

**Altura Elementary School - Wildcat News**  
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**January/February 2009**

**Mary Ann Maddy, Principal**

**Classes:**

- ◆ Moms, Dads, and Tots - 3:30-4:00 pm - Media Center  
Jan 14, 21, 28 and Feb 4, 11, 18
- ◆ America on the Move - 6:00-7:00 pm - Gym  
Jan 12, 16, 20, 23, 28, 30

**Calendar:**

- Jan 6 PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Jan 8 Parent Workshop, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Jan 9 Awards Assembly – AM
- Jan 9 Report Cards go home with students
- Jan 13-15 Parent Conferences, 4:30-7:30 pm
- Jan 19 Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Jan 20 Neighborhood Watch Mtg, 7:00-9 pm
- Jan 21 Skate City – 6:00-8 pm
- Jan 22 Group Picture Day!!
- Jan 27 Accountability Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Jan 29 Parent Workshop, “CSAP – How to Help Your Child Prepare” Rm M2, 6:30-7:30
  
- Jan 31 “Educating a Rainbow of Children” Conference, Gateway High School, 7:30-5:00
  
- Feb 4 Readers are Leaders
- Feb 5 **NO SCHOOL** – Teacher Inservice
- Feb 6 **NO SCHOOL** – No students/teachers
- Feb 10 PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Feb 16 Holiday – Presidents’ Day
- Feb 17 Neighborhood Watch Mtg – 7:00-9 pm
- Feb 19 Parent Workshop, 6:30 pm

**Character Trait for January is: “SELF-DISCIPLINE”**  
**Character Trait for February is: “PERSEVERANCE”**

**Letter from the Principal**

*Dear Parents/Guardians,*

*I hope that you had a good Winter Break and were able to enjoy family and friends. We are now back in full swing and working to help your students be successful learners and citizens.*

*To measure our academic success, we will be administering the state tests in reading, writing, and math (5<sup>th</sup> grade also has science) during the months of February and March. You can really support your students by helping them to be learners now. Having a time and place to do homework and to talk with you about what they have learned really helps children know that learning is important and valued. There will be a parent workshop giving you tips on helping your students prepare. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. on January 29. If you have a third,*

*fourth, or fifth grader, this is a good workshop to attend.*

*As we work on being good citizens, we are focusing on one character trait each month. In January we are talking about what it means to have self-discipline and some of the situations where self-discipline is needed. We have talked about the discipline it takes to complete homework and do one’s best, about not reacting in anger to situations, and about keeping our environment physically and emotionally safe.*

*In February we will focus on perseverance and how “stick-to-it-iveness” is important for success.*

*Thank you for supporting Altura as we work to help your students grow to be knowledgeable and well-rounded adults.*

*Sincerely, Mary Ann Maddy/Principal*

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**Ms. Heerdt’s 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class** raised \$19.30 for a pajama charity program. They were able to purchase a pair of pajamas and a Cat in the Hat book for a little boy that is in foster care. We are so proud of this class!

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**Part-time jobs** are available in Altura’s cafeteria. The hours are 12-2:00 pm, Monday-Friday, hourly rate is approximately \$8.00. Contact our cafeteria manager Cindy Robson for further info, 303-340-3500.

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**2009 Community Update Now Available** Each year, we share school and district performance updates based on Colorado Accreditation Rules and the *No Child Left Behind Act*. Please visit [www.aps.k12.co.us/update/](http://www.aps.k12.co.us/update/) to see our goals, objectives and plans for improvement. You will also find:

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- assessment data including school and district CSAP results,
- accountability data including school and district Adequate Yearly Progress ratings,
- teacher quality data including percentages of highly qualified staff
- college readiness data including graduation rates and ACT results
- other data including evidence of safe and civil schools

If you would like printed versions of this information, please call 303-365-7805. The Colorado Department of Education has also posted school and district Assessment Data, Accountability Data, and Post-Secondary Readiness Data on the state’s Web site at <http://www.cde.state.co.us/districtprofiles.asp>.