

January 19, 2007

Safety Concerns at Car Pick-Up

We are reminding parents of safety concerns for the second semester of the school year. There are some parents who are forgetting the basic safety rules and practices during carpool, so here are some reminders:

- Stay in your lane and follow the directives of our carpool traffic people in the driveway.
- Pull your car up as far as you can and give your child's name and teacher to our staff helping with cars. **Do not stop in front of your child and/or their class!**
- Do not conference with staff members during the carpool.
- Do not talk on your cell phone while participating in carpool.
- Do not block traffic on Kipling—entrance off of Bowles onto Jellison is a great alternative.
- Respect the neighbors in the town homes by allowing them access to Jellison and driving carefully in their neighborhood.
- Of particular concern are drivers going the wrong direction on Capri. **Please** note that Capri Avenue is a two way street and drivers must enter and stay in the right lane. There have been some close calls and near head-on collisions between cars leaving Capri and cars entering Capri on the wrong side of the street.
- Please be patient. Our children's safety is at stake!

King Soopers Certificates Return

MPA is selling King Soopers grocery certificates again this year. They will be available from Veronica, both as \$25 paper certificates, and by special order as gift cards in the amount you would like to order. Buy them to help raise funds for the PTA/Community Relations Committee.

Board Position Open at MPA

The MPA Board of Directors has an immediate open seat for a member of the MPA community due to the resignation of a member. The term of office is until April, 2008. The MPA Board meets once a month on the third Tuesday from 6:00 until approximately 9:45. Duties include attendance at monthly meetings, participation at MPA events several times during the year, leadership on committees, and acquisition of knowledge of the school's many aspects, including financial, educational, and management of a charter school. Background in finance and/or education is helpful. If interested, please see Char Weaver in the administrative office to contact Rachel Hawkins, Board president.

Intent to Return Letters Going Home Today

Please check your Friday folders for this year's Intent to Return Letter. Each year we invite current MPA families to reserve a spot for their children for the next school year. Jeffco Open Enrollment season has begun, and MPA must know which students will not be returning for the 2007-08 school year. We will be accepting students from the waiting list for 07-08 on February 2nd, 2007. We must receive your Intent to Return by January 31st to guarantee your child's place for next year. If you have questions, please see Veronica or Char.

Observation Days for Parents of Students Changing Levels Next Year

Parents of kindergarteners going to first grade and third graders going to fourth grade for the 2007-08 school year are invited to visit the classes at their child's next level. Only students moving to a new level change classrooms—all other remain in the same classroom with the same teacher. Students moving to a new level of the school are placed in new classes by the present teacher. Class placement is based on returning students to the class and takes into consideration balance of ages, gender, and special needs. Parents may discuss any preferences for class placement with the child's present teacher. Parent requests do not guarantee students' placement in a particular class; the school must balance individual requests with the greater needs of the classrooms.

Dates for observations are Thursday, February 1st, 8th, and 22nd from 9-10:30 for kindergarten parents and from 9-10:00 for third grade parents. Please reserve a spot with Veronica; we must limit the group to 20 families per observation day. Further days can be scheduled if necessary.

Hot Lunch Menus Go Out Today, and Must Be Returned with Payment by January 26th.

