



"...the dream of yesterday, is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow."
—Robert H. Goddard

VIKING VISITOR

ROBERT H. GODDARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

November, 2008

Dear Goddard Parents, Guardians, Students, and Friends:

We are writing to ask for your support. We would like to build a new and enlarged climbing wall in our gymnasium. The cost of the project is approximately \$37,000. We have raised more than half of that from a variety of sources. We need your help to raise the remaining \$16,500 by January 1st.

By now, you probably realize that the days of teaching only team sports such as basketball or volleyball or kickball are gone for good. Preparing students for a life that includes physical fitness is the new focus of our efforts at school. That is why all P.E. students participate in "Fitness Fridays," which include work with exercise balls, yoga mats, "Dance, Dance Revolution," running, and strength-building exercises. A challenging climbing wall will improve a student's strength, coordination, confidence, and agility and we believe that success on the climbing wall will translate into success in other parts of a child's life.

Our existing climbing wall, located in the small gym, is appropriate for beginning climbers and is popular with students. However, by the time students reach seventh grade, they are hungry for a bigger challenge. Sister schools across the district have installed larger walls and new schools, when they are built in surrounding communities, often have extensive climbing walls included in the design of their gymnasium.



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The state-of-the-art climbing wall that we propose for Goddard has been designed by Leahy and Associates, a firm in Lafayette that has worked in Colorado for many years. The new wall would be 24 feet wide and 18 feet tall. It would feature three overhangs and four high elements so that six students could climb at one time. Students would be challenged by a "Dangle Duo," a "Fire Cracker Ladder," a "Vertical Cargo Net," and a "Centipede." Toe holds and hand holds would be assorted sizes, shapes and colors and could be moved to create new climbing routes. A mat would be installed at the bottom of the wall for safety, along with a system to lock those mats up against the wall when not in use. Belaying lines, carabiners, harness equipment, and helmets would be included.

Thanks to the support of our School Store (\$4,500), the Student Council (\$1,000), a friend in our community (\$1,000), our instructional budget (\$2,000) and a corporate contribution through the school district (\$12,300), we are more than halfway to our goal of \$36,500. Can you help us make up the difference?

We know that these are uncertain economic times, but we also know from past experience that by working together, we can do just about anything that we set our minds to. We would appreciate any contribution that you can make, and we hope that every Goddard family will participate.

We would love to talk with you about this project. Please feel free to contact any of us with questions or ideas. To make a contribution, please return the bottom of this page with a check made out to Goddard Middle School. You may leave your check with Maureen Anderson in the Main Office, or mail it to this address:

The Climbing Wall Project
Goddard Middle School
3800 West Berry Avenue
Littleton, CO 80123

Thank you in advance for your support. We know that the success of our kids is a reflection of a caring community, a strong school, and a supportive district. Thank you for being part of that caring community.

Sincerely Yours,



Amy R. Oaks, Ph.D.
Principal



Kelly Seavall
Physical Education Teacher



Art Vigil
Physical Education Teacher



Mike Iiams
Fundraiser Co-Chair



Simone Pendleton
Fundraiser Co-Chair



Karen Alexander
PTO President

Yes! I can help build a new climbing wall at Goddard. My check for _____ is enclosed.

____ Yes, you may include my name in the newsletter

____ I prefer to be anonymous.

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Donor Name _____

Address _____

Please make your check out to Goddard Middle School. Return it to Maureen Anderson in the Main Office, or mail it to the address above.



THE CALENDAR

November 4, 2008

Election Polling Place, 6:00am-8:00pm
7th & 8th grade girls BB practice, Gym, 2:45-4:00pm

November 5, 2008

8th grade girls BB practice, Gym, 6:40-7:40am
7th grade girls field trip to GESET Conference, 9:30am

November 6, 2008

Geography Bee, Rm 205, 2:45-4:00pm
Math Counts, Rm 203, 2:45-4:00pm
7th & 8th grade Wrestling, NMS @ GMS, 3:00pm
8th grade girls Basketball, PMS @ GMS, 3:00pm
Chess Club @ Ken Caryl Middle School, 3:00pm

November 8, 2008

Saturday School, 9:00am-12:00pm

November 10, 2008

7th grade girls BB practice, Gym, 2:45-4:00pm
8th grade girls BB, GMS @ NMS, 3:00pm

November 11, 2008

PTO Meeting, 12:15pm
6th grade Wrestling @ NMS, 3:00pm
8th grade girls BB, Pathways @ GMS, 3:00pm

November 12, 2008

Late Start
Knitting Club, Rm 118, 2:45-4:00pm
7th & 8th grade girls BB practice,
Gym, 2:45-4:00pm

November 13, 2008

6th grade field trip to the Symphony, 9:00am
Geography Bee, Rm 205, 2:45-4:00pm
Math Counts, Rm 203, 2:45-4:00pm
8th grade girls BB, GMS @ EMS, 3:00pm

November 14, 2008

Midterm progress reports go home with students

November 17, 2008

GMS Canned Food Drive, 11/17-21/08
8th grade girls BB practice, 2:45-4:00pm
7th grade girls BB, GMS @ EMS, 3:00pm

November 18, 2008

GMS Canned Food Drive, 11/17-21/08
5th grade parent orientation and tour, 9:00-10:30am
NJHS Meeting, Cafeteria, 2:45-4:00pm
7th & 8th grade Wrestling, GMS @ PMS, 3:00pm
8th grade girls BB, Pathways @ GMS, 3:00pm

November 19, 2008

GMS Canned Food Drive, 11/17-21/08

November 20, 2008

GMS Canned Food Drive, 11/17-21/08
Geography Bee, Rm 205, 2:45-4:00pm
Math Counts, Rm 203, 2:45-4:00pm
7th & 8th grade girls BB practice, Gym, 2:45-4:00pm
Chess match @ GMS, Library, 2:45pm
NJHS Community Night, Cafeteria, 3:30-8:00pm
Band Concert, Gym, 7:00pm

November 21, 2008

GMS Canned Food Drive, 11/17-21/08

November 22, 2008

Saturday School, 9:00am-12:00pm

November 24, 2008

7th grade girls BB practice, 2:45-4:00pm
8th grade girls BB, GMS @ PMS, 3:00pm
GAC Meeting, 3:15-5:00pm

November 25, 2008

Dec/Jan Newsletter mailed
Knitting Club, Rm 118, 2:45-4:00pm
8th grade girls BB, NMS @ GMS, 3:00pm

November 26 - 28, 2008

Thanksgiving Holiday



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SANDWICHES, SALADS, AND DESSERTS A HIT!

Before Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 15th Goddard parents provided the staff with a yummy lunch/dinner to help us make it through the evening. Parents brought in wonderful homemade salads—we loved them all. First they were so beautiful and colorful making the tables so festive. The salads were also healthy and nutritious—we had a great time guessing the ingredients. The main course was a choice of veggie, turkey, deli meat, or roast beef subs. Finally, if we weren't full enough, there was a huge dessert choice from chocolate, to fruit, to cookies and bars. We had a difficult time trying to decide what NOT to eat. What a great start to the evening!

Dear Parents,

I don't know if we say it enough—thank you for all you do for us. You always make us feel cared for with all the special things you do to making us feel appreciated. We are so fortunate to have in our lives!

—Goddard Teachers and Staff

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

To do your holiday shopping at the National Junior Honor Society Holiday Bazaar Thursday, November 20th from 3:30 pm – 8:00 pm in the Goddard Cafeteria

NJHS students have researched local, national and international non-profit organizations. We will be selling products that directly benefit each of these organizations.

Come support Goddard's NJHS and enjoy an evening of education and shopping. Products will include handbags, jewelry, hand-made greeting cards, soup mixes, scarves, hats, soaps and other bath products and baked goods. Please bring cash or checks as each organization will be receiving payment separately.

JUST WHAT IS P-R-SQUARED?

PR² is off and rolling! But, we can't reveal the secret yet....! Stay tuned for more details and know that some excellent fun is coming to Goddard after Winter Break. All we can say is that Goddard students rock and many have been PR²! Ask your child if s/he has received a square.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

The GMS Webpage

<http://goddard.littletonpublicschools.net>

The Goddard website is your source of information about everything from student's grades to teacher's homework calendars. Visitors can read the daily announcements, monthly newsletters, intramural activity schedules and even check out the weekly lunch menu. The monthly calendar, important school telephone numbers as well as an informative video about Robert Goddard on the homepage makes our web page very user friendly.

Did you know that the Goddard web page gets more than 700 unique hits every school day?

Most of the viewers are going to individual teacher's web pages to view homework calendars or to obtain pdf copies of homework.

If you've not had the opportunity to view our webpage, give it a try. We hope you will agree it is very informative.

Update on our mini computers

Over the summer, Goddard used instructional and PTO funds to purchase a classroom set of 30 mini laptop computers.

The eeePc Asus model with a 7 inch screen performs flawlessly in all our classrooms. The wireless internet capabilities along with its small "footprint" allows students to research on the internet, word process, create spreadsheets and multimedia presentations seated at their desk or in small groups in the hallway and even in the bleachers in the gym.

Students have found the quick startup of the Linux-based mini laptop and the ease of saving on personal thumb drive a great asset for classroom instruction. For teachers, the mobile storage cart and recharging station has two networkable printers to make printing a quick and easy task.

The mini laptops is one of many technological tools at Goddard helping our students become 21st century learners. Thanks to the PTO for their ongoing support for student technology at Goddard!



SCHOOL NEWS

RED RIBBON WEEK REVIEW

WOW! What an eventful week we've had! Students were kept busy in their Core Plus classes with pledges to stay away from drugs and alcohol, a wearing red contest and bracelet making. They wore their favorite hats, made their hair CRAZY and showed their allegiance to their favorite sports teams. During lunch, they signed banners and played on the playground with the Johnson and Wales Men's Basketball team. The highlight of the week was the Air Force Academy Baseball team visit! The cadets explained the importance of setting goals, working hard in school, choosing friends who help you make good choices and support you, being involved in activities, and staying away from drugs and alcohol. Students in Mrs. O'Neil's class were delighted to trade hats for awhile with the cadets! As parents, we were treated to Special Agent Michael Moore of the DEA speaking again this year. Those of us who attended had our eyes opened about choices our children are faced with and how we can best help them.

Congratulations to Ashley Barrera (6th), EB Bollendonk (7th) and Josh Silva and Erin Ems (8th) for winning the poster contest and the great job they did blowing up their designs. You can see their banners hanging in the upstairs hallway just before the library.

Class congratulations go to Ms. Falcone (6th), Mrs. Classick (7th), and Mrs. Mena (8th) for wearing the most red and earning a pizza party! In each of their classes there were over 200 items of red!

Special thanks to Carl for always making sure we have everything we need; Dr. Oaks, Mr. Caruso and Mrs. Wesswick for help with coordination and scheduling; Maureen for helping out with whatever we needed done, copying and putting materials in teacher boxes; Mrs. Bateman for allowing us to work in the Art Room; Community Service Club and AVID for helping teach bracelet making; all the moms who helped with banner signing during lunches; and especially Chris Hancock and Holly Durston for being an amazing committee!

Sara Bradbury
Red Ribbon Week Coordinator

GODDARD'S TECH ACADEMY FOR TEACHERS

An exciting new class has begun for Goddard's teachers. Mike Porter, assistant director of instructional technology for LPS, is running the year's Tech Academy. Teachers are learning how to use technology such as wikis, SmartBoards, clickers, and Microsoft Office products to create lessons that research shows impact student learning the most. This class will help our teachers prepare students for the 21st century through proven instructional strategies.

REPORT CARDS

The Goddard staff would like to thank our parents and students for attending October conferences. As you know, report cards were mailed home on Friday, October 24. We encourage you to continue to monitor your student's progress on a regular basis. Take a minute to look at your child's Goddard assignment notebook. Student performance information is also available through the Infinite Campus Portal: <https://campus.lps.k12.co.us/campus/portal/littleton.jsp>. All students will receive second quarter mid-term progress reports on Friday, November 14. First semester report cards will be mailed home on January 9.



HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE



During the holiday season, Goddard works closely with community agencies to help families in need of assistance. Some of the opportunities available are IFTF, Salvation Army, Santa Claus Shop, Littleton Police Department, churches, and individuals. As we are not always aware of your needs, please call our Social Worker, Karen Fowler-Smith, at 303/347-7887 to find out the process for applying for assistance.

We are very fortunate to live in such a caring and supportive community! If you would like to sponsor a family, please also call Karen Fowler-Smith.

SCHOOL NEWS

FIFTH GRADE PARENTS, "WHY CHOOSE GODDARD?"

Littleton Public Schools is a district of choice and by now, many fifth grade parents are thinking about which middle school will be the best fit for their students. We know that this choice is stressful for parents and we want to do all that we can to help parents find the best fit. Often, parents ask us what distinguishes Goddard from other middle schools in the area. Here are some things to know:

- Goddard does an outstanding job meeting the academic needs of a diverse group of student learners
- Goddard is responsive to the developmental needs of students and works to take care of the "whole child"
- GMS is a leader in instructional technology at the middle level
- GMS encourages student participation in and appreciation of the arts
- Parents and community members are actively engaged at Goddard

We invite you to learn more about our wonderful school. Please join us for a fifth grade parent tour and visit at whichever time works for you:

- Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 6, 2008 at 1:00-2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 10, 2009 at 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to Maureen Anderson at 303-347-7850, so that we may prepare materials for you.



GODDARD MIDDLE SCHOOL – HOME OF THE VIKINGS ACCESS TO HOMEWORK

Login to Goddard Middle School web site – <http://Goddard.Littletonpublicschools.net>

Click on the tab "For Students" – on the upper far right of the web page

Locate on the far left of the webpage the menu item of "Teacher Web pages"

On the far right of the page you will see all of the teachers at Goddard Middle School-click on your student's teacher(s) to view a monthly calendar of homework assignments.

** PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR STUDENTS GRADES AND ATTENDANCE BY ACCESSING INFINITE CAMPUS WHICH IS AVAILABEL BY CLICKING ON THE "CAMPUS PORTAL" TAB LOCATED AT THE TOP RIGHT ON THE MAIN PAGE OF GODDARD MIDDLE SCHOOL WEB PAGE. YOU MAY ALSO ACCESS INFINITE CAMPUS BY USING THIS WEB ADDRESS – <https://campus.lps.k12.co.us/campus/portal/littleton.jsp>

GODDARD'S MAGAZINE SALE CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Goddard now has on-line ordering available year-round. With the Holidays just around the corner, this would be an easy way to fill some of those Holiday gifts for family and friends. You can order new magazines or re-new the ones you or they already receive. Just go to www.4schoolsonline.com, then Click on "buy with your credit card" (customers ordering online incur a \$1.50 processing fee). The School Code is: **HELPGODDARD**. This is an easy way to support the school, get some holiday shopping done and all without leaving the comfort of your own home.



Perfect means perfect! The following students had perfect attendance during the first nine weeks of school—no absences and no tardies. Congratulations!

GRADE 6

Reyna Aguirre
Joel Ashton
Iona Bruce
Mark Bruner
Chahyadi Michelle
Daniel Cooke
Joseph Cordova
Jesse Delgado
Michaela Denton
Lauren Driscoll
Taylor Dunning
Cameron Fellows
Jamie Flores
Alan Flores Ordonez
Nicholas Gallegos
Dulce Gallegos Rodriguez
Patrick Galuska
Gianna Gehrke
Taylor Giesen
Caleb Gregory
Jesus Hernandez Rios
Brady Hutchinson
Guma Kuku
Edna Lopez Romero
Matthew Martinez
Cody Miller
Samantha Morris
Emily Moylan
Mackenzie Myers
Alondra Rangel
Santiago Santana Ayvar
Berenice Santos-Flores
John Scriffiny
Jesus Gabriel Serrano
Cervantes
Yesenia Silva-Solis
Christian Slupe
Skye Smith
Triston Sorenson
Jonathon Stanley
Mary Ste. Marie
Dorotea Sterling
Lisset Villanueva Solis
Maxwell Wekesser
Emma Young

GRADE 7

Ryan Anderson
Samuel Anderson
Solomon Annan
Zachary Bailey
Elizabeth Bollendonk
Claire Boyle
Larkin Burbage
Nicholas Cadwallader
Conrad d'Leeuwen
Michael David
Manuel De La Rosa
Andrew Dettmer
BreeAnne Dinges
Hawa Fahn
Orlando Flores Bailon
David Gallegos
Andrew Gonzalez
Christian Hall
Efrain Hernandez
Morales
Anthony Kendall
Alisia Knoll
Emmanuel Kuznetsov
Sara Leovic
Lauren Linscott
Kelsie Lombardi
Makayla Lovegrove
Austin Madden
David Marshall
Jason Martinez
Alexandra Morales Valencia
Tiffany Morris
Bhewattie Nauth
Alma Nava
Flavio Olvera
Nadezhda Osterloth
Zinthia Padilla Vega
Diana Perez
Austin Porter
Aubrey Rael
Rydge Richardson
Javier Roman Rodriguez
Jessica Romero
Madison Scharf
Harrison Sharkey
Selene Sorenson

Robert Spofford
John Ste Marie
Daniel Tabor
Rebecca Talpers
Paul Thiel
Neftali Vanegas
Barry Visser
Ryan Wendell
Braden Zoetewey

**GRADE 8**

Clayton Adams-Berger
Brynna Ashton
Anna Azadegan
Grant Baker
Tyler Baker
Matthew Clark
Maurice Comer
Montez Comer
Jesus Contreras
Danielle Cox
Michael Day
Kayla Dean
Garrett Delphia
Sean DeTine
Taylor Egbert
Mani Ericksen
Emmanuel Gallegos
Karly Garster
Karly Goranson
Navy Hall
Lauren Harrington
Chia-Lo Hsu
Evan Keil
Andrea Liebgott
Angelina Lovio
Cory Lupton
Tyler Magnuson
Mariah Malouff
Declan McNally
Kacee Medved

Nathan Novotny
Timothy Ostrom
Layne Palmer
Taylor Payson
Mariah Salas
Pamela Sena
Sydney Slouka
Sam Vickery
Kyle Weiding
Andrew Wilcoxon
Kellie Wilcoxon
Bailey Wilhelm
Emilie Young





SCHOOL NEWS

EIGHTH GRADE ORIENTATION AT LITTLETON HS

You are invited to Littleton High School's Orientation Night for the Class of 2013

Date: Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Littleton High School Theatre

Who: Incoming freshman students and their parents

This evening has been planned to assist students in making decisions regarding their high school career. Anyone considering LHS should attend.

<http://littleton.littletonpublicschools.net>

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE INFORMATION NIGHT

Are you asking yourself what is IB, and is it right for my child? You are invited to attend the IB Information Night on Tuesday, November 11, 2008. The presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the LHS Theatre. Both 7th and 8th graders are welcome to attend with their families. The timeline and applications are available in the Student Services Office at GMS. <http://www.lhsib.org>

EIGHTH GRADE SHOWCASE AT HERITAGE HS

You are invited to Heritage High School's Showcase Night for the Class of 2013

Date: Tuesday, November 11, 2008

Time: 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Where: Heritage High School Theatre

Who: Incoming freshman students and their parents

This evening has been planned to assist students in making decisions regarding their high school career. Representatives from all departments will present information about HHS programs. A short question and answer period will follow. We hope to see you there!
<http://heritage.littletonpublicschools.net>

FALL BOOK FAIR

The 2008 Scholastic fall book fair was a roaring success! To recap: we were open from October 13 – 16, 2008. Teachers brought in their classes, students visited during lunchtime and we met many parents during conference hours. We kept steady with last year sales.

Thanks to all the students, parents, Goddard staff and teachers who visited the book fair and purchased books.

A HUGE thank you to the volunteers who so graciously gave their time and effort to make the fall book fair such a great success.

Student Crew:

Glenna Crookston
Morgan Merrill
Michael Wade
Megan Hamrock
Elena Mathys
Giselle White
Keana Peterson
Labrinna Ayers
Cody Meese

Cameron Graves
Becca Crandall
Selene Sorenson
Robyn Malila
Angelina Lovio
Abbie Hiett
Bethany Stuhlman
Katie Bradbury
Chloe Flitton

Parent Volunteers:

Sandy Lepore
Kellie Giesen
Gina Ferrari
Sara Bradbury

Julie Winz
Sally Williams
Maria Young
Joanie Butler

Although we may not say it enough – your help really makes a difference and we enjoyed working with all of you.





PTO NEWS

The support that we get from our volunteers in terms of help at school is just tremendous. Thanks so much to all of you for coming to school to help. You make this a better school community by giving your time, your energy, and your enthusiasm. We couldn't provide these programs without you. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR CONFERENCE FOOD DONATIONS!

Thank you very much for the donations of food, water and time before parent/teacher conferences on Wednesday, October 15th. The salads and desserts were delicious and we had enough water to keep our teachers hydrated while they were conferencing with parents. Special thanks to Darla Romp-Davis for picking up our main dish from Subway, and to Patty Gerze for setting up our meal. You are all greatly appreciated!!

Amy Austin	Traci Chandler
Celeste Delgado	Loyce Forrest
Patty Gerze	Jennifer Johnson
Anne Justen	Andrea Linneman
Jennifer Moser	Michelle Moss
Karen Myles	Pat Peters
Laurie Porter	Darla Romp-Davis
Nicki Sabin	Erika Schuler
Brenda Sears	Dawn Solich
Brenda Staab	Jennifer Stollsteimer
Joann Testa	

THANKS TO BUSINESS SPONSORS

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Romano's	Safeway
Skate City	Running Wild
Verbi	

Goddard Family Sponsors:
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THANK YOU, GODDARD GALLOP VOLUNTEERS!

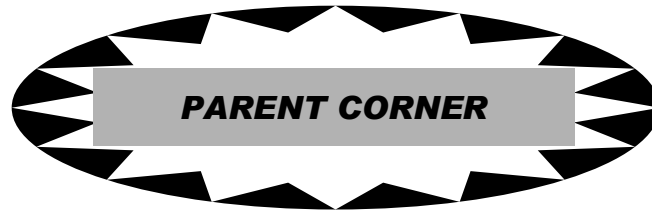
Penny Anderson	Amy Austin
Cynthia Bailey	Lori Bollendonk
Janice Caulfield	Maureen DeTine
Dalia Garcia	Kelly Graves
Cathy Green	Nancy Harris
Cynthia Herzl	Jennifer Johnson
Anne Justen	Debra Lee
Ingher Leeuwenburg	Laura Leovic
Kellie Lombardi	Donna Martin
Larry Meadows	Suzanne Martens
Pat McKinnon	Pam Niemitalo
Laura Perry	Laurie Porter
Nicole Ridley	Dawn Solich
Kim Sperry	Grey Stroup
Michelle Todd	Rosa Valdez
Meg Vellone	Patty Vickery
Lisa West	Sally Williams
Julie Winz	

Golf cart providers: Blei Family and Gamel Family

THANKS TO OUR OUTDOOR EDUCATION PARENT CHAPERONES!

Bruce Amman	Merilee Ashton	Dave Baker
Jim Bernstein	Anita Burns	Mary Carr
Jeff Carrizales	Deb Cartwright	Nancy Crookston-
DeAnn Denton	Lucy Dinneen	Gary Duff
Lisa Fellows	Gina Ferrari	Mike Giesen
Chuck Greenhalge		Doug Hall
Nicole Hauffman		Larry Gallegos
Pat Lee	David McIntosh	Larry Meadows
Dan Minzer	Rick Patten	Tim Perry
Nicole Ridley	Barb Ritchie	Keith Rogers
Cathie Sanders	Carolyn Schilling	
Mark Scriffiny	Dan Simonton	Rocco Sirizzotti
Bob Slupe	Kim Sperry	
Kevin Stowe	Brian Thomas	
Karin Vannett	Cole Venter9	
Debbie Wahlenmaier		
Sara Yerkey		
Maria Young		





PARENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE UP AND RUNNING

This month, Goddard continues a new column aimed at giving parents current information about adolescent and teen issues. As much as we wish we could protect them forever, we know that middle level students across the country are confronted with serious issues. Sadly, drug and alcohol use, depression, bullying, suicide, eating disorders, and stress are, sadly, real issues for many kids.

Thanks to Amy Austin, our PTO parent education chairperson, we will be including information in the newsletter throughout the year. A series of parent workshops and speakers is also in the works. We'll keep you posted!

OUR KIDS AND MYSPACE.COM

MySpace.com and other similar sites are designed to allow people to share their creativity, pictures, and information with others. Sometimes people do this to find romance. Sometimes they do it to find friends with similar interests. While this may be okay for adults, it is not okay for kids.

MySpace.com recognizes this, and prohibits anyone under 14 years of age from using their website. While MySpace.com is doing its best to keep your children from using their website and lying about their age, it's up to parents to do their job too. Parents need to talk with their children about not sharing personal information online. Personal information includes pictures, names and addresses, schools they attend, cell and phone numbers and many other less obvious things, such as the name of their school team, ethnic background and even a mall near your house.

So what do you, as a parent, do? First you need to find out if your child has a page on one of these sites. Ask your child if they have a profile on myspace or a similar site. If you're not sure that your child is being honest with you, you can search MySpace.com (or the other sites) using their e-mail address, or by searching for their school. (You click on "search" and enter their email address or full name in the appropriate search box.)

If you find that your child has a profile on the Web

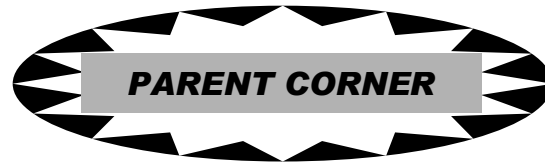
site, you should review it. It's amazing how much you can learn about your child by reading their profiles. Does it contain personal information, such as their full name, address or phone numbers? Has your child posted photos? Are they photos of themselves or someone else? Are they sharing poems they write or provocative comments about themselves or others?

If you want the profile removed (you must remove your child's profile if they are under age), first ask your child to remove it themselves. If that doesn't work, MySpace.com has a section explaining how to remove a page. If you find someone who is underage, you can report it there as well. Ask your kids why they created the profile. You might learn that they wanted to share their thoughts with others, make new friends or even allow others in their school to get to know them better. But not all of their motives are as noble or safe. Some may be interested in meeting new romantic interests or role-playing inappropriately online. And when a young preteen lies about their age posing as a seventeen year old at the site, that can be a serious problem.

It's not easy raising children anymore. It is even harder when the parent is expected to be expert in Internet, cell phone and interactive game risks. The good thing is that you're not facing these challenges alone. Just remember that while your kids may know more than you do about technology, you know more about life. Be aware of the sites they are on and talk to your kids!

If you would like more information on how to keep your kids safe online, please visit www.wiredsafety.org

*This information is brought to you by the Goddard PTO
Parent Education Committee*



SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Parents need to educate themselves and talk to their kids about the dangers of the Internet and online safety.
- Parents and children should discuss guidelines for using the Internet at home, in school, and at the library.
- Parents should monitor what their children are doing online.
- Parents should put their computer(s) in a place that can be easily supervised.
- If their child experiences online bullying, parents should report it to their Internet Service Provider.
- Parents should save all offensive bullying messages on their computer's hard drive in case they later need evidence of the bullying.
- Parents may want to notify school administrators if their child is a victim of cyber-bullying so they are aware of the problem.
- If their child continues to be bullied or they feel their child is in danger, parents should notify the police.

SAFETY TIPS FOR KIDS

- Kids should not put personal information about themselves online.
- Middle School kids do not belong in places like MySpace.com, Facebook.com, or Chat groups.
- Kids must not physically get together with anyone they meet on the Internet.
- Kids must understand that people might use a false identity on the Internet.
- Kids should never send pictures of themselves to anyone they don't know.
- Kids should tell a parent or trusted adult if anything they hear or read on the Internet makes them uncomfortable.
- Kids should not open files from anyone they don't know since they might contain pornography or viruses.
- IM buddy lists should be limited to people they know.
- Kids should tell a parent or trusted adult if they are being bullied online.
- Kids should not respond to bullying online. (This can cause it to escalate.)
- Kids should remove bullies from their buddy lists.
- Passwords should not be shared.

- Kids should use the back button if they accidentally open an inappropriate site.



TURKEY OF A CONTEST Nov. 3 through Nov. 19, 2008

We've recently launched our 2008-2009 Box Tops and Campbell Soup label for Education fundraising campaign. This year we've set a goal of earning \$600 through Box Tops.

We have collected over \$250 in BoxTops this year so far and we are on way to reaching our school goals. Campbell soup labels are coming in with over 200 points collected so far.

We have a "Turkey of a Contest" starting Monday November 3. The homeroom who collects the most Campbell labels and BoxTops between November 3rd through Wednesday November 19th will win a prize. The winning homerooms will be announced Monday November 24.

Reminder: Boxtops must be current and have an expiration date on it. Campbell Labels of Educations must have the UPC codes and the picture below to be eligible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Merrill at 303-973-5646 or danspegs@aol.com.



SUICIDE PREVENTION WEEK AT SCHOOL

Parents, we want to let you know that the week of November 3rd is National Suicide Prevention week. Counselors will be visiting with 6th graders in Core Plus to make them aware of our ongoing "Yellow Ribbon" program. Questions? Please call Sam Adams-Berger or Melisa Wesswick in Student Services. Thank you!



STUDENT NEWS

NJHS UPDATE

We are in the midst of several exciting things this fall! The NJHS Coats for Colorado coat drive ends on October 31, 2008. Members are collecting gently used coats to donate to Channel 7 in their effort to keep all of our community members warm this winter. Members are divided into groups and the group collecting the most coats will receive a lunch of their choice served by a staff member of their choosing!

Look for NJHS members cheering on the runners at this year's Littleton Stride to be held on November 2nd.

Our annual Community Night/ Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for November 20th. Don't miss this great event.



GODDARD TSA

The next Technology Student Association meeting is set for December 10, 2008 at 2:45. We will be discussing the Colorado State Conference. There is a student/parent meeting on December 15, 2008 at 7pm in the Modern Tech lab (room

115). Anyone planning to attend the Colorado State Conference must attend this meeting. Students should listen to daily announcements for meeting details. The State Conference is February 19-21, 2009 in the Denver Tech Center. All students are encouraged to participate in TSA. See Mr. Amonson for details.

SPELLING BEE SEASON STARTS

The Goddard Spelling Bees begin practicing on Tuesdays during Core Plus in Mrs. Embree's room, beginning November 11. We invite all levels of spellers to participate in this fun activity. The first place winner of the Goddard Spelling Bee will advance to the LPS District Spelling Bee at Powell Middle School. The top six spellers in the District advance to the State Bee, which will be held at the Denver Convention Center on March 14.

GODDARD COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

Club members have been busy this fall helping with Red Ribbon Week activities and the Fall Festival.

The annual food drive will be held the week of November 17 through 21. Non-perishable food items will be collected during that week to donate to Inter-Faith Community Services. Inter-Faith has come to count on Goddard's help to serve needy families in our area at Thanksgiving.

WRESTLING

The Goddard 7th and 8th wrestling team begins its season with home duel matches against Euclid on October 28 and Newton on November 6. The team is coached by Mr. Amonson and Mr. Christensen. The squad practices after-school Monday through Friday in the small gym. The team has been doing conditioning drills along with learning take-downs, escapes and various pinning combinations. The 6th grade team starts the season with a festival with other LPS middle school on November 11, at Newton. It is not too late to join, all wrestling abilities are welcome!

YEARBOOK 2009-YOU CAN HELP!!

Any GMS student, parent or community member can upload photos to help make our Yearbook the best one yet! The information is listed below:

URL: <https://images.jostens.com?user=1198819&pw=gmsvikings>

User ID: 1198819

Password (case sensitive): gmsvikings

Please share your photos from track meets, choir or band concerts, as well as any other school activity! Has your child received recognition for other activities outside of school? Share it with us! Please email Ms. Amber Oliver at aoliver@lps.k12.co.us with questions.

The last few yearbook meetings were quite eventful. Student members used the Website to play around with settings and page layouts. There will be four more meetings during the second quarter: November 3, November 13, December 2 and December 8. Our cover choice will be revealed to the school in 2009!



ART SCENE

Vikings! We have a very busy fall in the Art department.

The Littleton Merchant's Association had the Littleton Public School kids paint their store front windows with Halloween designs in honor of the festive time of year. Goddard took a small but mighty crew down to do the deed: Katie Bradbury, Ceasare' Tamag and Mallory Werth used great painting abilities to finish the task! Thanks to the girls for their efforts and especially Mrs. Bradbury for schlepping us to and from! You are the best!

The next exciting thing is the 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Club which will be starting November 6 and ending Dec. 11. This class has a tendency to fill up quick and will be limited to the 1st twenty kids. Sign up with Mrs. Bateman quick for holiday fun!

The Bemis art show will be coming in February. Details later — we will keep you posted!

MATH COUNTS IS AROUND THE CORNER!

- Who is invited? 6th, 7th, & 8th graders who enjoy math.
- When will the club meet? Every Thursday from 3-4pm. First meeting is Thursday, October 23.
- Where? Mrs. Mena's room (Rm. 203)

Have fun, practice math, exercise your brain, meet new friends and compete against other LPS middle school "mathletes." We invite everyone who loves math to join this club, sponsored by: Mrs. Mena & Mrs. Anderson.

SCRABBLE CLUB UPDATE

Life in the exciting, fast paced world of competitive Scrabble can really get a hold on you like no other! That's what our scrabble club participants have discovered. We have really had a lot of fun this fall. There's been a lot of new friendships created and a lot of new "words" created as well. Our numbers have been steadily growing and many participants come on a regular basis. We plan to continue Scrabble Club through the winter. There is also a Scrabble tournament in the works! Snack food and drink donations are always welcome (hint, hint).

Remember:

Scrabble Club meets on Thursdays in room 232 (Mr. Holbrook) from 2:45 to 4:00 pm

8TH & 7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

8th grade girls basketball has started and we are looking great. Everyone is working hard toward our goal of winning districts. It is not too late to join, so if you are still interested in girls' basketball please contact one of the coaches: Classick, Brothers or Jenkins. Our first game is on Thursday, October 30; please come and support our awesome 8th graders. If you cannot make it to our first game, take a look at the schedule and see when you can come cheer us on another night.

7th grade girls' basketball is going to start the first week in November. Listen to announcements for the specific date and time of the first practice. If you have any questions you can contact one of the 8th grade coaches. We are also looking for this year to be a great one for the 7th grade.

8th Grade Schedule

Thursday October 30th vs. Euclid
 Thursday November 6th vs. Powell
 Monday November 10th @ Newton
 Tuesday November 11th vs. Pathways
 Thursday November 13th @ Euclid
 Tuesday November 18th vs. Pathways
 Monday November 24th @ Powell
 Tuesday November 25th vs. Newton
 Thursday December 4th Quarterfinals TBD
 Saturday December 6th Districts @ Euclid

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DETAILS INSIDE

Join us for an overview of our age-appropriate and exploratory programs, a question and answer session, and a tour of the school.

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