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**Our Legacy:**  
**"Academic Excellence"**

### September Calendar

9—Athletic Committee meeting 5:50-6:30PM

13—Chess Club 3:30-4:45PM; Junior Girl Scout Meeting 3:30-5:30PM; Character Players 3:45-5:15PM; Building Corp. meeting 5:30-7:30PM; Kindergarten Parent Volunteer Orientation 6PM

14—Pack 59 Cub Scouts meeting 6:30-8:30PM

15—Board of Directors meeting 7PM

16—First Quarter Progress Report; New Student Breakfast 8:00AM; Bugman Assembly (K-2) 2:30-3:30PM; Stars Mentoring 3:30-5PM; Stars Mentoring Parent Meeting 3:30-5PM; K-5 Movie Night 3:30-5:30PM

17—Teacher Work Day —  
No School for Students

20—Chess Club 3:30-4:45PM; Character Players 3:45-5:15PM; Building Corp. meeting 5:30-7:30PM

21—OM Parent Meeting 7-8PM

22—Finance Committee meeting 7-8AM; HS Curriculum meeting 5:30-7PM

# Timberwolf Howl

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## SMART JEANS DAY Supports Technology at Twin Peaks

A wonderful thank you to our PTO members for organizing students and supporting staff with SMART JEANS DAY. This first time fundraiser collected over \$950 to be used for SMART Board technology at Twin Peaks Charter Academy. Please be reminded that SMART JEANS DAY is the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of every month. Students & staff can wear jeans combined with a TPCA approved uniform shirt for only \$1.00. Thank you students and parents for supporting this fundraiser where all the monies go toward technology to support our teachers in the classroom.

BJ Buchmann  
Principal

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## Twin Peaks Earns Grant Award for Technology

Outstanding work and effort put forth by staff members Doug Bean, Debbie Owen, Tim Criger, Sandy Sandman & Danielle Feeny who teamed up last spring, 2010, and wrote a technologies grant to the Mobridge Family Foundation (MFF) for interactive whiteboards. Recently TPCA was notified and was awarded \$7500 from MFF and will need to contribute (10%) \$750 toward the grant for a grand total of \$8250. TPCA will yet be eligible for more funds for a sixth round since TPCA was not awarded our full requested amount. This exciting news brings extra grant income on the heels of the effort put forth by our PTO who are raising monies throughout the year through SMART JEANS DAY. Way to GO Staff & Parents! Together, each of you makes the difference toward the overall success at TPCA.

BJ Buchmann  
Principal

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and  
"Step Out In Style"  
with  
\*\*\*TPCA Logowear\*\*\*

Orders due in by September 10th  
Questions: [wiki.lynn@hotmail.com](mailto:wiki.lynn@hotmail.com)

Viki Kohler

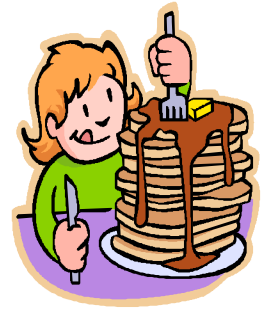
**TPCA Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**  
**Saturday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**8:00 a.m to 10:00 a.m.**  
**COST: \$7.00 per person**

Help send the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
to Washington DC!

To purchase tickets contact:  
Rechele McConathy

303-947-2534 or [mconathy@netzero.com](mailto:mconathy@netzero.com)

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**UNIFORM EXCHANGE**

The annual Uniform Exchange and Sale, held on August 12, raised \$1,247.50 for the TPCA Uniform Scholarship Fund. The Uniform Scholarship Fund assists families who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program with purchasing some uniform clothing. For more information, contact Amy Anderson. Approximately 115 families participated in the exchange and approximately 1,171 articles of clothing were exchanged or purchased at the event. Thank you to all the families who either donated clothes without needing anything in return or gave clothes to be exchanged. Thank you also to the great volunteers who helped run the event. We were fortunate this year to have help from several middle school students.

Colette Lottor

**Athletic Meeting**

Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30pm

Agenda:

1. Final preparation of high school sports offering (year 1)
2. 5 year sports development plan (facilities needs)
3. Presentation completed for Board Approval at 9/15 meeting

Everyone is invited to attend.

Kathy DeMatteo

If your student is NEW to TPCA and is a Middle Schooler, he or she is invited to a new student breakfast Sept. 16 at 8:00AM. This breakfast will be held in the school cafeteria. New middle school students will report directly to the cafeteria. Homemade cinnamon rolls will be served.

Lori West  
TPCA School Counselor



The Education Foundation was proud to coordinate the local Crayons to Calculators Backpack and School Supply Drive held in July and August. The event brought together large corporations, individual business owners, faith groups, civic service organizations, girl and boy scout troops, national honor society students, individuals from the community-at-large, and many others! This collaborative effort was an enormous success! Donations of both supplies and volunteer hours were generously given in support of Crayons to Calculators. Our local communities responded to the call to action and together we were able to provide **thousands** of filled backpacks to our children in need within the St. Vrain Valley School District.

Thank you for your involvement and support of our students! Lora K. Lawrence, Education Foundation Coordinator, [lawrence\\_lora@stvrain.k12.co.us](mailto:lawrence_lora@stvrain.k12.co.us), 720-652-8208.



STARS MENTORING is on its way! See Mrs. West for information. Check out <https://www.friendsfirst.org/> and if any parent would like to attend training on September 18<sup>th</sup>, let me know.

Sometimes as parents we often ourselves in discussions concerning grades, homework, and use of free time. If you need ideas visit <http://www.loveandlogic.com/search.aspx?persona=Parents>. This takes you straight to the "Find a Solution" page. Another good resource is <http://www.gesellinstitute.org/> if you ever had to ask yourself, "Is this behavior normal?" If you are still reading this information, consider yourself an informed TPCA parent. Please stop by the front office to claim a small prize for your effort and involvement.

As always, let me know if you have any questions or ideas.

Lori West  
TPCA School Counselor

## CHESS CLUB

\*\*\*\*Spots Still Available\*\*\*\*

beginning

September 13th

**"Every Chess Master Was Once A Beginner"**

Sign up now....Limited capacity

September 10th is the

Last Day To Turn in Your Forms

Questions: [wiki.lynn@hotmail.com](mailto:wiki.lynn@hotmail.com)

Viki Kohler

## Marketing Meeting

Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>  
from 9-11am

Bring your revisions and ideas! This will be a working meeting.

All are invited to attend

Kathy DeMatteo



### Administrators:

*BJ Buchmann, Principal*

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*Danielle Feeney, Asst. Principal*

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*Mic Finn, Dean of Students*

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## "Accountability Breeds RESPONSE-ability" Stephen R. Covey

The Accountability Committee met for the first time this school year to start the planning process for accountability measures for 10/11. The focus was on what to measure, what to publish, and how to communicate it effectively. Meetings will be held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday's of the month from 7am-8am in the library. If you want to understand the state of our CSAP scores and other ways we measure the success of TPCA, join us! We need your input and direction! The next meeting is 9/15 at 7am and breakfast will be provided!

**Darlene Brown**

Accountability Committee Chairman

[dbrown@svvcu.org](mailto:dbrown@svvcu.org)

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**IMPORTANT DATES\***

Registration ..... 8:30—3:30, August 4 and August 5 from 11:00—7:00  
 Late Registration, 8:30—3:30..... August 13  
 Orientation for New Middle School Students... 6-7-8 ... 10:00 – 12:00 ..... August 13  
 Drop-in Classroom Visitation 2-4 PM ..... August 13  
 Evening Back-to-School Classroom Orientation, 6PM or 7PM..... August 17  
 Students' First Day ..... August 18  
 Catch the Vision, 5:00PM (for new & interested parents)..... August 20  
 Back-to-School Family BBQ, 5:30PM..... August 20  
 Picture Day ..... September 24  
 Early Release (1:00 PM) & Mandatory Parent/Teacher Conferences..... October 21-22  
 Picture Retake Day ..... November 10  
 Early Release (1:00 PM) Professional Development Day..... November 12  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Education Trip..... November 15-19  
 Early Release (1:00 PM) Professional Development Day..... January 28  
 Early Release (1:00 PM) & Mandatory Parent/Teacher Conferences..... March 17-18  
 8th Grade Washington DC Trip ..... May 2-6  
 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast..... April 22  
 Teacher Appreciation Day..... May 3  
 Eighth Grade Graduation..... May 20  
 Kindergarten Graduation..... May 25  
 Students' Last Day Grades 1 – 7 (Early Release—dismissed at 1:00 PM)..... May 26

**Teacher Work/Professional Development Days** (no students)  
 Aug. 11-17, Sept. 17, Oct. 8 & 15, Dec. 17, Mar. 11, May 27

**PROGRESS & GRADE REPORTS**

First Quarter Progress Report ..... September 16  
 End of First Quarter/Report Cards ..... October 14/October 21 & 22  
 Second Quarter Progress Report ..... November 18  
 End of Second Quarter/Report Cards ..... December 16/Report cards mailed Jan 5  
 Third Quarter Progress Report ..... February 3  
 End of Third Quarter/Report Cards ..... March 10/Report cards out March 17 & 18  
 Fourth Quarter Progress Report ..... April 28  
 End of Fourth Quarter/Report Cards ..... May 26/Report cards mailed May 27

**AWARDS ASSEMBLIES**

1st Qtr.: Oct. 28; 2nd Qtr.: Jan. 13; 3rd Qtr.: Mar. 24; 4th Qtr.: May 19

**FRIDAY DRESS OF CHOICE DATES**

Aug. 27, Sept. 24, Oct. 29, Nov. 19, Dec. 16, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 25, Apr 29, May 26

**STUDENT COUNT & ASSESSMENT DATES**

Fall Benchmark Assessments..... August  
 Spring Benchmark Assessments ..... April/May  
 Student Count (Window: approx. Sept. 24-Oct. 8)..... October 1  
 CSAP testing 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading (Window) ..... February 22-March 4  
 CSAP testing (Window) ..... March 14-April 15

**SCHOOL CLOSED**

Labor Day ..... September 6  
 Thanksgiving Break..... November 22-26  
 Winter Break ..... December 20 - December 31  
 Martin Luther King Day..... January 17  
 Presidents' Day ..... February 21  
 Spring Break..... March 28 - April 1

**MUSIC PROGRAMS AND CONCERTS\***

M.S. Fall Band Concert, 7:00 PM ..... October 7  
 Character Players Performance, 7:00 PM..... October 18  
 Talent Show, 7:00 PM..... October 28  
 Theater Performance, 7:00 PM..... November 11  
 Holiday Choir Concert (5th-8th), 7:00 PM..... December 9  
 Holiday Band Concert (5th-8th), 7:00 PM..... December 14  
 Solo & Ensemble Festival, 6-8:00 PM..... February 24  
 3rd Grade Program, 6:30 PM..... March 10  
 4th Grade Program, 7:30 PM..... March 10  
 Theater Performance, 7:00 PM..... April 14  
 St. Vrain MS Band Festival (7th & 8th), Time TBA ..... April 20  
 1st Grade Program, 6:30 PM..... April 28  
 2nd Grade Program, 7:30 PM..... April 28  
 Kindergarten Program, 7:00 PM..... May 5  
 Band Concert (5th-8th), 7:00 PM..... May 12  
 Choir Concert (5th-8th), 7:00 PM..... May 19

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The **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM in the school library.

**\*See the Timberwolf Howl for changes and updates**

(Color Key: Salmon & Bright Green = no school; Orange = Quarter starts/ends; Yellow = staff work days; Lt. Blue = P/T conference days; diagonal dash = early release)