

MPA May 2009



PEEK AT THE PEAKS

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***DEADLINE FOR PEEK ARTICLES*
contributions are due by the 1st
Monday of the month by 5:00pm.**

Please email article text in the message section of an email to: Char Weaver at cweaver@jeffco.k12.co.us. Please avoid attaching files to your email message. Please deliver photos and other contributions to the office.



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MPA Bids Goodbye

Two MPA families will be moving from the Littleton area this spring/summer. The Ramirez/Granick family is moving to Boston, Massachusetts and the Rhoades family is moving to Tucson, Arizona. Both families have been active participants and volunteers at our school.

Claudia Ramirez and Peter Granick have helped the MPA library extensively over the last few years. Claudia has worked hard at the school with the Community Relations Committee, the volunteer process, Friday folders, and the Volunteer Dinner. We will miss Claudia and Peter, and their children David and Sofia, and wish them all the best in their move to Boston.

Bruce and Suzy Rhoades have also been an active part of life at MPA. Bruce has coordinated the Parent Carpool Volunteers and is part of the group of smiling faces to greet our students each morning. Suzy and her business have funded the last two trips for Upper Elementary and Home School students to attend Young Ameritowne. She is committed to our students learning about economics by funding this curriculum and trip, as well as teaching portions of the curriculum and chaperoning. Suzy and Bruce, and their children Miles, Mason, Max and Emery will be missed and we wish them all the best in their move to Tucson.

News From the Board

The MPA school community held its annual election on April 16, to select members to fill open positions on the Board of Directors. The election process went smoothly, and we'd like to thank all of you who took the time to cast ballots or provide a proxy so that your vote could be counted. A majority of voters cast ballots to re-elect three of the incumbent Board members whose terms were expiring and who announced their interest in serving for another term: Jack Tweedie, Donovan Puffer, and Herbert Merk. Additionally, please join us in welcoming Jeff Lubthisophon as a new member of the MPA Board. Jeff and his family are long-time members and supporters of the MPA community. Their children have attended MPA since it was founded as a charter school in 1997, and Lori Lubthisophon is well known to most of you as the coordinator of MPA's before- and after-school program. Jeff brings a wealth of experience to the MPA Board, and we thank him for his demonstrated commitment to the school community.

We appreciate your participation in the election, and we thank all of you, the members of the MPA community, for your willingness to be active volunteers and participants in making MPA a healthy, vibrant school for our children.

Board News continued...

We'd also like to take this opportunity to recognize two departing members of the MPA Board, Peter Shaw and Scott Davenport. Peter served as Treasurer during his term on the Board, and he was instrumental in working with Char Weaver and Donna Kane to arrange the financing for our new school addition and to prepare MPA's annual budget. Scott served as the community representative on the Board, and his knowledge and experience as a local banker brought an invaluable perspective to Board discussions over the past year. Many thanks, Peter and Scott, for your contributions to MPA.

This column will be the last news from the Board until school begins again in the fall. We expect to keep busy over the summer, and we'll continue our monthly Board meetings and other ongoing projects. Any member of the school community or public is welcome to attend our meetings, otherwise we'll bring you news from the Board when the next issue of the Peek is published. Have a great summer!

School Pictures

Every year in the fall and spring we have photos taken of our students for you to purchase. The fall photos are mainly for the yearbook, spring photos are for fun to see how much your children have grown in the last few months. In the fall you did not get to see the picture in advance, however in the spring you are given a chance to view the picture before actually buying it. Individual photos went out last week, the packet consists of five sheets, the money envelope is enclosed and remember to make check payable to Lifetouch. Please return any unwanted photos and or payment by May 15th 2009. Class pictures will go out this

Friday May 8th, 2009, in order for your child to receive one you must have paid for the class picture in advance.

Notice from the Clinic

Before you and your child leave MPA for the summer, please be sure to see Fran to check out any medications in the clinic. Anything left after the last day of school is automatically destroyed.

SHADE SHELTERS NEEDED

A few more shade shelters are still needed for SPRINGFEST. Please let Donna in the office know if you have one we can use. It is great if you can come and set it up at 11:00am before the festival starts, but if not you are always welcome to drop it off in the office on Friday May 15th.

LOST & FOUND

With these chilly mornings and warm days lost and found is growing again. Please continue to check the rack inside the front door for your child's belongings.

Student Poem - Sugar and Goods

By Audry Sapp and Elizabeth LeJeune

Matching shirts and tiny boots,
Cucumbers vegetables and tiny fruits
Potatoes pancakes and zest
Cake and pies are the best!!!
When you're feeling ill
You'll take a strawberry pill
Chocolate milk and cheesecake
Are divine and delicious
But if you eat too much
Your stomach will ache!!!



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Did you know it takes about 70 volunteers to make SPRINGFEST happen and this does not include all the volunteers for the silent auction. Donna has placed sign up sheets inside the front entrance, so please sign up for a hour or two and help make this a fun filled day for all.

MAY INVOICES DUE EARLY

All invoices will be due by May 12th for your child(ren) to continue using the tuition based programs. Post dated checks will be accepted and held until May 29th if needed. Please contact Donna at 303-972-2627 ext 222 if you have any questions in regards to your payment.

BEFORE/AFTERCARE

Any children using before and/or aftercare for the last two weeks of school that are not previously signed up with Lori, must pay the day they use the service. So please remember to bring some cash or check when dropping off or picking up your child from before and/or aftercare if you call Lori to add a day.

VOLUNTEER NEWS

Who can believe we only have a few more weeks to go, it went amazingly fast this year and time just flew by. We wanted to let you know of some upcoming events you can get your last minute volunteer hours in if you have not reached your goal yet and a few other things as well.

Calendar of Events – May 15 Volunteer Hours will be collected and recorded, MPA Talent Show MPA Gym at 7pm.

May 17 Silent Auction and Springfest Events - 12pm to 3pm. **May 18** Parent Survey Deadline,

May 19 Upper Elementary Field Day **May 20** Lower Elementary Field Day, **May 22** Primary Field Day & Last Day of School

On May 15th the CRC Committee will be collecting the volunteer forms from the back of your Friday Folders, this is the last collection of the year. If you haven't filled out the form please do so and make sure all your students information and your information is filled out correctly and fully as this may result in a delay in entering your hours. Please also make sure the correct hours are on the correct sheets.

Silent Auction and Springfest - We could still use some donations for the Silent Auction. Please contact Kate Simpson if you would like to donate any items. Also Ms. Donna is still in need of volunteers for the Springfest to run a booth for 1 hour increments. If you can help out with this please sign up in the hallway by the front door.

Parent Survey Time

The Accountability Committee of Montessori Peaks Academy invites you to participate in the Annual Parent Survey. Each year we collect and tally your responses to the parents decision for the next year. We need your input and participation to provide this information. This year we would prefer that parents respond electronically to the online survey. The link to it is below. We will also have computers available in the library for those who like to do this at school. If you do not wish to use the online survey, paper copies of the survey and a secure mailbox will be available. The window for the completing the survey ends on May 18th, after Springfest. Thank you for your help with this important project.

Here is the link, which will also be on the website (mpeaks.net)
<http://www.surveyconsole.com/console/TakeSurvey?id=448187>

Field Day - Ms. Judi Miller the P.E. needs volunteers to help with field day in running games and passing out watermelon.

Seedless Watermelon already cut in small wedges for each class is needed.

Primary classes need a parent volunteer to donate large tub of sidewalk chalk per class.

If you can help out with this please contact Ms. Judi as soon as possible.

The PTA needs 2009-2010 school Officers.

President - Oversees meetings and the overall organization of the PTA.

Vice President - Assists the President with the overall organization of the PTA.

Treasurer - Handles all PTA money matters, including Budgets, collection, deposit of money, keeping the books, etc.

Secretary - Records, transcribes, and disperses meeting minutes, assists with other organizational duties as needed.

Commitment includes monthly meetings, but a majority of the work that can be done at home.

Involvement Help

Why get involved? How to help your child with school? Homework practice sheets?

Check out: SchoolFamily.com



PRACTICE SIGN LANGUAGE...IT'S FUN!