



January 2009

IMPORTANT DATES

- Feb 5—K-5 Skate City
- Feb 6—District In-service **NO SCHOOL**
- Feb 16— **President's Day—NO SCHOOL**
- Feb 17—PTA Meeting
- Feb 20—MS Skate City
- Feb 26 — **PTA Silent Auction**
- Feb 27— Teacher Duty Day—**NO SCHOOL**
- Mar 5—Conferences 3—8pm
- Mar 6—Conferences 11—6pm **NO SCHOOL**

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★ **ALL STAR HERALD** ★

Mission: INAUGURATION by Rachel Israelsen & Connor Pearson



Our alarm went off at 4:15 am—nowhere near early enough to beat the lines. Three hours later, we were finally able to enter near the Washington Monument where we waited, listened to the music from the JumboTrons and tried to stay warm. We podcasted and interviewed people at the Inauguration from

all over the world. A woman from Panama came to be part of history and see the first African-American President. A college-aged man was there to cheer for Obama in hopes that tuition prices would go down so he could afford college. Souvenirs were everywhere: t-shirts, bookmarks, buttons, calendars, flags, newspapers, and even hand-made Obama earrings. But the most popular were the hand warmers!

Finally, the inauguration starts. There were many speeches and musical numbers. We felt Obama's speech was the best. It took us longer to get out of DC than it did to get in. The blisters, cold fingers, red runny noses, and standing around were worth it because we were part of history today and we felt proud to be American and watch incoming and outgoing Presidents stand together peacefully. (Adapted from original blog)

"On this day, we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord."
President Barack Obama in his Inaugural Speech

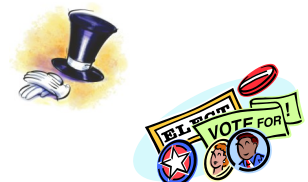
Denver Kids Donate DNC Items to Smithsonian Curators



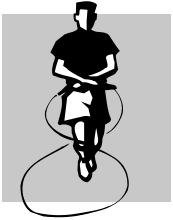
We stepped off the bus and met the Smithsonian American History Museum curators, Dr. Larry Bird Jr. and Marilyn Higgins from the division of Politics and Reform. We asked them about the most exciting things they've received. Dr. Bird's favorites were one-of-a-kind items important to particular individuals such as the homemade hat that a lady from New York wore to the inauguration. Ms. Higgins told the story of sewing a loose button back on to Abe Lincoln's pants before there were stored away. Every item received is carefully

cataloged and given an accession number. Then, they put the donation into storage and wait for an exhibit to be designed that it can be part of within the museum. Our teacher told us that some of the artifacts that were really old had been stored in a special way including the blood-soaked gloves found in Lincoln's pants. Then it was our turn to donate things we had brought to the museum. Some of the things donated were Obama buttons from the DNC in Denver, pins, a yellow backpack that Mrs. Pearson wore from the YourHub/NextGen project, and a blue beanie from the

2009 DC Inauguration. The Curators explained that working at the museum is really fun & you get to work with a lot of neat artifacts, like President Lincoln's hat and C3PO from Star Wars. I can't wait to go and see if our buttons are on display . . . That would be the coolest thing of all. (Adapted from the article by Connor Pearson & Rachel Israelsen)



A Warm Welcome to Our New K-1 PE Teacher



My name is Justin Gilchrist and I am very excited about being selected as the new Physical Education teacher here at Hulstrom Options. I was born in Flagstaff, Arizona and lived there for 10 years. I then moved to Phoenix with my family and spent the next five years living in Paradise Valley. When I was a freshman in high school my family and I

moved to Colorado and we spent the majority of our years in Littleton. I now live in Golden and I have considered Colorado to be my home for the past 13 years. I did, however, spend about 14 months living in Los Angeles pursuing a career in the entertainment industry! Through my struggles in L.A., I realized that going back to school would be the best thing for me to do. I moved back and re-enrolled in school at Metro Sate

where I received a BA in Human Performance and Sport with a concentration in K-12 Physical Education. I still enjoy the performing arts, making my own music, and writing, but teaching is now my top priority. I am thrilled to be part of such a special team and school and I'm looking forward to a great semester.



"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've ever done before."

~Bonnie Blair -
Olympic Speed
Skating
Medal Winner~

Musical Theater at Hulstrom:

The Big, Bad Musical; a Howling Courtroom Comedy

- ✓ Are you starved for some stage time?
- ✓ Want to showcase your mastery of music and melodies?
- ✓ Does memorization make you merry?

Announcing auditions for the Hulstrom Performance of *The Big Bad Musical; a Howling Courtroom Comedy*. This is an



after school musical enrichment open to students in grades 5 - 8. Auditions will be held the week of February 9. Students can pick up the audition packet and sign up for their audition time outside of Mr. Robles' door. Rehearsals will run after school from February 17 through the end of April .

Mark your calendars for the show on April 30th. You won't want to miss it!

Support Your 7th & 8th Grade Boy's Basketball Team



All Games Begin at 4:30 p.m.

Home Games Denoted by an *



- *Wed. January 28- Westlake
- *Thurs. February 5- Shadow Ridge
- *Wed. February 11- Niver Creek

- Tues. February 3 - at Century
- *Mon. February 9 - Northglenn
- *Wed. February 18 - Thornton

*You are cordially invited to attend the **Special Education Resource Fair.***

TO: Families of children with special needs of all ages

FROM: Parent / Community Advisory Committee to
Student Support Services, Adams 12 Five Star Schools

WHEN & WHERE: WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH 5:00PM TO 8:00PM
Education Support Center (ESC), at 1500 East 128th Ave., Thornton



JOIN US AND MEET AGENCY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- ⇒ Parent/Family Support
- ⇒ Transitional Services (Age and Life Stages Transitions)
- ⇒ Recreational/Social Opportunities
- ⇒ Therapy and Intervention Resources



**Children are welcome but childcare will not be provided.
Please call 720-972-4770 for additional information.**

SEE YOU THERE!



If you have questions about ADD, learning issues, or other special needs concerns, a parent resource guide:

Family & Community Special Needs Resource Guide for Parents by Parents

will be available for parent check out through the Hulstrom Library.

HULSTROM LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

4th and 5th Grade Battle of the Books

We had our first meeting in December to introduce the 10 titles that we will be reading this year. We added our 4th graders this year but they will only be eligible to compete at our school. Our winning 5th grade team will represent Hulstrom at the District Battle on April 30. Our next meetings are scheduled from 2:45-3:45 on:

Feb. 26



Mar. 5

Apr. 2



Apr. 9

Students do not have to attend the meetings to participate in the battles. Happy Reading!!!

Middle School Battle of the Books

District battle will be on April 16. We have many teams participating and have been offering an extension class for BOB.

Cookies and Caldecott or

Newbery at Noon



Our 2nd graders are busy working on reading all of the Caldecott Award winning books. We will also have several "Cookies and Caldecott" meetings during lunch in January to check progress of all students who are working on their Caldecott Challenge. Newbery at Noon days will check progress of students working on their Newbery Challenge. Caldecott and Newbery medals will be awarded in May. Keep turning in your response sheets to the library when you finish reading a book!



Lunch in the Library for Reading Counts

Our first Lunch in the Library is just around the corner on Wednesday, February 11. This is a fun celebration for those students who have reached their final level on their Reading Counts journey! Watch for your child's invitation.



Database Logins From Home

On the Hulstrom website, there are several databases and online encyclopedias available to students at Hulstrom from home. They are wonderful resources for research and information!

Worldbook Online:

Login: adams12 Password: 5star

eBooks (many encyclopedia)

Login: hulstrom

Culturegrams

Login: Hulstrom Password: allstars

Searchasaurus

Login: adams12 Password: 5star

Principally Speaking

Happy New Year to all of our Hulstrom families and community. I hope your holiday season was a good one and that you are looking forward to 2009.

On behalf of me and our staff, we thank you for the wonderful generosity you showed us through the season. Many of you provided our staff with goodies, volunteered time in classrooms for projects, gave gifts very generously, and helped to make the month of December a special time for all of us.

Most of you are aware that our application process began on December 1 for the 2009-10 school year. I am happy to report that we have had a large number of applicants for next school year. We are also excited to have begun our Parent Information Nights for families considering Hulstrom and for our current kinder families. These presentations are focused on the new program configuration for grades K-1: Advanced Academic Program and Gifted Options Program. The staff and I are giving families specifics on each of the two programs and what we mean when we say, "Hulstrom is a magnet school with a focus on advanced academics." Each Parent Information Night is from 5-7pm in our cafeteria. These presentations have been redone to highlight the new programs and what this means for students. We will also have the information shared at these meetings available at the end of February on our website. Please remember, if you have an incoming kindergarten child, you do need to submit an application by January 30 in order for them to be eligible for the 2009-10 kindergarten.

You should have all received a copy of the Colorado Department of Education's report cards for Hulstrom Options K-8 in your child's Wednesday folder prior to winter break. I am very proud to point out that Hulstrom received excellent ratings and the John Irwin Award of Excellence for the 8th year in a row. A big "Congratulations!" goes out to all of our staff and to your children for their hard work and achievement.

As always, thank you for your continued commitment to your child's education and to our school. Your involvement is a big part of our success. Have a wonderful month!

Dr. Kym LeBlanc-Esparza

Principal



*Education is not preparation for life;
education is life itself.*

John Dewey