



Paw Prints

Grant Ranch School
5400 S. Jay Circle
Denver, CO 80123

Office
(720) 424-6880

Attendance
(720) 424-6961

March 2017

GRANT RANCH SCHOOL ECE-8



About Paw Prints 2016-2017

These publications are available online @
http://grantranch.dpsk12.org/?page_id=432
Grant Ranch Webpage - <http://grantranch.dpsk12.org>



Paw Prints is a monthly newsletter for Grant Ranch School. This is an important communication link for parents and includes important happenings at our school.

You can read, download, and print this newsletter monthly on the Grant Ranch Webpage.

<http://grantranch.dpsk12.org>

 **clubUSA fitness** *your family destination*



0 Down
4 Months FREE
303-979-7772

5066 S Wadsworth Littleton 80123
Some restrictions apply

Family Medicine



Excellent service. Every patient.
Every time.

Your trusted family medicine physicians to care for the whole family.



We put your health first

Meet your care team at nwphysicians.com

17 Denver metro area locations | (303) 763-4900 

Check out our school's new webpage!
<https://grantranch.dpsk12.org>

Upcoming Dates

- March 2 – Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30 – 7:30 pm
- March 6 – PTO/FACE Committee Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- March 9 – Grant Ranch Showcase Night 5:00 – 7:00 pm
- March 14 – April 21 – PARCC/CMAS Testing
- March 27- 31 – Spring Break – No School



COMING THIS SUMMER TO LITTLETON...

SAFER SWIMMERS START IN THE LAB.

Opening soon! A visionary new way to get kids swimming safer, faster.

SwimLabs Swim School is coming to your area soon. See how fast we get kids swimming the right way with lots of fun and no fear.

CALL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT & MENTION THIS AD TO RECEIVE WAIVED REGISTRATION!

720.699.0001
 CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR LESSONS OFFERED FOR KIDS OR ADULTS



Swim School. KIDS | COMPETITIVE | TRIATHLETE



GOLD CROWN
FOUNDATION

2017 Summer Camps!
* Basketball * STEAM *
* Volleyball *
June - July
Gold Crown Field House

Imagination!

Skill stations!
Contests & Fun!

To register, visit
GoldCrownFoundation.com

PARCC/CMAS Testing

Dear Grant Ranch parents,

This Spring, your child will participate in the **Colorado Measure of Academic Success (CMAS)** English Language Arts and Math Assessments as well as Science (5th and 8th grade). These new assessments will provide our teachers, students and their families with a clear and accurate picture about how students are performing on high academic standards and key skills needed for success.

The testing window for Grant Ranch School will open on **Tuesday, March 14th** and will close on **Friday, April 21st**.

Because CMAS measures critical skills not measured by previous assessments, it is crucial for your child to take this assessment in order to have accurate information regarding his/her readiness for College and mastery of academic standards. As well, the results that this assessment provides will allow the school leadership and staff to identify professional development for teachers to ensure that every student receives rigorous, joyful and personalized instruction every day. If for any reason you wish to opt your child out of testing, the deadline to do so is Thursday, March 9th at 03:00pm. Please go to the DPS Parent Portal website and under *Parent Resources* please find the *Assessment Parent Opt Out* form. Once you have filled the form out, please return it to Mr. Roadruck in the main office.

Thank you for your support as we work to prepare all our students to be ready for college and careers in the 21st century. The new academic standards and these new assessments are key steps on our journey to ensure our students have the necessary tools to succeed in life.

Thank you for your support.

Rick Roadruck, Assistant Principal



Colorado Watersports
Day Camp at Chatfield Reservoir!

Get outside and on the Water this summer with Colorado Watersports!
HAVE FUN!

Sailing * Kayaking * SUPing

Kids ages: 5-15 May 30th-Aug 18th
Mon-Fri: 9am-4pm
(Early drop off and late pickup available)
(303) 697-7433
info@coloradowatersports.com
www.coloradowatersports.com

CLICK IT

Click on the
Ads in this
Newsletter



...to learn more about
these great companies!

Showcase Night – Thursday, March 9 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Please join us for an evening of food and fun! All classrooms will be open, and teachers will be showcasing student work!



**BE THE
M-V-PARENTS OF
SPRING BREAK.**

Start planning your ultimate family
adventure at KeystoneResort.com



Kids ages 12 and under ski free when you book 2 nights or more through Keystone Hospitality.

THE CITY OF DENVER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS & THE DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY ARE HIRING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS

WANT TO SUPPLEMENT YOUR INCOME FOR JUST A FEW HOURS A WEEK?

School Crossing Guards help school children cross the street safely. School

Crossing Guards are required to be dependable and able to work outside during adverse weather. This position offers Ten (10) hours per week, \$12.00 per hour. Crossing Guards will be asked to work mornings and afternoons (hours will depend on assigned school start and dismissal times): \$240.00 (before taxes) every 2 weeks.

Qualifications include:


- Must be eighteen (18) years of age
- Responsible
- Trustworthy
- Dependable

SPECIAL NOTES:

As a condition of employment, all candidates must pass a thorough criminal

background check. This is also a great opportunities for internal paraprofessionals to bring weekly hours to 40.

Applications are accepted online @ <http://careers.dpsk12.org/>



**PROPP REALTY
MANAGEMENT LLC**

Locally Owned & Operated!
Serving the JeffCo Community Over 35 Years!
Offering Leasing in 11 Buildings!

Propp Realty Management LLC
12600 W. Colfax Avenue
Suite B-130
Lakewood, CO 80215
www.propprealty.com
(303) 233-4000

SUPPORT JEFFCO SCHOOLS!

Advertise Your Business In Jeffco School Newsletters and 50% of all Ad Dollars are Donated Back to the Schools!



The School Communications Agency

ASK ABOUT OUR NEW CLIENT DISCOUNT!

Contact:

Cynthia Hall (720) 771-6131
Cynthia@tscaschools.com

Preparing your child for PARCC/CMAS

Parents should know whether or not their children are gaining the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in today's complex world. Our state's new testing systems, called Colorado Measures of Academic Success and Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for college & career, provide an academic checkup and helps teachers and parents know whether students are on track to be college and career ready.



CMAS are the new state tests in English language arts, math, science and social studies that are given to all Colorado students in grades 3-12. The tests are aligned to the shared expectations for what students across Colorado should know and be able to do. These expectations are known as the Colorado Academic Standards, and they emphasize critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, collaboration and communication as important life skills in the 21st century.

Your child's teacher is bringing the Colorado Academic Standards to life every day through curriculum that is developed by your school. Because the tests are aligned to the standards, your child is preparing for these tests during his or regular instruction. There is no need for additional study. Your child should get a good night's sleep and arrive to school on time the day of the test. You and your child can become familiar with the test by taking an online practice test at

Practice Tests –

<http://parcc.pearson.com/practice-tests/>

continued...

Safesplash
SWIM SCHOOL

Just add
Water!

Littleton
(24Hour Fitness)
Lakewood
(Scuba Center)

Register Today for a **FREE** Lesson!

www.safesplash.com 303-799-1885

CASH FOR KIDS' STUFF

KID to KID

ITEMS KID TO KID BUYS
BUYS & SELLS:

- TOYS
- MATERNITY
- CLOTHES
- BABY GEAR
- FURNITURE

8601 W. CROSS DRIVE STE A-7 in LITTLETON • 303-933-2213

Preparing your child for PARCC/CMAS, *continued...*

Helping to prepare your child for testing:

Consider the following tips on preparing your child below:

The night before:

- Help your child get to bed on time. Research shows that being well rested help students do better.
- Mention the test to show you're interested, but don't dwell on it.

The morning of the test:

- Get up early to avoid rushing. Be sure to have your child at school on time.
- Have your child eat a good breakfast but not a heavy one. Research shows that students do better if they have breakfast before they take tests.
- Be positive about the test. Acknowledge that tests can be hard and that they're designed so that no one will know all of the answers. Explain that doing your best is what counts.

After the test:

- Talk to your child about his or her feelings about the test, making sure you acknowledge the effort such a task requires.
- Explain that performance on a test is not a condition for you to love your child. You love your child just for the person he or she is.



KidstoothDoc

Our Pediatric Dentists and staff look forward to your visit at our kid-friendly office!

Call today for an appointment!

303.974.5868

kidstoothdoc.com
5168 South Broadway
Englewood

Serving the South Metro Area
We welcome most insurance
including Medicaid & CHP!

FREE exam for kids under three!

FREE spin-brush with first exam and cleaning!

NOW ENROLLING!

Educational Summer Camp & After school.

Totally cool.

Ages 5-12

Explorers CLUB

The Primrose School of Ken Caryl

SUPPORT JEFFCO SCHOOLS!

Advertise Your Business In Jeffco School Newsletters and 50% of all Ad Dollars are Donated Back to the Schools!



The School Communications Agency

ASK ABOUT OUR NEW CLIENT DISCOUNT!

Contact:

Cynthia Hall (720) 771-6131
Cynthia@tscaschools.com

4th-8th Grade Students: Breaking Barriers Essay Contest

Write & Win Prizes!! Laptops & a trip to the 2017 World Series are possible prizes!!!!

Each year, April 15th marks the anniversary of Jackie Robinson breaking the color barrier in 1947. Honoring this important event, the “Breaking Barriers Essay Contest” is a chance for students across the country to share their personal stories & how they have displayed Jackie Robinson’s nine values – citizenship, commitment, courage, determination, excellence, integrity, justice, persistence, & teamwork.

****Essays need to be submitted by March 14th. See Mrs. Eikenbary or Mrs. Shields or Ms. Smith for more information.**



Come Play in the Alley!
April 1-29
Saturdays at 11 & 1
Weekdays By Request

Peter and the Wolf

For Tickets & Information
BOX OFFICE: 303-935-3044

After-School Classes & Summer Workshops Available
CLICK HERE to sign up!

COLORADO RUSH SOCCER CLUB **SPRING DEVELOPMENTAL PROGRAMS** **2017**

AGES: 4-18
 SEASON: March - May
 REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 7TH
 20% OFF FOR NEW MEMBERS

QUESTIONS:
 Mark Hiemenz
 303.986.5200

MORE RUSH PROGRAMS:
 Mighty Mites & Turbo Tots
 School of Excellence

Register at coloradorush.com

- Practices are 1-2 times per week
- 8 games per season
- Teams formed based on age, gender, location