to receive weekly emails! It is a great informational resource. Another great resource is our Blevins website - especially the "Morning Announcements" section. Check it out at www.psdschools.org/schools/blevins

Blevins Science & Engineering Fair 2008

Congratulations to the 190 students who participated in the Blevins 2008 Science and Engineering Fair. The quality and creativity displayed by our student community was truly amazing. The Science Department would like to thank the administrative staff, the custodial staff and the CSU judges for all of their help. Students who placed 1st and 2nd will be invited to the Longs Peak Science and Engineering Fair to be held March 5th, 2009. All students who were awarded medals should give Mr. Viney their paperwork this Wednesday. Students who created inventions should see Mrs. Duran about entering the Wasson Inventor's Fair.

Grade 9 (High School Division) - 1st Place Winners:

Christina Bartlett, Rylee Johnston, Ellery Goeltzenleuchter, Tim O'Grady, Brynna Hasvold, Josh Hattis, Ben Knees, Kelli Lynch, Abby Ney, Mando Ramirez, Trevor Skaar, Lydia Swartz, Andrew Thomas, Rennie Winkelmann, Kyle Wray

Grade 9 (High School Division) - 2nd Place Winners:

Ryan Brauch, Sarah Duke, Erik Evans, Lucas Harrison, Lindsey Haskett, Greg Luft, Callie Morgan, Makenna Mulcahy, Cassa Niedringhaus, Richard Pixley, Ann Pusheck, Doug Watterson, Sean Wright, Emily Zachman

Grade 7 & 8 (Middle School Division) - 1st Place Winners:

Nathan Brinks, Daniele Croteau, Michelle Dworkin, Luc Freiburg, Raven Dixon, Andi Heath, Kaia Heer, Hannah Klemperer, Daniela Pineda Soraca, Raychl Reger, Avery Riffle, Emma Riffle, Karlie Svoboda, Cory Vernon, Breann Watterson

Grade 7 & 8 (Middle School Division) - 2nd Place Winners:

Gena Archuleta, Jasyn Bruemmer, Mitch Cooper, Isaac Effner, Kathryn Flynn, Sarah Goodwin, Tanner Hall, Gil Hynjun, Holly Kessler, Clayton Lyell, Joy Robinson, Laura Pintauro, Hannah Powers, Rylee Thomas



NEWS BRIEFS FROM PSD

PSD School Choice Deadlines Fast Approaching

Nearly 70% of PSD students attend neighborhood schools, where PSD’s rigorous standards-based curriculum is complemented by enrichment activities. However, parents who would like their children to attend a school outside of their attendance area can do so through School Choice, on a space available basis. Transportation of School Choice students is the responsibility of the parent.

Parents may choose from a neighborhood school, a school close to work, all-day or half-day kindergarten programs, before-and after- school care, and various programs and curricula.

School Choice Deadline: First-consideration for secondary school (Grades 6-12): Friday, January 30, 2009.

School Choice Applications may be submitted after the first-consideration deadline until the first day of class at the beginning of the school year of requested enrollment. Complete the online School Choice Application through the Poudre School District Web site at www.psdschools.org under “School Registration”, which may be accessed from a home computer or any computer with Internet access; a public use computer available at the PSD Support Services Center, 2407 LaPorte Ave., or any of the District’s schools.

Attend a Superintendent listening session

Listening sessions are opportunities to talk informally with Dr. Wilson on topics of your choice. Although scheduled around PTO meetings at the sites—all parents and community members are welcome

- February 3, 2009, at Cache La Poudre Elementary, 3511 W. Co. Rd. 54G, Laporte.
- April 21, 2009, at Zach Core Knowledge Elementary, 3715 Kechter Rd. Ft. Collins
- May 5, 2009, at Blevins Junior High, 2101 S. Taft Hill Rd, Ft. Collins

Stay Connected! Online e-mail sign-up now available

We want your current email address! Sign up to receive PSD emergency information and the quarterly PSD community e-newsletter containing important information on district initiatives (grade configuration, boundary changes, etc.), and current news and events. You may also receive important school updates, calendar changes, and critical information from your child’s teacher.

Poudre School District now has an online email subscription system. If you provided an email address on your child’s information form, your address is already in the system. If you have not yet provided one, or your email has changed, please go to the **Email Alert Sign-up** link on the www.psdschools.org and input your address. Stay connected. Sign up today!



Thank you to those who took the time to take the online School Survey. Here are the responses for Blevins:

Academic Achievement: 95.5% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied (hereafter referred to as S or VS) with the emphasis placed on academics at Blevins. 88.6% were S or VS with the high level of academic challenge, with 84.4% S or VS on the high volume of testing of students. **Quality of Instruction:** 98.5% were S or VS with teacher knowledge of subject area. 78.5% with teachers ability to engage a variety of learners, and 88.4% with the ability to deliver high quality instruction. **Quality of school leadership/principals:** 90.3% were confident in leadership’s ability to ensure high academic performance of students. 91.7% were confident in leadership’s ability to maintain a positive school learning environment. **Overall satisfaction with the school:** 88.1% were S or VS with the reputation for providing high quality educational experience. 93.2% for fulfilling expectations communicated by the school, 90.2% that we meet social, developmental and emotional needs of students, and 86% that we were preparing students for future success. **Safety, student behavior, and discipline:** 94.7% were S or VS with physical safety while at school. 90.8% with character education and positive behavior programs, 90.7% with emphasis on prevention, and 90% with discipline procedures and policies. **Level of customer service:** 94% felt S or VS with the welcoming feeling at the school. 90.2% with the responsiveness of teachers, 93.9% with the responsiveness of principals, and 92.5% with the responsiveness of the office staff. **Opportunities for involvement:** 96.2% were S or VS with volunteer opportunities, with 94.2% with site-based decision making team or school improvement team, 92.9% with opportunities for discussion, input, and feedback, and 94.3% with PTO. **Quality of the facility your child attends:** 87.8% were S or VS with the classrooms, 84.6% with technology, 81.5% with playground, grounds, and/or athletic facilities, and 93% with the Media Center. **Opportunities to excel in programs or activities offered before/after the school day:** 90% were S or VS with the quantity and variety of opportunities, 92.9% with opportunities to achieve at high levels, and 93% with times and days of the week programs are offered. **Quality and frequency of communication:** 93.9% were S or VS with the school newsletter (Yay!), 90% with communication with teachers, 95.4% with communication with principals, 88.9% with discussion and information sharing with other parents, 86.6% with the school website, 95.4% with PIV, and 90.4% with media coverage accurately portrays my perception of our school. **Overall satisfaction with PSD:** 93.2% were S or VS with PSD’s reputation for providing high quality educational experiences, 96.1% with fulfilling expectations communicated by the district, 93.9% quality of teaching staff, 90.8% level of emphasis on academic achievement, 97% with physical safety of students at schools and school facilities, and 90.7% with preparing students for future success.

Happy Holidays



School Closures Due to Weather

If schools are closed due to extreme weather or other situations:

Parents should tune in to local radio, television stations, or go online to PSD's Web site to find out about school closures the morning of the day in question. Media outlets are only informed if schools are closed; no announcements by the media means schools are open, as usual.

A decision about weather-related school closures is made by approximately **6:00 a.m.** and media outlets are notified immediately. **Parents should not call schools, district offices, or broadcast media.**

The following radio and television stations and PSD Web site will provide information about PSD school closures:

TELEVISION STATIONS:

Channel 2 WB2News-KWGN
Channel 4 NEWS4-KCNC
Channel 5 CBS 5
Channel 7 7News-KMGH
Channel 9 9NEWS-KUSA
Channel 13 Fox 31

NEWSPAPER

www.coloradoan.com

PSD WEB SITE:

www.psdschools.org

LOCAL RADIO STATIONS:

KCOL 600 AM
KCSU 90.5 FM
KFKA 1310 AM
KGRE 1450 AM (SPANISH)
KIIX 1410 AM
KJJD 1170 AM (SPANISH)
KPAW 107.9 FM
KQLF 97.9 FM
KRFC 88.9 FM
KSME 96.7 FM
KUAD 99 FM
KUNC 91.5 FM
TRI 102 102.5 FM
Z94.3 94.3 FM
Denver radio stations KOA 850 AM and KOOL 105 FM