

Parker Core Knowledge Charter School

January 7, 2010



CHARACTER UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Students recognized this month for demonstrating one of the Core Character Virtues presented to date:

Generosity

Ryan Westback - 1
Adam Jaffer - 1
Emily Zeller - 2
Adam Sparks - 3
Erin Barker - 3
Scott Mansfield - 4
Rebecca Tuska - 4
Zachary Smith - 5
Melanie Rost - 6
Ethan Fitzrandolph - 6
Aubree Clark - 6
Kaylee Clark - 6

Service

Connor Dimmer - K
Colton Schannuth - 4
Braden Lennerts - 7

Positive Attitude

Andrew Painter - K
Addie Schannuth - 2
Sammy Maestas - 3
Laura Ton - 7

Responsibility

Lauren Moden - 7

Respect

Nicholas Dermer - 2
Garrett Nickel - 2

January Core Virtue
HONESTY

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break and are looking forward, as we are, to all that 2010 has to offer. The second half of our year is always a busy one, and here are just a few highlights:

- Second round of MAPS testing in late January
- **Parent-Teacher conferences** in early February
- Annual **Parent Survey**, also in February
- CSAPs and Spring Break in March
- Annual Dinner-Theatre production featuring Beauty & the Beast in April
- Final round of MAPS testing in late April/early May
- Field Day and 8th Grade Graduation in late May

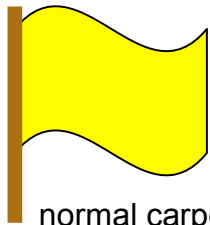
In between, we have all sorts of student activities, classroom assignments, assemblies, Parent Education Sessions, sporting events and classroom parties to round out our year. Are you tired yet? I hope not because there's still a lot for us to do between now and May 27th and we need 'all

hands on deck', sort to speak, to make it happen.

Thank you for your support during the first half of the year. I appreciate the level of volunteerism and the strong spirit of cooperation that I see daily as I interact with parents, students and staff. Spring will be here before we know it (although it's hard to believe given today's extremely low temps), so let's push ahead and make the second half just as strong as the first. I have no doubt that the **Core Team** will finish the year strong!

JANUARY		
7 th	Spelling Bee	2:00 P.M.
13 th	February Lunch Menu Due	
13 th	Geography Bee	2:10 PM
15 th	Middle School (only) Dress Down	
18 th	Martin Luther King Day	No School
29 th	5 th Grade Renaissance Festival	1:15 P.M.
29 th	All School Dress Down Day	

GENERAL SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS



Yellow Flag - PCKCS has purchased a bright yellow flag for carpool communication. If/when you see the yellow flag posted in the front of the school please note that this signals the following:

The yellow flag will be used when inclement weather has caused us to cancel normal carpool operations. If this happens during PM carpool, parents should park and come into the school to pick up their child/carpool for dismissal. Occasionally, carpool will need to be cancelled in the morning. If this happens, there WILL NOT be carpool workers outside helping unload students, and parents are encouraged to either drop off as usual, or park and walk their child into the school. Either option is acceptable.

If/when weather impacts our normal carpool operation, we will also send both voice and email messages to parents via Infinite Campus.

🍏 Core Virtue Friday - Tomorrow, to kick off the January Core Virtue, **HONESTY**, students may wear their Core Virtue t-shirts. It is NOT a dress down day, so t-shirts should be worn with uniform pants or skirts.

🍏 4th – 8th Spelling Bee – is 2:00 P.M. today. The contestants from each grade are as follows - 4th grade: Scott Mansfield and Abby Kassal, 5th grade: Quinn Smith and Shay Smith, 6th grade: Katie Kassal and Abby Hood, 7th grade: Janae Barrus and Rachel Pearson, 8th grade: Moira Dukes and Lisa Jordan.

The following runner-up students deserve recognition for also being excellent spellers: Ethan Sword, Colton Schannuth, Natalia Lopez, Matthew Ellison, Sara Saucedo, Savannah Born, Patrick Sparks, James Zanre, Ben Dooley and Chris Reese.

🍏 **6th – 8th Geography Bee** - will be held next Wednesday the 13th in the gym at 2:10 P.M. The finalists are: 6th grade: Patrick Sparks and Camilla Hallin, 7th grade: Janae Barrus, Noah Haberland, Thomas Jahde, and Austin Kennedy, 8th grade: Natalie Baker, Moira Dukes, Heather Kaley and Nick Williams.



🍏 **6th Grade Thanks Our 'Community'!** Sixth grade supported the Colorado Puppy Rescue for their service project last month. We would like to thank Parker Feed for their donation of 25 new pet collars and matching leashes, Petsmart for their donation of many items to create new owner 'doggy bags', the students who brought in pennies to offset the cost of puppy shots, Mrs. Carr for paper towels, and all the families who contributed to saving bundles of newspaper. We would also like to give a HUGE thank you to Mrs. Puckett for making this connection to serve this organization. It was a great service project!



🍏 **Art Room Needs** - Shoeboxes, acrylic craft paint, old photography or art calendars (especially of animals.) Thank you for your donations.

🍏 **CSAP Snacks Needed** - Testing is hard work! We like to provide snacks for as many students as we can during CSAP testing. 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!!

🍏 **A Gazebo for PCKCS** - Nate Higgins, a former PCKCS student and current Eagle Scout candidate with Troop 868, is looking for volunteers to help him construct a gazebo next to our field. He is hoping to begin this weekend, working every Saturday through February. Please contact him if you are interested in helping at 303-840-2751 or via email swhiggins@comcast.net. Middle and high school students who volunteer will receive community service hours.

🍏 **Homework Club – Spots are still available.** 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. Students can sign up one week ahead of time or the same day until a maximum of 12 students is reached. Homework Club will be supervised by teachers.

The **Study Skills** class is now full. Information will be forthcoming regarding this class.

🍏 **District Open Enrollment Period** – PCKCS 6th grade students who wish to make a change and attend a district middle school must complete the district open enrollment process by January 15th. This also applies to PCKCS 5th grade students who wish to attend Sagewood or Cimarron Middle Schools for the 10/11 school year. If you are open enrolling your child at another middle school, please contact our Registrar, Mrs. Heintz, ASAP.

Thank You

To the Evert family for hot chocolate to warm up the carpool workers Wednesday afternoon. THANK YOU!

