

Altura Elementary School - Wildcat News
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October/November/December 2008

Mary Ann Maddy, Principal

New classes:

- ◆ Moms, Dads, and Tots, Wednesdays, 3:30-4:00
- ◆ ABC's Parenting Classes, Fridays, 9:30-11:30
- ◆ America on the Move, Tue/Fri or Wed/Fri, 6:00-7:00
- ◆ Nutrition/Computer Class for Parents,
November 3,10,17,24 - 5:00-7:00 pm

Calendar:

- Nov 3 Nutrition/Computer Class for Parents
5:00-7:00 pm
- Nov 4 Election Day
- Nov 4 America on the Move - 6:00-7:00
- Nov 5 Moms, Dads and Tots - 3:30-4:00
- Nov 6 Parent Workshop – 6:30-7:30
- Nov 7 ABC's Parenting Class - 9:30-11:30
- Nov 7 America on the Move - 6:00-7:00
- Nov 10 Nutrition/Computer Class for Parents
5:00-7:00 pm
- Nov 11 PTO Meeting – 6:30-7:30 pm
- Nov 12 Moms, Dads and Tots - 3:30-4:00
- Nov 12 America on the Move - 6:00-7:00
- Nov 13 **Literacy Night - Everyone Welcome!**
5:30-7:30 pm
- Nov 14 ABC's Parenting Class - 9:30-11:30
- Nov 14 America on the Move - 6:00-7:00
- Nov 17 Nutrition/Computer Class for Parents
5:00-7:00 pm
- Nov 18 Make-up Picture Day!
- Nov 18 Neighborhood Watch Mtg - 7:00-9 pm
- Nov 19 Moms, Dads and Tots - 3:30-4:00
- Nov 20 Parent Workshop – 6:30-7:30 pm
- Nov 21 ABC's Parenting Class, 9:30-11:30
- Nov 24 Skate City – 5:30-8:30 pm
- Nov 25 Parents' Coffee - 6:30-7:30 pm
- Nov 26-28 **NO SCHOOL–Thanksgiving Break**
- Dec 2 America on the Move - 6:00-7:00
- Dec 3 Moms, Dads and Tots - 3:30-4:30
- Dec 5 ABC's Parenting Class - 9:30-11:30
- Dec 5 America on the Move - 6:00-7:00
- Dec 9 PTO Meeting – 6:30-7:30
- Dec 10 Moms, Dads and Tots - 3:30-4:00
- Dec 10 America on the Move - 6:00-7:00
- Dec 12 America on the Move - 6:00-7:00
- Dec 16 Parents' Coffee - 9:45-10:45
- Dec 17 Moms, Dads and Tots - 3:30-4:00
- Dec 18 Last Day of Quarter 2
- Dec 19 **NO SCHOOL–Teacher Workday**

Dec 22-Jan 2

NO SCHOOL–Winter Break

Character Trait for November is: “HONESTY”

Character Trait for December is: “ACCEPTANCE”

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents, It is extremely important that your students do not arrive at school before 9:10 a.m. unless they are in the YMCA before school care or another school sponsored activity. Our supervisors are on the playground and in the cafeteria at 9:10. If students arrive early, they may be in an unsupervised situation where we cannot guarantee their safety. Please help us care for your children by not letting them come early.

This year at Altura Elementary we are focusing on a different character trait each month. These are traits that we believe will help your children be better students and community members now and as they grow to be adults. We talk about what each trait means and give examples of behavior each morning during the announcements. You might want to talk about these important character traits with your child at home. These are definitely qualities that will help our students be successful in life:

August	Respect
September	Responsibility
October	Compassion
November	Honesty
December	Acceptance
January	Self-discipline
February	Perseverance
March	Generosity
April	Friendship
May	Cooperation

Also, I want to remind you about the uniforms. (Don't you think the kids look great?!) It is beginning to be colder out, and students will soon be wearing sweaters and sweatshirts in class. These need to be in the same colors as shirts and blouses: white, light blue, navy blue, or black. Jackets and coats that are taken off in the building can be any color or design.

Thank you for helping us to make this a great school year. Watch for family activities and other ways you can be involved. We love having you participate!

Sincerely, Mary Ann Maddy, Principal

Introduction and Welcome to Mrs. Judy Yates

Mrs. Yates came to Altura this year with a wealth of knowledge and experience. We welcome her as our new TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment) in the administrative office. She works effectively with your students and she is a wonderful addition to Altura! ☺

Read to Achieve

The Read to Achieve program is a federally funded program geared toward 1st and 2nd grade students. Students were chosen based on reading scores. Classes began September 16 and meet daily (before school and during the school morning). We have had a very good start and Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Bradley really enjoy working with and supporting students in reading.

Altura's Carnival

The PTO held our school carnival on September 13. Thanks to everyone who came and participated and to everyone who helped out. It was a terrific success!

PTO Corner

PTO supports students at Altura in a variety of ways. Last year, the PTO purchased books for the library, funded field trips and assemblies, and many other events. We are continuing to support Altura students. The fundraiser which began September 29 is for raising money so that we can continue providing these opportunities for our students. Please support and help with the fundraiser in any way that you can. Thank you.

APS Bond Proposal

In November, district voters will have the chance to vote on two ballot measures to fund programs in Aurora Public Schools. *Ballot Question 3A*, a \$14.7 million mill levy, would fund educational programs, full-day kindergarten, technology applications and efforts to attract and retain highly qualified staff. *Ballot Question 3B*, a \$215 million bond program, would focus on safety and security improvements, remodels and renovations at older schools, a new high school and P-8 school, and technology projects. District voters will decide on the bond and mill levy measures on November 4. To participate in the election, citizens must register to vote by October 6. To learn more about these proposals, go to the district Web site, www.aps.k12.co.us/bond.

Instructional Materials Adoption Display

Books and materials in the K-12 Music area are being considered for adoption by the APS School Board. They

will be on display for public inspection from October 6-17. The display will be located at the Division of Instruction, Educational Services Center, Bldg 2, 15751 E. First Ave., 7:30-4:30.

Important Info Re: Local Sexual Predators

By state and federal laws, sexual predators are free to live in any residential area without restriction. Local law enforcement agencies maintain a database on where registered predators live. This data base is free and available to anyone who has internet access. Local law agencies are required to provide community notification only when a sexually violent predator moves into their community. If you are interested in researching sexual offenders in your neighborhood, the following internet links will provide you this information:

<http://gis.auroragov.org/so/viewer.asp>

<http://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Apps/SexOffender/Default.aspx>

<http://www.sor.state.co.us>

We hope you find this information helpful. Additional information on this subject can be obtained from your local law enforcement agency or through the Aurora Public Schools Risk Management and Security Dept at (303)365-7816.