

Wheeling Elementary

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Welcome to Wheeling for the 2009-10 school year. We extend a special welcome to our new families, and welcome back our returning families. Our staff hopes you had a relaxing, restful summer, and eager to start the new year. We invite you to join us for our **Back To School Night on August 12 at 6:00pm**. You will have the opportunity to see our brand new gymnasium, learn about our progress on the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program, and meet the teachers.

Activities for the Month of August

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| August 12 | First Day of Kindergarten |
| August 12 | Back to School Night at 6:00pm |
| August 18 | PTO Meeting at 6:15pm |
| August 26 | School Accountability Meeting from 7:45am – 8:45am |
| August 28 | Fall Carnival |



Important Future Dates 2009-2010

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| September 7 | Labor Day-No School |
| September 10 | Literacy Night |
| September 18 | Picture Day |
| September 21 | K-5 Individual Literacy Plan – Early Release (Conferences 12:00 – 3:15pm) |
| September 28 | ILP Conferences from 3:15 – 6:30pm |
| September 29 | K-5 Individual Literacy Plan – Early Release |
| September 29 | PBS Assemblies |

Before/After School Care

We do have a new Before and After School Program that is run by the YMCA. You can stop by the office to pick up enrollment information, or contact Kim Schulz directly at 720-524-2734 if you have any questions.

CARNIVAL

We are pleased to announce that we will have a fall carnival this year. We encourage all families to participate in this fun event. It will be held on Friday, August 28. We will be looking for volunteers to help with this event, and will send out information in the next two weeks.

Student Drop Off/Pick Up

As we begin the school year, please be sure to review safety procedures with your students as they enter and leave the building each day. Pick up for students at the end of the day is along Alaska St. (north of the building). Please ask students to use the established crosswalks to ensure their safety. The front entrance is reserved for our buses only. C-Wing parking lot and the main parking lot along Alaska Place are closed for visitors from 7:30-8:00am and 2:00-2:30pm to allow for students to safely exit the buildings. Visitors may part there between 8:00am and 2:00pm. The main parking lot along Alaska Place, is also closed during school hours. The main parking lot has a new route for entrance and exits. Please follow the posted directional signs.

International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program Update

Wheeling is continuing the journey for authorization of IB-PYP. This has been a 3 year process, and we are pleased to inform our community that they have accepted our Application B, and the IB Organization will be sending an authorization team in October. We continue to implement the inquiry based program and invite you to look at our program of inquiry posted in the entrance of each building. We continue to integrate our PBS (Positive Behavior Support) program with the IB Learner Profile by acknowledging our students for demonstrating I ROCK behaviors. (Inquirers, Reflective, Open-Minded, Caring, and Knowledgeable) The other IB Profile characteristics include Risk-taker, Principled, Balanced, Thinker, and Communicator. Be sure to ask your student(s) what this looks like in their classroom.

PTO

One of the keys to a student's success at school is parent involvement. I encourage all parents to become actively involved in Wheeling in many ways. One of the ways you may choose to be involved is through our PTO (Parent-Teacher Organization). Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, August 18 at 6:15pm.

SAC

Another opportunity for involvement is through our SAC (School Accountability Committee). This committee becomes involved in our School Improvement Plan and other key issues around student achievement. This year we will alternate between morning and evening meetings. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, August 26 at 7:45-8:45am.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR UPCOMING WIDENING PROJECT

You are invited to an informational public meeting regarding the I-225, Mississippi Avenue to Colfax Avenue widening project. The meeting will be held at Wheeling, August 19th, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a formal presentation at 6 p.m. The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin the project in the spring of 2010 the meeting will provide information on the project and the improvements CDOT will make. CDOT personnel will be available to answer questions.

HAVE YOU WONDERED WHY YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING IMPORTANT MAIL FROM AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS ???

DID YOU HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS RECENTLY?

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES", THEN PLEASE VISIT ONE OF OUR SITES TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS.

Centralized Admissions
1250 S. Buckley Road., Suite L (Mississippi & Buckley)
7:30 am until 4:00 pm or
690 Peoria St., Suite F (6th & Peoria) 7:30 am until 4:00 pm

Please contact your student's local school to change your phone number.

**WHY SHOULD YOU UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS?
HERE ARE SOME GREAT REASONS ...**

- ✓ You will receive your student's report cards, newsletters and school mailings.
- ✓ It is very important for the schools to have the updated information on file to be able to contact you in case of an emergency.
- ✓ Receive FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS (Applications are mailed to your home address each year).
- ✓ Your correct address is needed for bus route information.

You can call 303-326-1986 ext 28825 or you may access the Aurora Public Schools Web Site at www.aps.k12.co.us and select "schools" then "bus schedules" to obtain information.

