



February 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 26 — PTA Silent Auction
- Feb 27— Teacher Duty Day—**NO SCHOOL**
- Mar 5—Conferences 3—8pm
- Mar 6—Conferences 11—6pm **NO SCHOOL**
- Mar 10-12 —CSAPs
- Mar 17 —19—CSAPs
- Mar 19—PTA Meeting (please note Thursday meeting date due to CSAPs)
- Mar 23-27—**SPRING BREAK**

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★ **ALL STAR HERALD** ★

The 2009 S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E



Congratulations to all 4th and 5th grade students who participated in the 2009 Hulstrom Spelling Bee. Students began with a written round in their classrooms. The top two spellers in each classroom advanced to their Grade Level Bee. Final contestants in our 4th grade spelling bee were Abby Willette, Seena Fakhimalizad, Tyler

Harrell, Kai Terrell, Emily Sasin, and Erin Rueter. First place went to Seena, 2nd place to Emily, and 3rd place to Abby. Final contestants in our 5th grade spelling bee were Hailey Sullivan, Leilani Singh, Elise Ng, Lindsay Janda, Brenden Lynch, and Leon Salfiti. First place went to Elise, 2nd place to Leon, and 3rd place to Leilani. Seena and Elise advanced to the Adams 12 District Spelling Bee where they both did

an excellent job representing our school. The district spelling bee had 80 contestants from 4th through 8th grade. Elise won 2nd place at our district bee and will advance to the State Spelling Bee on March 14th! Good luck, Elise. We wish you the best, but remember - enjoy this experience and have fun! Once again, a final congratulations to all of our 4th/5th grade students who participated in our school bee. You are all winners to us!



"Success is not final, failure is not fatal:
it is to courage to continue that counts."
Winstron Churchill

Hulstrom also sent 3 middle school students to the district spelling bee, held on February 18th. Of the three, (Ian Jennings, Dayton Campbell, Kelley Maas) two will be going to the state competition on

March 14th at the Colorado Convention Center. There were also some fourth and fifth grader's that made it to the oral round, but a fourth grader dropped out. Two Hulstrom students

made the top three: Dayton Campbell with 3rd place and Elise Ng with 2nd place. By: Dayton Campbell and Kelley Maas



Hulstrom Mathletes Add to Their Success

Congratulations to the 8 mathletes who participated in Saturday's North-Metro Chapter MATH Counts competition. The Hulstrom team, Ian Jennings, Julia Rollins, Seth

Roby, Sameer Pradhan, Alex Latham, Eddie Stoian, & Derek Singh and



Travis Nguyen placed 3rd in the team competition. Ian Jennings and Julia Rollins qualified to compete as individuals in the State MATH Counts competition on March 21st.

Sock Hop and Silent Auction this Thursday!



Grease your hair back and roll up your jeans for Hulstrom's annual Sock Hop and Silent Auction this Thursday, Feb 26 from 5:00—8:00 p.m.

While the students are rocking the night away in the gymnasium, the parents can win a sweet treat in an old-fashioned cake walk and bid on great classroom baskets and other great

items in the auction!

To make sure you have enough energy for the fun, fuel up with some pizza pie in the cafeteria.



Explore and Discover with a Science Fair Project

Get ready for some great investigation and discovery!

Hulstrom students received a Science Fair Guide Book last week in their Wednesday folders. This will help answer some frequently asked questions as well as help your bud-

ding scientist design their science fair project.

Remember, all project applications and t-shirt orders are due with their fees by Wednesday, March 4th.

You'll be able to view all these



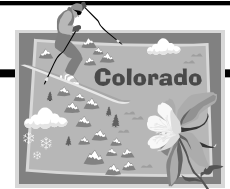
wonderful projects at the Science Fair, Wednesday, April 8th from 1:45—4:00 pm in the gym.

If you have any questions, please contact either Kelly Teran at 720-972-6192 or Kim Spence at 720-972-8975.

Why Do You Love Colorado?

Is it the mountains? The skiing? The nature trails? The sports? . . .

Consider sharing your Colorado experience with our visiting Chinese teacher, Mrs. Xu & her son, QiuQiu. Whether it's a family dinner or an adventurous outing, they would love to see more of what America and Colorado has to offer. Please contact her at the Weitz household at 303.635.8130.



Is Hulstrom Options K8 Your Choice School for 2009—2010?



This year Hulstrom saw an unprecedented number of new applicants for the 2009-2010 school term. **Please ensure that you have communicated with the school office that your child (ren) will be returning to Hulstrom in the fall to save their enrollment.** We will begin filling available openings from the wait list beginning in March.

CSAP's Are Here Again

February and March are the months that turn our thoughts toward warmer weather, spring sports, and the Colorado Student Assessment Program aka CSAP testing. With assessments in reading, writing, mathematics and science, the assessments enable teachers and administrators to track improvements



to cheer about and pinpoint deficiencies to work on.

As parents of these academic students, it is our job to give our children the tools needed for their success:

- plenty of rest,
- healthy breakfast & snacks
- and our encouragement!



2009 CSAP Schedule

Tuesday, March 10	3rd—8th Grade
Wednesday, March 11	3rd—8th Grade
Thursday, March 12	3rd—8th Grade
Tuesday, March 17	3rd—8th Grade
Wednesday, March 17	3rd—8th Grade
Thursday, March 17	3rd—8th Grade

News from the Art Room

Hulstrom artists have been hard at work and busy creating! Second grade artists have just completed a study of Chinese New Year and making Chinese

dragon puppets, similar to those seen in the New Year parades. Third grade artists have gone "gooney" - creating Goonie Bird sculptures of paper mache - learning to build an armature, sculpt with paper mache pulp, paint and embellish with different textures. The flock will be on display soon! Fourth and Fifth grade artists have had two ongoing projects - studying the art of

New Mexican potter - Maria Martinez and creating clay poki pots, while also studying the use of Line in Art by imagining



what a Crazy Hair Day looks like. Different types of line can be used to show all sorts of imaginative beards and hairdos. Check out the middle school wing for Sixth grade value study portraits and color wheels; they have also created a Name Symmetry project and Ceramic Rock Bowls. Seventh grade has been "stepping out" and using shoes as the basis for a Funky Shoes painting, and also Funky Shoes sculpture project. The Funky Shoe sculptures are based on the work of American artist, Louise Nevelson, and are on display in the Library. It has been a highly creative trimester! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the shoe sculptures by donating STUFF! (Feathers, toys, shells, coins, hard-

ware etc)



Art rooms need paper, and art rooms need pens, but most of all; art rooms need "stuff". Including:

- ✓ Stuff to make dragons,
- ✓ Stuff to make birds,
- ✓ Stuff to look at
- ✓ Stuff to change.
- ✓ Stuff to imagine
- ✓ Stuff to glue down,
- ✓ Stuff to paint and transform.
- ✓ Stuff to glue stuff with
- ✓ Stuff to make stuff,

It's the stuff you bring in that we enjoy the most - for it's the STUFF that make us think creatively! So if you have stuff that is filling your home, bring it to the Art room, and we'll use it somehow.....

(Right now, I am looking for Pringles cans!)

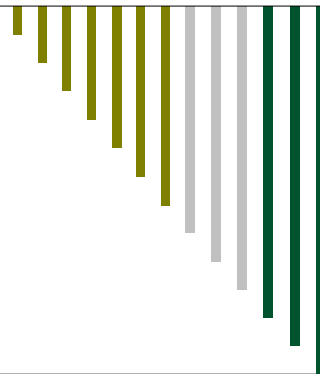
~Mrs. Leskar



Don't Let These Childhood Memories Fade Away

Purchase a 2009 Hulstrom Yearbook before time runs out!
 Don't Miss all the Fantastic and Fun Pictures of
 Your friends and Classmates!
 Purchase these priceless memories for just \$15!!
 Please make checks payable to Lifetouch.





It's happening @ your library

February 2009

Laura Israelsen - Teacher Librarian

Statistics January 2009!

Classes Taught	68
Walk in students	1.268
Circulation	4,317
Interlibrary Loans	33



IDITAROD

Comes to Hulstrom

The count down to the Iditarod has begun and Hulstrom is following the trail!

On Wednesday, February 18th musher Nancy Russell visited us with her dogsled and two of her dogs to show us what it takes to run the Iditarod—the Last Great Race on Earth.

Third graders and Mrs. Barden's 4th graders will each choose and follow a musher throughout the race and learning facts about the dogs, equipment, weather and geography along the way. If you see them with their buttons, be sure to ask them about their musher and the Iditarod!



POWER LIBRARIES PROGRAM

"I have always imagined that Paradise will be a kind of library." ~Jorge Luis Borges

The Books Have Been Read... Let the Battles Begin!



Middle School Battles will be held April 1st during school hours. The winning team will represent Hulstrom on April 30 at the District Battle to be held at Shadow Ridge.

4th and 5th Grade Battle of the Books

We still have after school meetings and practice battles: February 26, March 5, April 2, April 9. Anyone willing to read is welcome! District Battle will be held at the ESC on April 30.

We are beginning a huge collaboratively taught unit with Specials Teachers and Kindergarten. We are learning about Frogs!!



Collaboration Stars

Melanie Donahue: Explorers
3rd Grade and Mrs. Barden: Iditarod
2nd Grade: Fairy Tales
1st Grade: Simple Reports
Mrs. Stromberg and Mrs. Grimm: Powerpoint Book Reports



Free classics online at **Classic Book Library**, a free online library searchable by genre:

<http://classicbook.info>

The table of contents and page separation allows for easy bookmarking.

Principally Speaking



Spring is Around the Corner

As February winds to a close, we all wonder how we got this far into the school year. It seems to have gone by so quickly. We are working on our CSAP preparation and planning out our learning for the final trimester. This is a time of year that can be a little taxing on families. Spring sports tend to get going this time of year, we are really into “brand new” learning in schools, and testing season is upon us. This can be a real challenge this time of year. Please help us keep your children in their routines, getting homework done each day.

There are many ways for students to get involved in their communities. This time of year we have registration information available in the front foyer for spring athletics, clubs, activities, summer camps etc. All information is available in the foyer. Each time a group asks the school to disseminate information, we put their flyers or forms out for you to take as you like. Please check this area from time to time. You might find some great opportunities for your children!

Please help set a good example for our students each morning and afternoon by using our crosswalks. Students learn by our example and we need to be sure they receive a consistent message of safe decision-making. Stepping out across traffic can put them at risk unnecessarily. Thank you for your help.

Finally, we will send out 2009-10 enrollment letters for kindergarten students during the week of March 15. Letters for admission in grades 1-8 will be sent out the following week. If you have not received information about enrollment following these times, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for all you do to support Hulstrom Options K-8. You are an integral part of our Exemplary School!

Happy Spring! (thinking ahead)

Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza

Principal



PLEASE NOTE

Unlike a traditional neighborhood school within walking distance or with busing, nearly all of our students arrive by automobile. While you may be tempted to park in the parking lot “just for a quick minute”, please be considerate of our teachers and staff and observe the following guidelines:

- Please do not park in any reserved parking spots including after school,
- Please do not drive through the staff entrance on the north end of the lot
- Please exit onto Wyco drive with a Right turn only
- Please do not park in the drop off lanes

Thank you for consideration.