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Did you know

You keep your child at home to rest if he or she has

- a fever of 100.1 degrees Fahrenheit or greater.
- vomiting or persistent diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- excessive tiredness or lack of appetite.
- an intense headache, sore throat, body aches, or chills.
- a persistent, productive cough that interferes with sleep.

PTVO

PTVO officers for school year 2016-2017

Congratulations to our new PTVO officers for school year 2016-2017! They are President, Heather McChesney; Treasurer, Duayne Haar; and Vice Treasurer, Nicol Rodriguez.

PTVO Did you know?

The PTVO has, once again, sponsored Staff Appreciation Week this year? Thank you to all of you who have decorated and donated! We couldn't have done it without you!

Reloadable Grocery Cards

Re-loadable grocery cards are one of the PTVO's fundraisers. The Safeway card comes pre-loaded with \$10 on it, and the King Soopers card comes pre-loaded with \$5 on it. You can re-load them at the grocery store for any amount you desire and as often as you like! You can purchase these cards at the elementary office any time during the school year. Five percent of all your purchases comes back to support the PTVO! Get your card now so your summer purchases

will go toward helping our school. We will have a table at the Ice Cream Social on Friday, May 13, in addition to their being available in the office. We can take cash or check. Thank you.

PTVO Meeting

The last PTVO general meeting of the year will be held on May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Cafetorium. Our guest speaker will be our school director, Mr. Mehsling. We hope to see you there!

Staff Appreciation week

The PTVO wants to warmly thank the Administration and Staff at TPCA for all of the hard work they put in every day to make our school great! We appreciate you very much! Happy Staff Appreciation Week!

PTVO Board

The PTVO runs by forming a board made up of 9 officer positions. Currently we have 3 positions filled. The PTVO is such an important organization to our school. Every parent who has a child attending TPCA is a member of the PTVO. This is your chance to make sure your voice is heard.

There are many areas that the PTVO uses its funds and manpower to help make our school a better place, for example, recently the PTVO has hosted many events including the International Festival, Middle School Dance and Staff Appreciation Week. The PTVO also recently purchased all items on the staff donation request tree, that included three paper cutters and a sharpener for the west campus workroom. They are also in the process of purchasing benches so that parents waiting on their students will have a place to sit and interact. This is just a morsel of what the PTVO does for our school.

In order to make this the best PTVO possible we need parents to be willing to take the lead and volunteer. You can also consider teaming up with someone. Perhaps you can rotate attending meetings or job assignments. For example, husband and wife, Chris and Lilah Imes served as your High School Coordinators this year and worked as a team. Please consider taking a lead role in your PTVO!

Here is what we need:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Fundraiser Coordinator
- Elementary Coordinator
- Middle School Coordinator
- High School Coordinator

As always, thanks for considering this important Volunteer position! If you have any questions or would like run for a position please contact Heather Mcchesney.

End of Year letter from the PTVO Board

Please click here to read the End of Year letter from the PTVO Board.

Engineering Competition (HS)

TPCA Wins the STEM Engineering Competition at Metro State University!!

For the second year in a row, Twin Peaks Charter Academy (TPCA) won the STEM engineering competition at Metro State University Math Day. Congratulations to the team of Esther Xu, Isha Karki, Abby Jenkins, and Alaynah Penalosa.

Approximately twenty teams of high school students compete at MSU Math Day each year. The goal of the event is to encourage interest in math and science while fostering constructive competition among area high schools. Many schools from throughout the Front Range participate, and each brings up to three teams. Students compete in three subjects: geometry, engineering, and algebra.

In the geometry competition, teams of students work together to solve as many geometry problems as possible in 45 minutes. In the algebra competition, students work together to solve twenty timed algebra problems. These are not simple problems. Mr. Carsten, a TPCA math teacher, described many of the geometry and algebra problems as very challenging!

In this year's engineering competition, students were provided with materials to transport a piece of clay as close as possible to a given spot on an adjoining table. The TPCA team chose to create a zip line mechanism rather than a catapult or throwing device. The team's knowledge of engineering and efficient planning was essential because, as they explained, "there wasn't enough of any one item so we really had to plan how to use our limited supplies!"

"This is just one example of the many activities our students are engaged in, and I credit their teachers and the rigorous education we provide for preparing them for these unique events" said Joseph Mehsling, the newly established Director of TPCA

The entire team of students and teachers is already looking forward to next year's competition.

Smart E Pants

This Friday, May 6, is the last Smart-E Pants day of the school year. Wear your jeans or jean shorts for just \$1.

Carpool Request

We have a high school student who is looking for a ride to and from school in the fall. She lives in Erie and would like to continue attending TPCA if she can find transportation. Please contact Mrs. Burns if you think you may be able to help. As a reminder, carpool counts toward your required volunteer hours! Thank you! Alycia Burns burns_alycia@svvsd.org

Fencing

Last Fencing Tournament of the Year!

Please join us for our final tournament of the fencing season this Monday, May 9, in the High School Gym at 3:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to parents, students, and staff. We're doing our first TEAM tournament so come check out the excitement of this new event!