

Parker Core Knowledge Charter School

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



Help for Haiti is on the way from the heart of Parker Core! Many of our students and parents have offered wonderful ideas and suggestions about how we as a school community can come together to help the people of Haiti in the aftermath of their devastating earthquake. I am always so touched by the spirit of compassion and generosity I see in the Core community. It is important for us to reach out and lend a hand to those in need, and when the desire and the ideas come from the students, it's even more important that we come along side and encourage them in their effort. They are beginning to understand that they can make a difference, whether it's here in Parker, Colorado or somewhere else in the world, and I love how they so readily give from their hearts.

One of our students, Ceegan C. (4th grade), was an early front runner in this effort. He has personal family ties to Haiti and, within a day or two following the earthquake, he had already organized a fundraiser with the PCKCS staff. He and his family are currently exploring other ways to help out. In the meantime, 6th grade students from our SOC (Serving Our Community) committee are ready to follow Ceegan's early lead and have organized several student-friendly fundraisers. They have already held a bake sale and found a company to match the funds they raised (Thank you to Tim Maestas' company, Ameriprise Financial Advisors, for their generously matching these funds) and, today, in Thursday folders, you will find a flyer advertising several additional ways students and families can get involved to help the people of Haiti. From donating loose change to an animal raffle and a special 'buy a dress down day' option, members of the SOC committee are ready to mobilize the PCKCS community. Be sure to check out their flyer in today's Thursday folder.



Finally, we just learned that the Douglas County Educational Foundation (DCEF) is sponsoring a district-wide effort to collect much needed first-aid supplies for Haiti. Each school will have a specially marked box where students may drop off donated supplies. The district will then organize the collection and shipment of these supplies to Haiti. For more information, including a list of needed supplies, click on the Home Page under Haiti Fundraisers.

In the midst of any tragedy there is hope, and this hope often comes in the form of another person or group reaching out to lend a hand. We don't do it because we have to; we do it because it is simply the right thing to do.

JANUARY

29th All School Dress Down Day

February

2nd Conferences sign ups available in lobby

9th/10th Parent/Teacher Conferences

1:00 dismissals

11th Valentine Parties

1:45 - 2:45

12th Teacher Comp Day

no school

15th Presidents' Day

no school

GENERAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



🍏 **Valentine Carnations** – Tell a friend or family member that they are special by sending them a Valentine carnation! See flyer included in Thursday folders. Additional order forms are available at the front desk and online. Deadline for ordering is Tuesday, Feb. 9th.

🍏 **BoxTop and Soup Label Contest Begins!** - We will be holding our BoxTop and Soup Label Contest the next three weeks. Again we will have weekly prizes for the class that brings in the most BoxTops and Soup Labels each week and an overall winner.



Week 1 Feb 1st - Doughnuts
Week 2 Feb 8th - Ice Cream Sandwiches
Week 3 Feb 15th - Cupcakes
Overall Winner - Dress Down Day and Cookies!



Please label the baggie with your teacher's name. Any BoxTops turned in since the last contest will count in week 1. We raised \$674 in the last contest! When we reach \$1000, the entire school will get a dress down day! Please go to the PTO link to see a list of participating items.

🍏 **Chess Club Starts** – Next Thursday, February 4th at 7 A.M. in the Art Room. Chess club is open to 1st – 8th grades. The fee is \$20 per member. Please call Jamie Lytle at 303-829-2041 with questions.



🍏 **CSAP Snacks Still Needed** - We welcome donations of individually wrapped snacks like cookies, fruit bars, chips, dried fruit, etc. If you can donate, please bring your snacks to the front office as soon as possible! Remember \$10 spent = 1 hour of volunteer time. Thank you for your generosity!!

🍏 **Homework Club** – If you are interested in having your student complete most or all of their homework at school before they come home, please email Johanna Harth at jharth@ckcs.net. Homework Club will run from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. from Monday to Thursday at a cost of \$10.00 per day.

Thank You

We the Martineaus would like to thank the staff, teachers, parents and children of PCKCS for their unbelievable support, thoughts and prayers in these difficult times for us. . . . we really appreciate your generosity. Your uplifting spirits have been rewarding in the fact that I am cancer free and have no need for chemo. A special thank you to our dear friend, Amber Hatcher, for orchestrating all of your delicious meals coming to our home, and sharing everyone's kind thoughts.

Brigitte Martineau