



September 2008

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Sept 4 & 5— **FALL ASSESSMENTS**
- Sept 11—Fun Run Mon-ies due for Prize Calc
- Sept 11—**Chick-fil-A Spirit Night**
- Sept 12—**FUN RUN**
- Sept 12—**Middle School Skate City Night**
- Sept 16— **1st PTA Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
- Sept 18— **K-5 Skate City Night**
- Sept 19—**In-Service NO SCHOOL**
- Sept 26—**Fall Student Pictures**

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★ **ALL-STAR HERALD** ★

**Welcome Back—**

With an earlier start in 2008-2009, we are off and running with a new school year. This year we welcome a number of new faces on campus as our student enrollment reaches nearly 675. Our teachers have also increased with new faces in elementary, middle school, and specials. Here's a quick introduction to a few . . .

**Mrs. Hornaday -K-1 P.E.**

Mrs. Kimberly Hornaday, students refer to me as Mrs. H., I am 38 years old, have been married 13 years and I have 2 children that attend Rocky Top Middle School. I Graduated in May 2008 from Metropolitan State College of Denver with a BA (Human Performance & Sport), certified K-12 Physical Education & Health.

When I can find some spare time I enjoy spending it with my family, playing soft-ball and hiking.

**Mr. Hill—MS Social Studies**

---I grew up in Evergreen, Colorado and went to Colorado State University (GO RAMMIES!) and so far as I can tell it is one of the best places to live on this planet, but you all need to decide that for yourselves, so go out and see the WORLD! I also spent three and a half years working with the Visually Impaired Program of Denver Public Schools before deciding to become a classroom teacher.

When I'm not in the classroom, my wife and I are outside hiking, camping, golfing or snowshoeing.

**Mrs. Lemercier—**

**Speech/Language Pathologist**

-Mrs. Vinita Kokatnue-

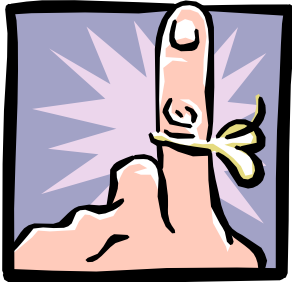
Lemercier has been a Speech-Language Pathologist for 11 years and has spent most of that time working at the University of Colorado Hospital. She has recently opened her own practice and was thrilled for the opportunity to work at Hulstrom with our students and staff. Mrs. Lemercier has two sons at Hulstrom, Kalyan in 3rd grade and Alexi in 1st. In her free time, she enjoys playing soccer and other outdoor activities with her family and travelling.

**Mrs. Adams—**

**1st Grade Connections**

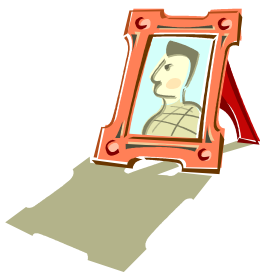
Hulstrom Options K-8 added a second connections 1st grade classroom this year and we have added Mrs. Danielle Adams to our staff. Mrs. Adams graduated from the University of Nevada at Reno and has been teaching for 5 years. She moved to Colorado last October with her husband and 3 children—Lizzy 6, Locie 4, and Luke 17 months.

Mrs. Adams enjoys teaching and her life goal is to serve on a mission helping/educating orphans of different countries. When she is not at school, you'll find Mrs. Adams on her Wii game system perfecting her Tiger Wood's Golf Game.



*“You will learn  
something every day  
if you pay  
attention.”*

*Ray LeBlond*



## School Day Tips and Reminders

As we start again into our school year after our fun-filled summer breaks, here are a few tips and reminders for school day success:

- ◆ Please be safe and courteous at drop-off and pick-up times. Remember that left-hand traffic lane is for through traffic. Cars should stop and drop-off students on the school side lane only. Please be aware that there are two pedestrian crossing zones on Wyco Drive and a single pedestrian cross zone in front of the kindergarten classes.
- ◆ Students may be dropped off no earlier than 7:25 a.m. The building doors will open at 7:35 a.m. Classes begin promptly at 7:45 a.m. and tardy slips will be given at the conclusion of the final morning bell.
- ◆ Please conduct communications with the front office through the sign-in window. All visitors and volunteers should sign-in and out on the visitor logs and have identification available for scanning into our security system.
- ◆ ALL school payments including field trip money, lunch money, etc. should be sent in a sealed envelope with the student's name, dollar amount, teacher name and reason (i.e. “Lunch Money”) clearly written on the front. Please have your child give these payments to his/her classroom teacher.
- ◆ If you need to get anything to your student after the start of the school day, please bring it to the front office and a staff member will deliver the item to minimize instruction interruption.
- ◆ If your child is ill, please contact the school via the attendance line (**720-972-5400 option #1**) by 9:00 a.m. the morning of the absence. Please leave the student's name, teacher, grade & reason for absence.
- ◆ It is imperative that you pick-up your child as promptly as possible and no later than 15 minutes after the conclusion of the school day. With BASE enrollment to maximum capacities this year with our increased numbers, we do not have this option available. Please be aware that RTD has 2 green buses that are available to Hulstrom students providing both a Northglenn/Thornton as well as a Brighton route.

Thank you for helping us make Hulstrom Options K-8 a great, safe learning environment for our students!

## SMILE—It’s Time for Student Pictures

Fall student pictures are just around the corner on Friday, September 26th. Lifetime will once again be providing these school year keepsakes. The pictures will be individual student poses and are pre-paid. Watch for order forms in upcoming Wednesday folders.

## Warm Weather and District Dress Codes

Summer vacation may be behind us but the warm temperatures are still here. While students may want to don their summer wear, please be sure to check the student handbook for district dress code guidelines. Students may not wear spaghetti

straps, shorts shorter than mid-thigh, hats, professional sport attire, or flip-flops (elementary). Remember that the dress code applies to the parents as well. When on school grounds or on a field



trip, please adhere to these guidelines and restrictions as well and be great examples for our students.

## Get Ready for the FUN RUN—Friday, September 12th

Mark your calendars for the annual Fun Run next Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Join us and cheer on your child (ren) as they participate in a series of fun track & field events.. Younger siblings are welcome but please keep them close at hand to allow a clear field for the participants..

Help your child get donations from friends and family

members and help your PTA raise money for teacher enrichments and needs. This is our largest fundraiser of the year and your support is appreciated!

Make it a date and Join your child(ren) for a grilled hotdog lunch at the low school hot lunch prices (\$2.10/child & \$2.90/adult). Please return the form in this week's folder to reserve your feast. .

All this fun and fitness won't happen without your help! Please give a little time for the kids and sign-up on the sheet in the front foyer of the school or email Kerri Rouze at [rouze5@msn.com](mailto:rouze5@msn.com). Make sure to turn in your donation envelopes by Sept. 11 to receive your prizes.

**THANK YOU!!!!!!**



## Find The Information You Need at Internet Speed



Have you been on the Hulstrom Options K-8 website lately? It's a wealth of information at your fingertips and when you visit the site, you help us save the planet in the process by cutting down on the need for mass-copied school communications. Check us out at [www.hulstrom.adams12.org](http://www.hulstrom.adams12.org) to find out what's going on in the Hulstrom hallways.

⇒ Wondering where your child is off to for their specials today? Type in the homepage, click on the CALENDAR link and upload a copy of the monthly elementary specials rotation.

⇒ Need to know what the cafeteria's serving for lunch next Thursday? Go to the main page, click on the SCHOOL INFORMATION LINK and then the LUNCH MENU link to connect with the district lunch menus..

⇒ Would you like to contact your child's teacher by email or phone? Log on to the school website, click on the STAFF link and click the staff member's name for their contact information.

But wait . . . that's not all! Here are some of the other resources you can find on the Hulstrom Homepage:

- School Address, Contact Info & Hours of Operation

- Lunch and Recess Schedules
- ScholarsMart Link
- Parent Teacher Association Information
- BASE/ KEEP Info & Forms
- Program & Curricula Information
- Middle School & Class Page Links
- 2008-2009 Calendar
- Hulstrom Options Power Library Information & Links
- Parent & Student Resource Web Links

The Hulstrom website will be updated and maintained by our Technology teacher, Christine Espino. If you have suggestions for changes or improvements, please send her an email at [christina.espino@adams12.org](mailto:christina.espino@adams12.org).

*"The Internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow."*

*-Bill Gates-*



## Fall Assessments—September 4th & 5th

Each year our district schedules two fall assessment days. This time allow our staff an opportunity to meet with students in small groups or one-on-one and administer

literacy and math assessments to enable our teachers to plan their instruction to meet student needs. If you have not already done so, please sign up for an assess-

ment slot in the front foyer by the office. If your child attends BASE, please advise their times to the BASE staff.

## A Matter of Principal

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year! It was a restful, busy and short but full summer. In talking with families as we all returned, it was very nice to hear all the wonderful adventures our students experienced. While it was a little shorter than usual, everyone has seemed rested and ready to go back to work!

I want to give a big THANK YOU to our staff for all their efforts to start off this year in a smooth, efficient way. Teachers have worked hard getting their rooms organized and ready for our students. Office and custodial staff have also worked extra hard in getting the school clean and ready for a great school year. Finally, our PTA has done a great job working with Hulstrom staff to prepare the master calendars for this school year. They have many exciting events planned for our students and their families.

Finally, I want to say thank you to all our families for the never ending support you give to us. You make such a difference in our ability to succeed at Hulstrom. We appreciate all the volunteer hours and support you all give us each and every year. As you know, this is a big election year and there are many important decisions to be made at the national, state, and local levels. Please take the time to educate yourself on all the decisions to be made at our local community level. The students of Adams 12 will be affected by election decisions this year and it is important that our community is well informed. Regardless of platform, party, and/or affiliation, I encourage you to make your voice heard. Make voting a priority. You can make a difference.

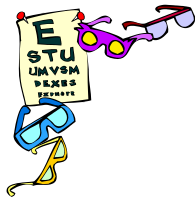
Thank you for your support and have a great 2008-09 school year!

Kym LeBlanc, Ed D.

Principal

## HEALTH NOTES

Vision and Hearing Screenings will be conducted next Monday, September 8th.



Please Forward Any Immunization Updates and Health changes to our school Health Aide, Ms. Jeni, as soon as possible. If you have questions or need to speak with her, Ms. Jeni and the clinic can be reached directly at 720-972-5405.



~ Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. ~

Chinese Proverb