

Howl March 30, 2016

Did you know

The speed limit in our parking lot is 10 miles per hour. Please remember you are driving in a school zone so please drive safely.

### **Testing schedule update** (MS)

The assessment schedule on the TPCA website has been updated to reflect changes due to our snow day last week. You can find the schedule under Communication-->Assessment. Please note that we are now testing on the Friday prior to Spring Break for grades 6-8, so it is important to be in attendance. This is not an ideal situation, but it is an adjustment that we must make. Thank you for helping us complete the state-mandated testing in a timely fashion.

### **Volunteer Needed** (MS)

A parent volunteer is needed this Thursday, March 31, to assist Mrs. Esterline and forensic scientists from Denver Museum of Nature and Science in conducting "Who Done It?" forensic investigations with the entire 7th grade from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event was made possible by the Alliance Scientific and Cultural Collaborative grant awarded to TPCA this year and culminates the study of human genetics.

### **Track and Field Meet** (MS)

The middle school track and field meet will be this Thursday, March 31, at Erie High School. Drivers will be needed to get our athletes there. Please contact Mr. Crim if you are able to drive. More information can be found on the TPCA MS Track website at <http://tpcatrack.weebly.com/>.

Thank you very much!

### **PTVO**

PTVO Did you know?

Did you know that Smart-E Pants used to be called Smart Jeans? We changed the name to include the high school students. Their dress code allows them to wear jeans, but now with Smart-E Pants days, the high school students can wear sweat pants for \$1! All Smart-E Pants money goes to fund technology for the school.

The PTVO general meeting will be held on April 12, at 7 p.m. in the Cafetorium. It's election night. If you are interested in a PTVO officer position, please contact Heather McChesney at [Heather.McChesney@kw.com](mailto:Heather.McChesney@kw.com). Come join us!

### **TPCA Parent Input Requested (Board)**

TPCA Community,

The Accountability Committee requests your input. This anonymous annual survey provides the TPCA Board of Directors and Administration with feedback to help them assess needs with respect to school climate and performance.

Please take time to respond to this online survey. Topics range from the Board of Directors and staff to future school planning.

The survey closes at midnight on Friday, April 1.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HWC3MFN>

Thank you for taking the time to improve TPCA.

If you have questions regarding this survey, contact Shelley Coleman.

Shelley Coleman, Secretary

TPCA Board of Directors

### **Fencing (HS)**

Please join us for the first tournament of the High School Fencing Club this season. Admission is free, and all parents, staff, and students are invited! This will take place Thursday, March 31, from 3:20 till 5:00 p.m. in the high school gym. Come see who the best fencer of Twin Peaks is! Guest Artist- Watercolor for 7/8th grade

### **Classroom Box Tops Contest (Elem)**

Announcing a Classroom Box Tops Contest! Back by popular demand, we are having a Classroom Box Tops Contest through the entire month of April. The classroom that brings in the most Box Tops by April 30 will win a popcorn/popsicle party and their teacher will win a \$15 Starbucks gift card. Spring Break is next week, so spend some time going through your pantry and cabinets and asking your friends, family and co-workers for their Box Tops! Every valid Box Top is worth TEN CENTS to our school, and all money raised goes to making our library even better!

### **Odyssey of the Mind** (Elem) Photo attachment

Congratulations to the third/fourth grade Odyssey of the Mind Team, "Something Fishy." This team won second place at the regional tournament and earned a spot to compete at the state tournament on April 2. Please congratulate the team for all of their hard work and wish them well at the state competition. Team members are Shobhit Joshi (grade 3), Shruti Joseph (3), Natalie Ingegneri (4), Aditi Patel (3), Shefali Joshi (3), Sylvia Ingegneri (4), and Isha Shah (3). The team is coached by Lynn and Nick Ingegneri. Good luck team!

### **Odyssey of the Mind (Elementary)**

Congratulations to all Odyssey of the Mind teams, coaches, and volunteers. We are so proud of all the kids who performed at the Mount Evans Regional Tournament on March 19. We truly believe in our heart of hearts that they are all winners because they did their personal best! Teams participated in "No-Cycle Recycle," "Something Fishy," "Stack Attack," and "Stir the Pot." Odyssey of the Mind is an international, creative problem solving program with the belief that creativity is a skill that can be taught and further developed with practice. Teams match wits and abilities at local, state, and world competitions.

### **It's Volunteer Appreciation Week**

Volunteer Appreciation week is April 11-15. We will be putting out a variety of treats for our volunteers throughout the week in the west campus work room. Please stop in and enjoy something savory or sweet.

Also, on Thursday, April 14, the TPCA staff will show our appreciation and gratitude to all of our volunteers in the form of a luncheon. Please come by the Commons from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and enjoy lunch on us. Good food and good conversation is always a great way to spend your day!

Thanks for all you do! We hope to see you there!

### **Music Concert (Elem)**

The elementary music program that was postponed in December because of our snow day has been rescheduled. The new concert date for the classes of Ms. Bianco, Ms. DeVary, Ms. Thibadeau, Ms. Miloradovich, Ms. Fetters, and Ms. Vahlenkamp is now Tuesday, April 19, at 6 p.m. in the TPCA Commons. This is a grade for students; if your student cannot attend, please contact me as soon as possible for an alternate assignment to make up the missed grade. Students are to dress in their school dress code or something nicer--no jeans, t-shirts, sweatpants, or hoodies, please. Students are to meet in their teacher's classroom by 5:45 p.m. and will sit in the Commons as a class. Students are expected to stay and sit with their class for the entire concert which will be less than an hour. As always, I am looking for donations of cookies and lemonade for light refreshments following the concert. If you are interested in donating or helping with set

up and cleanup of refreshments, please let me know. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mahoney by email or call me at (303) 772-7286 ext 57046.

### **Youth of the Earth T-Shirt Drive**

YOUTH OF THE EARTH FESTIVAL is a community event celebrating our youth and a more sustainable world for their future. Middle School Student Council has kindly offered to collect tee shirts which will be re-purposed with the event logo. Middle school students may bring new or used, plain tee-shirts in good condition to school the week of April 11th. There will be a collection bin outside Ms. Zeeck's science room.