



The Village at Ames

December 2017 Family Newsletter

Important Phone Numbers To Keep:

Attendance
Line
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Preschool Office
(Tracey Hansen) -
303-347-4419

Health Assistant
(Sheryl
Schwiethale) -
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Ames Office
(Shelly Cox) -
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Upcoming Dates

- Dec 4, Monday – Garlic Knot Night for The Village at Ames @ 4:30 pm
- Dec 5, Tuesday – Ames Family Partnership meeting @ 6:30 pm
- Dec 21, Thursday – Last Day for Students & Staff Before Winter Break
- Dec 22, Friday – Jan 8, Monday – Winter Break; NO SCHOOL
- Jan 8, Monday – Teacher In-Service; NO SCHOOL
- Jan 9, Tuesday – **Classes Resume**
- Jan 15, Monday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; NO SCHOOL
- Jan 18, Thurs – New Parent Info Night for 2018/19 School Year @ 6:30 pm
- Jan 22–26, Mon-Fri – 2018/19 Returning Family Preschool Registration
- Jan 29 & 30, Monday/Tuesday – 2018/19 New Family Registration

2018/2019 Preschool Information Night – January 18th

There will be a “Parent Information Night” for new, incoming Preschool parents on Thursday, January 18th, at 6:30 p.m., in the Ames gym. Please be sure to tell your friends and neighbors.

This is a very informative meeting where parents can receive information about our preschool, ask questions, and hear about the program and what a day looks like as a preschooler. (Childcare is not provided.)

Preschool Registration for RETURNING Families for 2018/19

The 2018/2019 school year preschool registration forms will be available beginning the week of January 22nd.

Our current families will be able to submit their registration request forms between **Monday, 1/22 – Friday, 1/26**. Registration for new families will begin January 29th, so current families will want to secure their child’s spot before January 29th.





A big "THANK YOU!" to our families and the Ames Family Partnership group for arranging and providing an amazing lunch for the teachers during conferences! The entire staff was touched by the incredible turn out of support, and the food was delicious!



Join Us for Dinner at the Garlic Knot The Village at Ames Earns 25%!

Please mark your calendars and join us for dinner at The Garlic Knot's Arapahoe Rd. location on Monday, **December 4th from 4:30 pm until close!**

25% of all participating sales will come back to the Village at Ames! **Dine In, Take Out or Delivery.** This is a great way to support the school and meet other Ames families. Invite your friends, family and neighbors to participate -- just remember to let your server know you are supporting the Village at Ames!

The Garlic Knot - University Hills
5120 Arapahoe Road, C-2
Centennial, CO 80122



*Last chance to order
Scholastic books before
Winter Break!
Order forms went home
this week and orders
are due Wednesday,
Dec. 6th!*



*If you have questions
or would like the orders
to be a "surprise",
please contact
Mrs. Loncharich at
sloncharich@ps.k12.c*

Ames Annual Winter Wear Drive



A huge Thank You to our families and friends who supported our Annual Winter Wear Drive ~ Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!



Curriculum News...

- Help your child develop small-muscle strength and coordination by offering materials such as play dough, clothespins, beads and string, and LEGO pieces.
- Tell your child what you are doing when you write, e.g., “I’m making a shopping list so I can remember what to get at the store.”
- Have a box or another place in which your child can keep writing and drawing supplies.
- When your child tells you stories, write them down and read them back.
- Together, make your child’s name and words with magnetic or other toy letters.
- Bring writing supplies when you travel, such as paper and pencils, a magnetic drawing board, or a magic slate.
- Outdoors, write letters in dirt or sand by using sticks or fingers, use chalk on the sidewalk, or shaving cream in the bathtub!



The Importance of Reading for Preschool-aged Children

Reading is an important skill to develop in your child, and as a parent or caregiver, reading books with your child is one of the most important things you can do to support their future academic success. Other benefits of reading to your child include:

- Academic excellence: exposing your child to reading early increases their knowledge and higher aptitude for learning.
- Language skills: when your child listens to you read, they are learning language and enunciation skills.
- Learning how to read: you are teaching your child that text is read from left to right, words are separated by spaces, and images are separate from words on a page. Your child is learning pre-reading skills that will benefit them in the future.
- Communication skills: your child gains valuable communication skills that allow them to express themselves.
- Logical thinking skills: reading increases your child’s ability to recognize cause and effect, understand abstract concepts, and apply logic. Your preschooler will begin to compare scenarios in books to real-life.

The [Colorado Early Learning and Development Guidelines](#) has tips anyone can use to engage preschoolers in reading and build their language and literacy skills.

Visit www.earlylearningco.org for more tips.



Remember, the Snow and Cold is Here, but We Still Go Outside!

On snowy days, please have your child wear or bring boots to school; if the temperature is above 20 degrees we will plan to go outside.

- Please also **send an extra pair of shoes** for your child to change into once they arrive at school. Thank you for helping us keep the kids comfortable. It is no fun to sit in boots on wet carpet during circle time.
- As you can imagine, with 16 children in each classroom, we have a lot of coats, boots, gloves, etc. Please help your child's teachers by **labeling your child's clothing items**. Thank you!

When LPS Calls a Snow Day or Delayed Start...

Families can check the local news, or the LPS website, for school closings or delayed starts due to inclement weather. If LPS closes, or elementary schools are on a delayed schedule, preschool also observes that closing or delay.

For delayed starts, morning extension and morning classes will begin 60 minutes later than they are scheduled. Dismissal will be at normal time.



LPS Kindergarten Information Nights ...

Be sure to check the district's website for details on the upcoming Kindergarten Information Nights. (Most are happening in January, prior to January 29th.) Kindergarten Information Nights offer a great orientation to your new school and the registration process for Kindergarteners. If you do not know which LPS school is your home school, please stop by the office and we can look it up for you.
