



# KINDERGARTEN

## Mrs. Kibble's Class

Wow! What a busy month for Mrs. Kibble and her Bits. In addition to all of our academics, we have visited Bellevue Park to ride the train, pet the farm animals, and wade in the stream. Also, we had our Kindergarten Circus for friends and family.

Thanks, on a personal note, to Daryl and Christina Green. Since I have their fifth child in my class, they were kind enough to nominate me for a teacher's award from radio station KOSI. I won!! How kind of you.

Beverly Kibble

## Ms. Shidler's Class

We finally have all 25 students in place in our cozy Kindergarten class.

All of the students are adjusting well and getting acquainted with each other and the rituals and routines of being at school all day.

We have been learning our letters with songs and books. The students love reading Chicka Chicka Boom Boom! It has been a fun way for the students to engage in letter recognition.

We have been learning our numbers and how to write them with a poem for each number. Ask your child what the poems are.

Last week we began homework and taking home books for nightly reading. I also sent home a special reading box for your child to keep their letter of the week books in. Please keep them in a safe spot for your child to reread nightly! Don't forget to read to your child every night and turn in their reading logs weekly.

Upcoming events:

October 26th and 27<sup>th</sup> - Fall Conferences

October 26th - Field Trip to Four Mile Historical Park

Sandra Shidler

## Mrs. Conlon's Class

We have been very busy in 1/2 day kindergarten. We have been working a lot on our names and getting routines set for groups. We are very excited for the rest of the school year and upcoming events. October brings some fun units including monsters and pumpkins.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Applebee's fundraiser this month.

Hillary Conlon

# HISPANIC COMMUNITY MEETING

We would like to invite anyone interested to attend a monthly meeting for the Hispanic Community. These meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (the content of each meeting will be identical, we are simply holding two meetings to accommodate everyone's schedule). The first meeting will be October 14 at Holm School. Each month we will have a different guest speaker to address different, interesting topics such as behavior problems with your child, helping with school work, etc. Please be aware that all meetings will be run in Spanish.

In addition, we are hoping to start English classes for parents and students, as well as Spanish classes to help parents read and write.

For more information, contact Ana Maria Sepulveda at 303-745-1685.

## ... a follow-up on the Duck Drop ...

On May 3, 2009, Councilwoman Peggy Lehmann's office sponsored the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Denver Rubber Duck Drop, a community event to raise money for our local Denver Public Elementary Schools: Bradley International, Holm, Samuels, Southmoor, and Slavens K-8.

Hundreds of children, parents and neighbors gathered at George Wallace Park to participate in the Duck Fest activities and cheer for the 3000 sponsored ducks as they raced for over \$8000 in prizes donated by our local businesses. With the support of the schools, parents, community members, and local businesses, we were able to raise an astonishing \$20,000, making this our most successful Duck Drop to Date! Of this total, **Holm received \$4,098.40.**

Thanks to all the wonderful local businesses who made this year's event possible through their donations and sponsorship. Please visit [www.denverrubberduckdrop.com](http://www.denverrubberduckdrop.com) for a complete list of sponsors. You can help us thank these businesses through your patronage.

## WELCOME BACK!!

It's hard to believe we are already well into the school year. Here are a few reminders:

- The speed limit in the parking lot is 5 miles per hour at all times. Also, please park only in marked stalls.
- School begins at 8:55 a.m. If your child is absent for any reason, please call the office at 303-751-3157 to inform us of the absence.
- FREE breakfast is available for all students beginning at 8:35 in the lunchroom.

Thank you for helping to make this a safe, productive year for our students!

## Just a few notes . . .

Our first early release date will be October 16<sup>th</sup>. (The District has chosen to do early release days this year rather than late start days.) School will be dismissed three hours early (at 12:45 p.m.). Lunch will be served and busses will run. Plan on meeting your child three hours early at the bus stop or picking them up at school at 12:45.

Picture retakes are scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>. If you want to have your child's picture retaken, you must return the picture packet you previously received. If you would like to purchase pictures on October 21<sup>st</sup>, your child must bring money on that date.

The Health Office is in need of gently used clothing, boys and girls tops and pants, sizes 6-12. If your child has received clothing from the Health Office, please launder those items and return them to school.

The Hampden Branch of the Denver Library has reopened September 29<sup>th</sup> after remodeling. Stop by to see the improvements and get your child a book to read!

Please check the date for your pancake breakfast at Applebees. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and support Holm School!

Please remember to send your child to school with a jacket. The weather is changing all the time and we want to go outside whenever possible.



# Holm to Home

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## Upcoming Events October

Oct 7 – Free day at the Denver Zoo

Oct 10 – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Pancake Breakfast at Applebees, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Oct 14 – Meeting for Hispanic Community, 9:00 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Oct 15 – Prairie Dog Run

Oct 16 – Early release day; school dismisses at 12:45.

Oct 17 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Pancake Breakfast at Applebees, 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Oct 21 – Picture retakes; if you want retakes, please return picture packet with child or they may bring money to purchase pictures.

Oct 23 – Citizenship assemblies

Oct 23 – Mrs. Walker's ECE class to Arvada Center, 10:00-1:45 p.m.

Oct 23 – Free day at the Denver Botanic Gardens

Oct 25 – Free day at the Denver Zoo

Oct 26 – Mrs. Shidler's class to Four Mile Historic Park

Oct 28 – NO SCHOOL—Planning Day

Oct 29 & 30 – NO SCHOOL—Fall Break



## PRAIRIE DOG RUN

The Prairie Dog Run has been rescheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> (all classes will run on this date). This is Holm Elementary's largest fundraiser of the year. Our school receives 100% of the profits! These monies can be used for field trips and teacher support. All children will be running laps according to the following schedule:

### Thursday, October 15 (on the black top):

9:15 – 9:35 – Mrs. Walker's ECE class

9:40 – 10:00 – Mrs. Kibble's class

10:05 – 10:25 – Mrs. Shidler's class

10:30 – 10:50 – Mrs. Doyle's class

10:55 – 11:15 – Mrs. Conlon's ECE class and

Mr. Mason's class

## A Message from the Health Office

Just a few reminders regarding student health.

### Please do not send ill children to school.

Not only do they risk the chance of catching other germs but they can spread their illness to others.

### Use these guidelines to determine if your child should stay home:

- Persistent and uncontrollable cough
- Fever of 100.0 degrees or higher
- Persistent headache
- Vomiting and/or diarrhea, ongoing stomach pain
- Sore throat lasting more than 3 days
- Unexplained rashes
- Any of the above with general fatigue

### Please take your child to their health care provider if they have any of the following:

- Ongoing respiratory issues persistent cough, chest tightness or pain
- Unexplained fever of over 101.0 degrees

### Friday, October 9 (on the field below the black to):

9:15 – 9:45 – All 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes

9:55 – 10:30 – All 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes

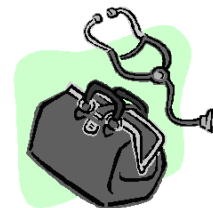
10:40 – 11:10 – All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes

1:45 – 2:10 – Mrs. Conlon's kindergarten class

2:20 – 2:50 – All 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes

3:00 – 3:30 – All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes

Please note that in order to qualify for a prize, all money must be turned in by Wednesday, October 21, 2009. In addition, we will need lots of parent volunteers who are willing to serve water and mark laps. If you are able to help, please just show up. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Van or Ms. Reggans at 303-751-3157.



- Sore throat lasting more than 3 days
- Red, itchy or burning eyes with or without discharge

### Regarding Medicine at School

If your child needs to take any kind of medicine at school (including over the counter medicine), we need a special consent form filled out per Denver Public School policy with parent and doctor permission. Any medicine brought to school without permission will be given to the health office and a parent will need to pick it up.

Please call your doctor or myself if you have any questions. And remember to call the school when students are absent for any reason.

**Linda Botnick, RN  
School Nurse**