

THE BLAZER

Copper Ridge School
Home of The Trailblazers

May 23, 2008

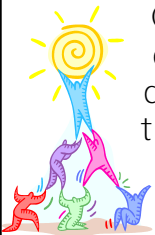


NOTES FROM THE OFFICE OF MRS. BURNHAM

Our sincere appreciation of those staff members who are leaving us this year: Mary Hastings, Suzy Lagusis, Sarah Ashcraft, Barb Ratliff, Karinna Preciado, Talia Southgate, David Frankel and Chris Joja.



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Congratulations to our staff, students and parents on an outstanding school year. Thanks to the students for their hard work and use of their life skills, to the teachers for their dedication to the education of our students, and to the parents and community for their constant support of our school.

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The 2008-09 school year will bring many new students to our campus. We also begin our common start and dismissal time for all grade levels. Grades K-8 will start at 8:15AM and dismiss at 2:45PM PreK will start at 8:45AM and dismiss at 2:15PM While heavy traffic for start and dismissal times on the first day of school is unavoidable, we ask everyone to keep in mind the safety of our students.

!!!PLEASE PLAN AHEAD FOR THE FIRST DAY!!!

- U Have your student ride the bus if at all possible to help reduce traffic.
- U If you drive your student to school please remember to be as patient and courteous to everyone else as you would like them to be to you.
- U Students will not be marked tardy on the first day as we know it will be a challenge for everyone to arrive on time.

> Thank you for caring about the safety of our students and supporting our efforts for a smooth first day of school.

> Have a wonderful, relaxing and safe summer!
> We will see you on August 11, 2008!

Next Week...

MONDAY, MAY 26



MEMORIAL DAY
HOLIDAY
NO SCHOOL

TUESDAY, MAY 27

6PMP 8TH GRADE
PROMOTION
CEREMONY

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8TH GRADE DANCE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL

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9AMP 8TH GRADE
STUDENT/TEACHER
BREAKFAST

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12:45P K-5TH GRADE
EARLY RELEASE

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1:30PMP MIDDLE
SCHOOL EARLY
RELEASE

THURSDAY, MAY 29

SUMMER VACATION

FRIDAY, MAY 30

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Check out the website at www.copperridgepto.org

PTO BOARD OFFERS WARM WORDS OF APPRECIATION

We would like to thank ALL who volunteered at the following PTO events or helped on the various PTO committees: Back to School, *The Blazer*, Cool Room, Copy Center, Picture Day, Health Screening, Birthday Book Club, Directory, Teacher Appreciation, Fall Festival, Book Fair, Uniforms, Golf Tournament, Auction, Giftwrap Fundraiser, Bricks, Spring Arts Festival, Masterpiece of Art, Art Council, SPC Representative and Yearbook. We had a record number of volunteers this year and we send a big THANK YOU to ALL who helped in so many ways!! In addition, we would like to specifically thank the following parent volunteers for their continued dedication to Copper Ridge:

- > Karen Mahoney for YEARS of assistance in creating *The Blazer*.
- > Suzanne Finn for updating and maintaining the PTO website.
- > Dr. Dodell for hosting the PTO website year after year.
- > Deb Marklow for YEARS of creating the K-5 yearbook.
- > Laura Sokol for coordinating the Cool Room.
- > Nina Hawkins and Susan Nicholas for fantastic school auctions.
- > Erika Cramer for years of wonderful golf tournaments.
- > Laura Klebosky and Susan Oxford for taking over as Co-Treasurers.
- > Susan Oxford for countless hours of reviewing 4 years of records.
- > The PTO Board: Nina Hawkins, Cheryl Crone, Deb Marklow, Mike Harvey, Kathy Candelaria, Susan Oxford, Laura Klebosky, Laura Sokol, Karen Austin, Kim Van Pelt, Erica Krauss, Susan Nicholas, Lisa Roady, Darla Helms and Vanessa Bertini.



Thank you, for your dedication and commitment this year.

PTO FINANCE UPDATE



Thank you Copper Ridge families for your generous support this school year. Your fundraising efforts have raised a total of \$165,000. In addition,

60% of the restitution owed to the PTO has been recovered. Your most generous contributions have contributed \$50,000 for 3 general aides, a classroom aide, a reading specialist and a math specialist throughout this school year. In addition, teacher reimbursements totaling \$34,000 have been distributed to approximately 70 teachers and staff members this year. Contributions include:

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TOTAL \$34,800

The following is a list of some of the other programs/purchases supported through PTO funds: 8th Grade Promotion, Arts in Education, Back to School Week, Campus Support, Club Support, Cool Room, Copy/Lamination, Field Day, Field Trip Scholarships, Friday Folders and Planners, Maintenance/PE Cart Maintenance, Masterpiece of Art, Math Kits, NJHS Induction, Officer Radios, Recorders for 3rd Grade, SPI, Sports Recognition, Spring Arts Festival, Student Council Funding, and Student Seminars.



SITE COUNCIL COMMITTEE



We want to express our thanks to those members leaving the Site Council this year: Karen Mahoney, Nina Hawkins, Kim Vallejo, Marj Sherman, Sandy Flayton Karen Portsche and Barb Leutzinger. We truly appreciate their time and effort spent in behalf of Copper Ridge. We are glad to welcome our new members: Carr Bettis, Kris Crowe, Susan Godfrey, Julie Schaaf, Julianne Wilfert, Jeanie MacDonald and Debbie Losole. We appreciate their willingness to share their time and talents with our committee.

2008-09 SCHOOL SUPPLY ORDERS



If you missed the *Desktop School Supplies Order Form*, it can be downloaded from the CRS and PTO web-sites. Fax the completed form directly to Desktop School Supplies, 1-800-321-6866, by June 18th. DO NOT MAIL or FAX TO COPPER RIDGE SCHOOL. The school supply kits will be delivered directly to the school; and, they will be available for pick up at our annual Back-to-School Event on Friday, August 8th. For your convenience, the complete supply list is also posted on the school and PTO web-sites.

PREK-5TH GRADE YEARBOOKS

A few copies of the Copper Ridge School PreK-5th Grade Yearbook were still available as of printing time of this issue of *The Blazer*.

Remaining Yearbooks will be sold in the main office on Tuesday, May 27th in the morning, for \$28 each.



FRIEND PLAYGROUND PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEWS



The April Equipment Drive was a huge success. The Program Committee wishes to thank the following families for their generous support: Baillie, Baughman, Chu, Donmoyer, Federico, Hawkins, Hilgers, Hine, Jenouri, Jensen, Leonesio, Miller, Minken and Nickerson -Minken, Novotny, Rich, Runyon, Salko, Sember, Van Hyfte, Yuen and all others who made monetary or equipment donations. Over \$1,000 was raised to help supply equipment and games for the playground.

In addition, We are pleased to announce a winner of the Autism Awareness Questionnaire contest. Jessica R. from Mrs. Hancock's 2nd grade class was chosen randomly by Mr. Noonan during morning announcements as the winner of the Autism Awareness Questionnaire contest. As a result, Jessica will be treated to a pizza party for herself and four friends. Congratulations to Jessica and thank you to the hundreds of students for their participation.



IT ALL ADDS UP...

Continue to save Box Tops and Campbells UPC Labels this summer! Next year, in addition to valuable Box Tops and Campbells Labels, household items such as; cell phones, ink jet cartridges, Laptops, MP3 Players, iPods, Cameras, etc. will be collected and recycled. All of the funds raised will help purchase the playground equipment not replenished by the district.

Also, starting August 1st, please renew or register your *Safeway Card/Account* at www.escrip.com. This program raises our largest "freebie" money for the playground.



\$15 STUDENT PHYSICALS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR



- U Cash or check payable to SUSD
- U Sorry, no charge cards accepted
- U Saturday May 31st
- U 7:00AM-12:00 (Noon)
- U Appointment Only - Call (480) 8824636

Where: Scottsdale Healthcare Osborn
3134 North Civic Center Plaza

Please pick up a *Physical Card* from the front office and be sure to bring it with you to the physical.

USED UNIFORM COLLECTION



Spring is in the air which means it may be time to clean out your closets and perhaps donate those items your kids have outgrown. We will use donated items to as-

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Thank -you in advance for your contribution!

LIBRARY NEWS

Please note that ALL unreturned library books are overdue.

If your child has not yet returned their borrowed Copper Ridge School Library book, kindly return the book to the school library; or, please make payment for unreturned book A.S.A.P.

Thank you, CRS Library Staff



2008(09) COOL ROOM



We need a Cool Room Coordinator and several Cool Room volunteers to work during lunch recess (10:30AM-1:15PM) during the first 4 weeks of school. If you can work a day or more it would be greatly appreciated. Please e-mail Kathy Candelaria, kathy.candelaria@dcranch.com, to volunteer. A minimum of 3 volunteers are required each day in order to operate the cool room. It will be HOT in August; therefore, please consider volunteering for a day or two so the kids have a cooler lunch recess option!

**BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH
9:15AM-11AM**



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this event will be held
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Before you leave, be sure to head to the cafeteria to find out about after school d f c [f U a g ž i _] X Ñ g i W i V ž scouts, lunch accounts, bus schedules, uniforms, the CR PTO, maps, information for new families to Copper Ridge, maps and more.

Volunteers are needed for this event. If you would like to help out at the back-to-school event, please contact Cheryl, c.crone@dcranch.com.



***Pre-K families will greet their teachers from 8:30AM -9:30AM**

EVERYDAY MATH PROGRAM

As we continue to look at our *Everyday Math* program next year, these are the next steps we will take to ensure that our students are receiving the best math instruction:



Professional Development for Staff:

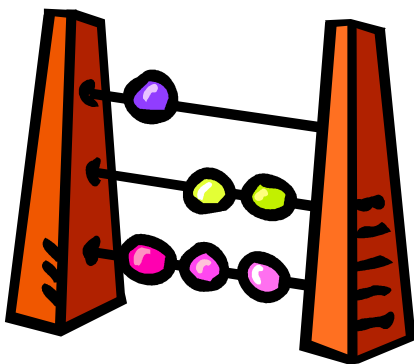
- Teachers will be provided release time to meet as a grade level to determine supplemental math strategies for students. Information will be communicated during Curriculum Nights in August.
- An early release day will be dedicated to K-8 articulation of Math concepts.
- 5th and 6th Grade staff articulation with District Curriculum Specialist support.
- Teacher Coaching - Targeting teachers with 0-3 years of experience and providing them district classroom support.

Parent Education:

- Newsletter - offers tips and strategies
- Curriculum Nights - August
- Family Game Night - October

Materials:

- Make sure that all teachers have the materials and resources they need to implement the *Everyday Math* program successfully.



NEW IMMUNIZATION RULES AFFECT INCOMING 6TH GRADE STUDENTS



Beginning September 1, 2008, new vaccination rules will go into effect for 6th grade students for the 2008-09 school year. The goal of this notice is to allow enough time for your child to be vaccinated before school starts on August 11, 2008.

These are the requirements:

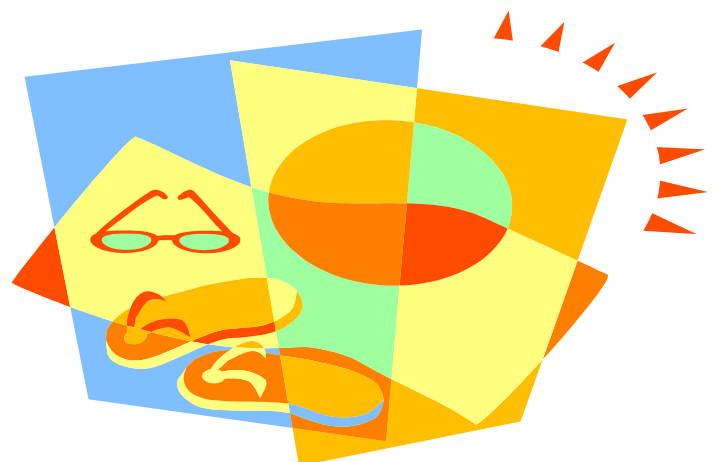
» Any student in 6th grade on September 1, 2008, 11 years and older, who have had 5 years pass since their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine will be required to receive a Tdap (combined Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis) vaccine.

AND

» Any student in 6th grade on September 1, 2008, 11 years and older, is also required to receive a Meningococcal Vaccine.



According to Arizona State Law, students will not be able to continue attending school (after September 1, 2008) without documentation of required vaccinations. Please provide a copy of the recent immunizations to the school health or main office reflecting these vaccinations to avoid dis-



WANTED --WONDERFUL PEOPLE WHO ENJOY CHILDREN

The PTO will be funding four positions next year for math and/or reading specialists to help students. Each position will pay \$15.75 per hour. These positions generally start the second or third week of school. We are also always looking for people willing to take positions as noon aides, crossing guards and kindergarten aides. These are district positions which begin the first day of school and will be paid at a district established rate. If you are interested in working with our wonderful students in any of these positions, please notify the office



The PTO is proud to present its approved Executive Board for the 2008(09) School Term:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Approved for 2008-2009</u>
President	Kathy Candelaria
Executive Vice President	Laura Sokol
Treasurer	Laura Klebosky
Secretary	Mike Harvey
Co-VP of Fundraising	Margaret Ann Giles
Co-VP of Fundraising	Tracey Gray
VP of Spec Events	Marnie Rosenthal
VP of Campus Support	Vanessa Bertini
Purchasing	Susan Oxford