



WCA NEWSBRIEF



March 2008

Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you can see by our current display of fencing and construction equipment, we are officially off and running with our last and final phase of construction here at Windsor Charter Academy. Our Ground Breaking Ceremony that was held this past Tuesday February 26th, 2008 was a huge success! We are all excited about our upcoming expansion of a cafeteria, gym, band and choir rooms, 8 additional classrooms, and the remodel of our office area! Construction will obviously pose some challenges, such as; noise, loss of part of our recess area, loss of parking spaces, and students having to adjust to different routines. We all kindly ask that you be patient and understanding as we go through this process. Because our construction will likely go into September/October of 2008, the Board of Director's has approved the 2008-2009 school year calendar with some distinct differences as compared to Weld RE4-Windsor School District's. Most notably our students will not start the 2008-2009 school year until Tuesday September 2nd, 2008 and finish on Friday May 29th, 2009. This was done in consideration for student safety and trying to allow McCauley Constructors Inc. as much time as possible to ensure the completion of this very large project. Please note that we have attached a copy of next year's calendar in this Newsletter!

On a positive note, our third grade students have completed their Reading CSAP assessments this month and I know that they gave it their all! I am so proud of how they have all stepped up and tried their best! I wanted to remind all of you that the official CSAP assessment dates for 3rd through 8th graders are as follows; Tuesday March 11th, 2008, Wednesday March 12th, 2008, Thursday March 13th, 2008, Tuesday March 18th, 2008, Wednesday March 19th, 2008 and Thursday March 20th, 2008. Please help us support your son/daughter's best efforts through encouragement, a good night's sleep every evening, and health breakfasts and dinners! We will be holding a CSAP Kick Off Assembly on Friday March 7th, 2008 at 2:30pm. This assembly is to encourage our students to do their best and to let them know that we appreciate each and every one of them!

~ Sincerely, Tracy Stanford, Principal



A Festival of Music

On Thursday, March 6th, WCA will be celebrating *Music in our Schools* month by have a special assembly featuring the elementary band, elementary choir, middle school band and the cast from *Seussical Junior*. Our assembly begins at 2:30 in WCA's gym. Parents and family members are welcome to attend!

Attention Parents!!!

The annual Parent Survey is available on the WCA web site: www.wcacad.org. Please complete the survey by March 31, 2008. If you do not have Internet access, stop by the office and pick up a paper copy. Thank you for your participation as we try to make WCA the best it can be!

~Accountability Committee

Board Chat

We held the official Ground Breaking ceremony for the new additions on Tuesday Feb. 26th, and it was great! Our contractor, McCauley Constructors, gave yellow, simulated hard hats to every student as a memento of the occasion. We had big construction equipment on site as a backdrop, and we took lots of great pictures. We took three photos of every single class and cycled every kid thru the front row holding a shovel, so they were all part of the groundbreaking experience. We also had a whole school photo with the kids tossing their hats in the air. The Windsor Beacon and Greeley Tribune both covered the event from start to finish. It was truly a fun event.

Thanks to the excellent work of the coordinators (PR Committee) and our volunteer photographers (Rob and Nancy Lindholm).

So, the construction period now begins. There will be inconveniences along the way and changes in plans, so we all need to be patient, roll with the punches and get through it.

Change #1: Previously, we were going to do temporary parking across the street on our new future parking lot. But, we've decided to steal dirt from there for topsoil fill around the new gym, so we can't park on that lot. Plus, doing that saves us over \$30,000! Therefore, staff and visitors need to park in our existing parking lot (it has been re-striped) and then in the church parking lot next door.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND that we still can't cross Academy in the middle of the street. Do not park on the south side of Academy and walk over to get your kids. Traffic is just too busy at pick-up and drop-off to have people in the street.

We'll do our best to keep everyone informed on the project's progress.

Dress Code

The Dress Code review committee is making good progress and will have another round of meetings on March 6th at 3:30 or 6:00 (same meeting, two times). The first round produced lots of comments, and those have been distilled into a new draft code. Everyone is invited to attend and hear the draft results.

~Chris Ruff, Board Chairman

Ditch Your Teen!

It is a game night for middle school students **ONLY!**- **Gym Games:** dodge ball, scooters, tag games/ **PG Movies & Game Room:** cards, board games, talking & hanging out. Cost is \$3- includes 2 slices of pizza, soda, and snacks. Saturday, March 8th from 6-8pm!

**SPRING BREAK March 24—28
NO SCHOOL**

Student Council News!



Student Council is sponsoring another "Free Jeans Day."

celebrate St. Paddy's Day, March 17, by wearing your nice jeans with a green and/or white shirt or a white uniform shirt. If you do not have a green and/or white shirt, a uniform shirt must be worn.

Student Council would like to thank all of those who participated in spreading love by purchasing flowers and candy for Valentine's Day. The student's looked great in their red, white and pink!



**Dear Students, Staff,
Parents and Friends of
WCA,**

I have been motivated to start a plastic water bottle recycling program for community service. I have put a large trash bin in the lunchroom and have some information posted on it about recycling. Once or twice a week, I will take the plastic water bottles to the recycling center.

I believe that we can make a difference for our earth: Did you know that more than 60 million water bottles a day are thrown into our landfills? That's over 1,000 years for each individual water bottle to biodegrade! Also, more than 1.5 million barrels of oil a year are needed to make the water bottles. That's enough oil to produce electricity for about 250,000 homes a year, or fuel for 100,000 cars! As you can see, we need to start thinking about what we are doing to our lovely planet earth!

I believe with education and effort, we all can make a difference. Join me in recycling our water bottles.

~Madison Polansky
7th grade student

**Parent/Teacher Conferences March 14th.
Student dismissal @ 11:30 a.m.**



Buy a T-Shirt and Save the Rainforest and Coral Reefs!

Miss Meyer's 3rd grade class is working on a rainforest Adopt and Acre campaign in partnership with Earth Foundation and The Nature Conservancy to save the endangered rainforest of the Osa Peninsula in Costa Rica. For every ten t-shirts they sell, one acre of the rainforest will be preserved and will help protect the plants and animals of the rainforest.

The students have brochures filled with lots of cool and exciting t-shirts. Members of the class will be selling these environmental t-shirts for \$14.00 on March 5th, 6th, and 7th before and after school. We need your support to help better our world!



TRACK PRACTICE begins March 10th. If you are interested in participating, contact Coach Duvall

REMINDER! Middle School Community Service sheets are due in the office on March 7th. Grade 6 needs to complete 10 hours of community service; grade 7 needs 15 hours and grade 8 needs 20 hours.

Lost & Found will be donated to charity during Spring Break!

CSAP Assessments

Students in Grades 3-8 will be participating in the CSAP exams; March 11, 12 & 13; March 18, 19 & 20; 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Please have your student/s get plenty of rest and eat a protein-filled breakfast each morning to help aid in their performance. We will be having a CSAP Kick-off assembly March 7th at 2:30 p.m. in the WCA gymnasium. **Mrs. Stanford is asking for parent volunteers each morning of the tests to help put together snacks and refreshments for the students. If you can spare time from 7—7:30 a.m., contact the school office at 674-5020.**

We Need Parent Support and Commitment to Help!

- Lunchroom: Any help is appreciated!
- CSAP “Snack Patrol” March 11, 12 & 13; March 18, 19 & 20 @ 7a.m. for 1/2 hour.
- Library: Help Mrs. Sommerfeld with putting books away.
- Homework Club 3:40-4:30 p.m. March 18th; April 1st & 15th; May 6th & 20th.

Spring Pictures Friday March 7th



All students will be allowed to wear their “best” clothes this Friday, March 7th. Examples: girls may wear a dress or slacks with a nice blouse; boys may wear a nice pair of slacks with dress-up shirt (tie optional). There will be **NO JEANS** allowed on Friday, March 7th! Students may wear their best clothes all day. If students do not have “dress-up” clothes, they are required to wear their WCA uniform. All students will be photographed on Friday. Remember, no payment or payment envelope is needed on this day. Proofs will be sent home approximately 2 weeks after pictures. **IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN PURCHASING YOUR SPRING PICTURES**, simply return your proofs and payment to the school office. We will then pass the orders along to Studio 5 Portraits. **ANY STUDENTS WEARING JEANS ON FRIDAY, MARCH 7TH** will be required to call home for a change of clothes. **FREE JEANS DAY** is March 17th!