

October 2008

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct 1— EPI Fundraiser Money Due
- Oct 9—At Risk Conferences
- Oct 10—Teacher Work Day—NO SCHOOL
- Oct 20-24— RED RIBBON WEEK
- Oct 21— PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Oct 24— TRUNK-or-TREAT
- Oct 30—K-5 Skate City
- Oct 31— District In-Service NO SCHOOL

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ALL STAR HERALD



It's Officially Fall—

With daytime weather still in the mid-80's, it's hard here. September 22nd marked the official begin- and colder weather will not be far behind. Be sure (ren) off to school with a sweater or light jacket in quick, Colorado temperature swings .



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A Warm Welcome to New Staff



Mrs. Smith—1st Grade GT

Mrs. Jennifer Smith is our long-term 1st grade

Gifted and Talented substitute. She will be with us through mid-November when Mrs. Dreier returns from maternity leave.

Mrs. Smith has been teaching for several years but has spent the last few years at home with her 3 daughters. Her eldest daughter is a first grader in Mrs. Cole's class. Mrs. Smith has a Master's degree in Elementary Education and has had the opportunity to teacher in Japan for a year.

Mrs. Grimm— Middle School Language Arts



Mrs. Pamela Grimm and family moved to Colorado in June of this year from North Carolina. She will be teaching 6C, 6YS, and 7YS Language Arts classes. Mrs. Grimm earned her Bachelor's degree from Nazareth College in Rochester, NY, and is currently working on her Master's degree at Appalachian State University. When she is not teaching, Mrs. Grimm enjoys spending time with her husband and three children as well as scrapbooking, reading, and traveling.

Mrs. Betty—5th Grade GT

I am originally from Oregon but moved here with my family in March from Missouri. I have two boys; a second grader and a fourth grader at Tarver. I have taught school for 17 years including gifted, 6th grade, 3rd grade and high school art. I love all sports as well as scrapbooking and crafts. When my boys are not busy playing sports, we enjoy camping and traveling. I am really enjoying Hulstrom; students, parents and staff.

CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

Fourth Grade

4th GRADE CONNECTIONS

It's hard to believe that fall is already here! Here's what's happening in our class:

Reading - We have been reading different novels for Literature Circles. Everyone has now learned how to complete the different jobs so we are ready to begin our true Literature Circles! Everyone is also busy with Scholastic Reading Counts.

Writing- We are in the process of writing our autobiographies. This will be a major project that will last for a few months. So far they have completed rough copies of their personal paragraph and their family paragraph. Next will be dreams and hopes for their future.

Math- We are in the middle of Unit 8 which covers different concepts of perimeter and area.

Social Studies- They have just started deciding on who will run for mayor and judge for Young AmeriTowne. Political ads will be appearing soon!

Science- We are starting our unit on water. Everyone will study the different properties of water and be working in their science notebooks.

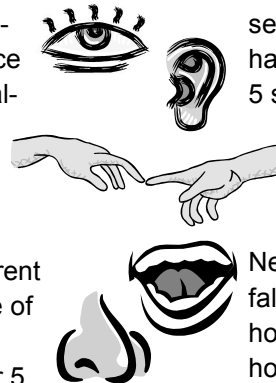


"The purpose of learning is growth, and our minds, unlike our bodies, can continue growing as we continue to live."
~Mortimer Adler~

Kindergarten

Remember when you were in kindergarten? It's sure changed since then. Our kindergarteners have already learned their ABC's and are on to becoming fabulous writers & mathematicians.

In science, we have learned all about the parts of an apple, different kinds of apples, and the life cycle of an apple. Did you know that you can describe an apple using your 5



senses? Kindergarteners can. We have also learned how each of the 5 senses work. The Botanic Gardens came and gave us a wonderful demonstration using our 5 senses.

Next up, we will be learning about fall and fire safety. I cannot believe how much fun we are having and how much we have learned!

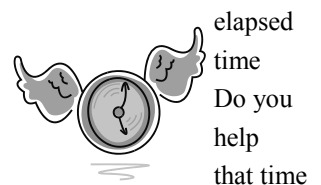
Second Grade



Second grade is off to a 'rocky' start. We are studying pebbles, sand and silt! Next week we will venture to the Argo Gold Mine to learn about the rocks in our state. Then we will dissect the soil in our own backyards.

In Language Arts we are learning to write friendly letters and we will send our 'Flat

Stanley's' out by the end of the month. During October, the second grade team is working together to teach all second graders to tell time, learn time and solve word problems. think we can them understand really does fly!



Say "NO!"



to Drugs with Red Ribbon Week
October 20-24

What is Red Ribbon Week?

For nearly two decades, Red Ribbon Week has been used by educators and community leaders to teach children and youth an important lesson: say no to drugs; say yes to healthy lifestyles. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon.

All Week: Students in grades 2-8 will make a drug free rhyme/slogan to go on a paper quilt square they will make with a group in PE class. The drug free quilt will be on display in the gym for all to see.

All Week: I "CAN" be drug free. Students can bring in canned goods that will be collected and donated to a local charity/ food pantry in

our community.

Thursday 10/25 All students will receive a Red Ribbon Week Sticker (K-5) or a Red Ribbon Bracelet (6-8)

Friday 10/26 "Red Day" Students/Staff should wear red to show their support and pledge to be drug free!



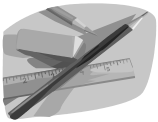
"We are what we repeatedly do.

Excellence, then, is not an act, but a

habit."

~ Aristotle ~

SCHOOL STORE IS



Need a cool tool for school? The school store is your

one-stop shop for stylish school supplies. The Hulstrom Options School Store hours/locations are: **Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays:** 7:35-7:45 in the main hall by the office



FOR BUSINESS

ordinator is Ms. Pierre (972-6926) and NHJS coordinator is Mrs. Pearson (972-8996).

Student Council is in need of parent volunteers to help with the School Store on Friday morning from 7:30-8:00 to help supervise students and count school store money. Please contact Ms. Pierre if you are available to help. Thanks!

Fridays - 7:35-7:45 by the Middle School entrance.

The School Store is sponsored and run by **STUCO** (Student Council) and **NJHS** (National Junior Honor Society) members. STUCO coor-

Empties4Cash

YOUR RECYCLING AND FUNDRAISING PARTNER

Don't Throw Away That Empty Cartridge! Bring it to school!

In an effort to earn some money for our school while saving our planet, Hulstrom has started a recycle program for empty ink cartridges.

Empties4Cash will recycle and remanufacture the inkjet printer cartridges that we turn in and our school will receive

up to \$4.00 for each cartridge in the process! It's a win-win situation.

You can help in 3 Easy Steps!

1. Bring in any inkjet cartridge with a print head for recycling—regardless of brand or type.
2. Make sure to place your empty inkjet cartridges in the

original box or Ziploc bag to keep it safe from spills and damages.

3. Turn them into the Tech Lab before/after school.
- Thank you for your Support!





*"To make mistakes
is human; to
stumble is
commonplace; to be
able to laugh at
yourself is maturity."*

*~ William Arthur
Ward ~*

NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

High School Information Night

- Who:** 8th grade students and their parents
- What:** High School Information Night
- Where:** Hulstrom Cafeteria
- When:** Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00pm
- Why:** To gather information about the different programs at Adams 12 High Schools. This includes: Horizon, Legacy, Mountain Range, Northglenn, Thornton and Bollman Tech.



Master Calligraphy in the Hulstrom Hallways . . .

Hulstrom Options was deeply honored to have a visiting artist, Master Calligrapher Rikuden Oishi with us from Tokyo, Japan to share his artwork with us and lead a hands-on calligraphy class with students at the 6-8 level. Additionally, he shared a demonstration of his work and talked about the his-

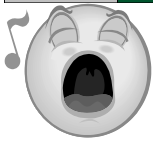
tory of calligraphy and the Kanji language in Japan.



This was the start of a special year which will include special speakers and ac-

tivities focusing on Japan for students in all levels of K-8. This project comes to us through a generous grant award from the US Japan Foundation and the Elgin Heinz Project. Look for updates throughout the year, and for student artwork in the school as you come through the halls .





Noteworthy News

Kindergarten Music News

from Mrs. Tagestad

What a fun group of children I get to work with! We have been learning how to

keep a steady beat with our bodies and rhythm instruments, exploring movement in place & through space without popping our bubbles. We've also been

exploring our voices with high and low sounds while we practice singing in tune. Ask your child to show you the Penguin song!



"He who sings
scares away his
woes."

~Cervantes~

Artistic Expressions

K-1 Art Welcome

It has been so much fun meeting all of the new kinder students, and seeing last year's kinder students grow into first graders!

First, I want to say thank you to them, and to last year's first graders, for raising \$300 for the children of Afghanistan and Pakistan through penny donations last spring! Over the summer, we re-

ceived a nice certificate from the "Three Cups of Tea" author.

We have begun the year with some background-building and skill-sharpening, while reviewing some important elements of art. Now it is on to our Square One art fundraiser projects, based on finger-painting and watercolor for kinder, and Jean Miro for 1st. Look for them

in November. Jackson Pollock once said "Every good painter paints what he is". I look forward to learning more about the creative K-1 artists of Hulstrom and to giving each of them many opportunities for self-expression this year.

To an artful year!

News from the Art Studio

The art studio has been busy with creativity and various projects! We began the year with contributions to a group mural to liven our hallways:

Hanging Out at Hulstrom! Recognizing that clothing design and t-shirts are created by artists, students designed T-shirts of their own to add to the clothesline mural.

Next, we went on to participate in the International Day of Peace project: Pinwheels for Peace. This is our 4th year participating in this global art project started in 2005 by two art teachers in Florida. The pinwheels for peace commemorate International Day of Peace - September 21st, and celebrate peace in our lives. This year, an estimated 2 MILLION pinwheels were spinning for "whirled

peace" at 3000 different locations around the globe!

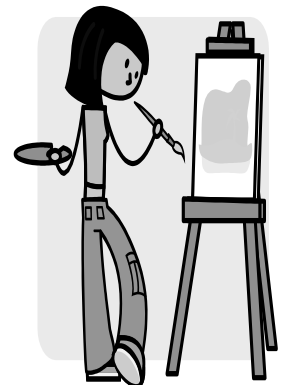
If you saw our pinwheels, & wonder about the project, ask your child or visit:

www.pinwheelsforpeace.com
Hulstrom's participation photos may be viewed in the 2008 Gallery 2, Page 5.

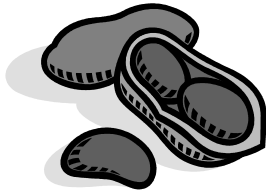
Currently, our 2nd thru 5th students are creating their Square 1 Art, - our annual art fundraiser. Magnets are provided by the company at no charge, and the opportunity is provided to order other products embellished with their own art! The proceeds benefit the art program at Hulstrom. Magnets & order forms will arrive in October. Look for our display of products in the front hallway display case. Highlighting our 7/8 Art

program this month was a visit by master calligrapher, Rikuden Oishi, visiting from Tokyo, Japan. Through a translator, our featured artist taught the students about the art of calligraphy, the history of the characters learned, and allowed ample time to practice ONE character - the Chinese character for "rice". Students practiced the order & direction of strokes, & then completed a final calligraphy character. The beautiful results are mounted for display and may be viewed in the 6-8 pod area. They are impressive! Thank you to the PTA for providing a Document Reader to the Art studio! It's installed and students are enjoying the many benefits - including shows of their finished art work!

~Pat Leskar



Nuts and the Lunchroom



There's a new look to the cafeteria with an emphasis on safety—the "Nut Free Zone". These designated tables will

remain throughout the year to offer the best opportunity for a nut free environment for our Hulstrom students that have these potentially life-threatening allergies.

When students enter the lunchroom, they are asked if they have any peanut butter in their lunches. If they do, they are free to sit at any of the tables without the "Nut Free Zone" designation along with their friends. Those students with

a nut allergy should opt to sit in the "Nut Free Zone". In addition to these safety measures, the classroom teachers have explained basic rules on making healthy choices both in and outside of the lunchroom.

We recognize the fact that peanut butter is a healthy source of protein and a staple of many of our students diets. For this reason, we will not be taking PB&J off the student lunch menu. Instead, our goal is to allow our students a choice while maximizing safety for those students with allergies. Per district policy, our classrooms will continue to be nut free. Thank you for your support.

*"To make mistakes
is human; to
stumble is
commonplace; to be
able to laugh at
yourself is maturity."*

*~William Arthur
Ward~*



Power Library School

A Member of the Colorado Power Libraries Program

New Picture eBooks!!!

Hulstrom was awarded a grant for online picture eBooks. These are beautiful books that can be read, listened to and seen online. There is a link to them on the Hulstrom Website under Library, student resources.

3-8th Grade Students Are Assigned District email Accounts

In today's world there are many different forms of communication used. Email is quickly becoming the preferred method of communication for most adults, both personally and professionally. It is important for schools to teach students to become proficient with email in order to be successful adults, and our state education standards include technology and electronic communication. Using email will also provide students with extra practice using correct writing conventions, improving overall literacy.

In order to meet these standards and give our students hands-on experience, Adams 12 has obtained safe email accounts through Gaggle.Net. Gaggle.Net is a safe, web-based Internet system for students where the teacher is always in control. They provide numerous tools that protect our students from the potential problems of email and social networking. The school controls the level of access the students have and with whom they can communicate. All messages pass through a number of filters and messages with offensive language, questionable domains, banned file types, or pornographic images are automatically rerouted to the student's teacher for review. Gaggle uses a unique Anti-Pornography Scanner, and Blocked Word lists that are customizable by our school. In addition to email, Gaggle.net has many advanced features that will enhance students' educational experience.

- All users have a Digital Locker, which is an online file storage system. Files can be uploaded and accessed from anywhere, so students can work on documents or projects at home without needing a floppy disk or USB drive. Our teachers can also

store files that can be accessible to students or parents.

- Teachers can create school or class Message Boards or Chat Rooms for ongoing discussions or homework help, and control which students have access. These are filtered in the same manner as emails, and postings blocked for offensive language and images will be rerouted to the teacher for review.
- Teachers and students can create a Blog as a personal webpage or journal. Unlike many of the popular blogging sites that have been in the news recently, Gaggle Blogs are safe because they are filtered for content and images. The teacher controls access, and entries can be reviewed at any time.
- Additional features include built-in Language Translation, Spell Check, and an Auditory Feedback System that will read emails and message boards aloud.

We are excited about providing email to our students, and confident that by using Gaggle.Net as our provider, we are putting safety first. You can visit www.gaggle.net for more information, or contact the school with any questions.

To Access Gaggle:

3-5th graders

1. Go to www.gaggle.net
2. Login: studentid#@ad12.org
3. Password: HULBirthday (mo,day,yr)

6th-8th graders

1. Go to www.gaggle.net
2. Login: studentid#@ad12.org

Password: HOMBirthday (mo,day,yr)

For example:

Johns id# is 826547 and his birthday is March 5,1950.

Login:826547@ad12.org

Password: HOM030550

"A truly
great book
should be read
in youth,
again in ma-
turity and
once more in
old age, as a
fine building
should be seen
by morning
light, at noon
and by
moonlight."

~Robertson
Davies~

A Matter of Principal

Thank you to our students, parents and staff for a wonderful start to the school year. Learning is in full swing and students are back in their routines. Though it seems unlikely with our current weather, fall is around the corner.

With schoolwork in full gear, parental support at home is paramount to your child(ren)s' success. Keep practicing with them on their reading, math facts, and high frequency words. You and your student will reap the rewards—both academically and with more one-on-one time with their favorite people.

Thank you and have a wonderful fall!!!

Kym LeBlanc, Ed D.

Principal



Adams 12 5-Star Scene

**DISTRICT SEEKS INPUT ON SELECTION OF NEW
SECONDARY LITERACY MATERIALS**

secondary schools beginning with the 2009-2010
school year.

The Adams 12 Five Star Schools would like for parents and community members to provide feedback as it prepares to adopt literacy materials for grades six through 12. If approved, the proposed materials would be purchased and used by



The new materials the district is considering adopting will be on display at the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Educational Support Center in the media center October 31 – November 17, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The Educational Support Center is located at 1500 E. 128th Ave., Thornton.