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Grant Ranch is Proud to Announce...

We are proud to announce that Grant Ranch School's CSAP results indicate "High Growth" scores in mathematics. Grant Ranch is one of twenty three schools that have been recognized by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) as schools with growth percentiles of 60 or better in one subject for the last three years

"Way to go, staff and students!!!!!!!!!!"

Back to School Bash

Many thanks to all the Grant Ranch School staff, students and parents/guardians who contributed to the success of the second annual Open House and "Back to School Bash" that was held on Monday, August 17, 2009. The Open House was held from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm! During this time, many parents/guardians and their children took the opportunity to walk around the building, visit classrooms, meet teachers and "drop off supplies."

The Open House was followed by "The Back to School Bash" from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. "The Back to School Bash" activities included live music, a fund raiser with Outback Cheeseburgers, basketball, a cake walk, and much, much more!!

Parent/Guardian Nights

"Curriculum Night"

Please join the Grant Ranch School staff at "Curriculum Night on Thursday, August 27, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. At this time, parents/guardians will have the opportunity to learn more about Denver Public Schools curriculum and instruction as well as Response to Intervention (RTI), a State mandated program that will improve the learning of all students.

Positive Influence in Education (P.I.E) Meeting

Due to the "Back to School Bash" on August 17 and the "Curriculum Night" on August 27, 2008, the P.I.E. Night originally scheduled for August 25, 2009, will be rescheduled for September 17, 2009. P.I.E. night - "Positive Influence in Education" is an open forum. Please join our administrators, teachers, PTO and CSC members to discuss various topics, ask questions and learn more about Grant Ranch School.

"Off to a Smooth Start"

Many thanks to all who contributed to the successful beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. It is apparent that the staff and students have already settled into the daily rituals and routines of the school day. Instruction began on Day 1.

Join Us For Breakfast!

In an effort to continue to promote good nutrition, Denver Public Schools will continue to provide breakfast at no cost to our students. Breakfast will be served Monday through Friday from 7: 15 am to 7: 55 am in the cafetorium.

Journey Through Grant Ranch ECE-8 School

Areas:

Primary

First grade teachers will present curriculum and classroom expectations to parents at during “Curriculum Night” on Thursday, August 28, 2009 your child’s classroom. It is important that one adult from your family plan to attend so we can get off to a great start!

Intermediate

The Intermediate Teachers are excited about the new school year. Lots of fun and learning will occur. On the “fun” front, we’ve already heard about lots of fall birthdays and would like to remind families that LAW states we cannot serve treats prepared in private homes to children during the regular school day. So... please make sure those treats are store-bought. It is also helpful if you let the teacher know at least a day in advance that you are bringing treats and be sure to bring all the needed accessories (napkins, forks, knife to cut if needed, etc.). Thanks a lot for your help as we celebrate your child!

Upper Grades

A special “Thank you” to the following students who helped with 6th Grade Orientation on August 17, 2009:

Jack Cavallaro	Zach Barwick
Hannah Boyle	Kristie Trinh
Julia Tran	Taylor Teske

School/Parent Agreement

According to Goal III of the Denver Plan, “collaboration among the Denver community and all DPS stakeholders will support our children in a safe, orderly and enriching environment in every school and classroom.” Therefore, we are requesting that Grant Ranch School parent/guardians read and sign our School/Parent Agreement. This document should be returned to the classroom teachers. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated!!

Physical Education

The Grant Ranch P.E. Department would like to remind all parents that tennis shoes must be worn in P.E. class for safety reasons. Vans, etnies, DC’s, Heeley’s, etc. are NOT considered tennis shoes and should not be worn to class. If your child wears something other than tennis shoes to school, please send their tennis shoes in their back packs.

Reallocation/Staffing Day

Funding for individual Denver Public Schools is based upon student enrollment. Thursday, September 10, 2009 as been designated as Reallocation/Staff Day. Therefore, it is necessary for all of the Grant Ranch students to be present for our school to receive appropriate funding. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter!

Friendly Reminders

*Names should be put in student's coats, jackets, etc. This assists in identifying lost articles. The Lost and Found is located in the NW corner of the cafetorium.

*For their safety and supervision, students should be picked up promptly from school activities.

*Please be advised that the "**Information for Parents and Students**" brochure is online **from** the "parents and students" link at www.dpsk12.org.

No School

School will not be in session on Monday, September 7, 2009 in observance of Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 8, 2009.

Safety Corner

We need volunteers to help us at the crosswalks in both the morning and afternoon. Also, if you are dropping off or picking up your child, please use the "Kiss and Go Lane" being manned by Ms. BJ. She will load and unload your child from your vehicle. We DO NOT want kids dashing out into traffic to get into your car.

Counseling Corner

Welcome back to a new school year! We have all survived the busy few first days of school and are looking forward to another great year of learning. Coming back to school means getting into new routines like earlier bed times and earlier mornings. Here are some tips on making this transition easier:

- Prepare for the upcoming school day the night before. (Make lunch, lay out clothes, and complete homework)
- Connect with your child's teacher and let him or her know if your child has any special needs.
- At home focus on all of the positives of starting back to school like making new friends and getting involved in new activities.

It's Cookie Dough Time!

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Upcoming Events

August 26, 2009

August 27, 2009

September 7, 2009

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Kick-Off

“Curriculum Night”

Labor Day—No School

Saturday, September 12, 2009 Cure Walk-n-Roll & Run Across America—Colorado at Clement Park

Troy Lino has been a student at GRS since it opened. You might know him best by his power wheelchair traveling the halls. Both Troy and his sister, Jamie, have Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). Their parents, Brian and Julie Lino organize this event to

Raise funds for SMA research and invite them to join them on September 12, 2009.

Grant Ranch PTO News

We are looking forward to another great year at Grant Ranch. The PTO has a lot of exciting events planned. Our largest fundraiser of the year is launching August 26th. Last year the cookie dough fundraiser brought in over \$25,000! We would like to exceed that this year and with your help, we know we can! Each student that sells over 15 items gets a limo ride and lunch! The PTO would like to continue to invest cookie dough profits into technology, books, and after school programs. Our next PIE night, an open forum to discuss school improvement, has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 17th. We hope to see everyone there. The PTO is gathering student data to create a school directory. If you did not get your information or payment in for a directory, please contact the school PTO at info@grspto.org. Please join us at our next PTO meeting September 8, 2009 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the library

Tutor Train

Are you interested in getting your child some extra help? Does your child need to be challenged academically? Tutor Train's program works with students at all levels and can make sure your child has a successful school year. Our diagnostic exams are free and help us know what the right path is for your student. We are a fee-based after school program, but do have scholarships and financial assistance available for those who qualify. Registration for Tutor Train is open now. This is a great opportunity to make sure your child gets the upper hand this school year. Call to enroll (303) 833-2552 and visit our website at www.TutorTrain.com.