

February 2020

# The Peabody Press



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## *A Note from the Principal*

Dear Peabody Families,

What a beautiful weekend! I hope you had the opportunity to get outside and enjoy the sunshine before we got hit with this snowy and cold weather. And, in case you didn't hear, the results are in: On Groundhog Day 2020, Punxsutawney Phil could not find his shadow and as the legend goes, this means we're in for an early spring. I, for one, like the sound of that.

January proved to be a busy one for our students and teachers. We had our 3rd and 4th grade musical performances, kindergarten information night and registration. The Budget and Staffing season for the 20-21 school year is underway. Stay tuned for details after Spring Break. It is a busy but exciting time of year!

Valentine's Day is around the corner. February 14th is an early release day, therefore, the class parties will be from 8:30 to 9:15 am. Thank you for including all kids in your child's class when sharing valentines. Keep an eye out for emails from classroom coordinators with further details.

Our students are not the only ones who have a party coming up. We have our all new **Peabody Parent Party** (formerly referred to as 'The Auction') on **Saturday, February 29th**. The theme this year is Colorful Colorado. Please visit the [PTO webpage](#) for details. Last year, PTO was able to donate more than \$70,000 to support staffing and programming for Peabody and our students. Your involvement and support directly impacts Peabody and your child's educational experience. This fundraiser is truly a fun evening out with Peabody parents all in the name of supporting the hub of our community, Peabody Elementary. I will be there and I hope to see you all there as well.



Our 5th grade Student Ambassadors are continuing to do an excellent job leading our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. We just reached our first school-wide positive behavior booster. Students received a small puff ball for modeling our character traits (Respect, Responsibility, Caring, Inclusiveness and Kindness). They put the puff ball in a large container in the front office. Once the container is filled our Ambassadors choose a fun day for all of us to enjoy. They have decided that on Friday, February 7th we will celebrate DECADE DAY. Staff and students will dress up representing a specific decade: 50s, 60s, 70s, etc. Well done Peabody students!

As always, thank you for your support. I appreciate each and every one of you! Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

Mrs. Pappalardo

### *A Few Important Things...*

**Ned Show Assembly:** The Ned Show Assembly is Wednesday, February 5th in the afternoon for all of our students. Ned stands for **N**ever give up, **E**ncourage others, **D**o your best. It is a wonderful assembly with the message of anti-bullying, kindness, Preview [link](#) of the assembly.

**Early pick up of your student:** If you need to pick up your student before the bell at the end of the day, we ask that you arrive at least 15 minutes before the bell (2:30). The end of the day is a very busy and stressful time of day both in the classroom and in the office and it is difficult to interrupt the end of the day activities to pull a child. Thank you for your cooperation and please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns.

**Picking up your student late:** If you are running late to pick up your student, please call the office and let us know. We will have your student in the office until you can arrive safely. You will need to come in and check out your student. Thank you. 303-347-4625.

## Peabody Spelling Bee Results

Mrs. Gautreau held our Spelling Bee in January and our winner is *Miss Finley Oates*. Great job Finley! We're so proud of you! Congratulations to all of the participants. The District Spelling Bee will be February 5th at Powell Middle School where Finley will represent Peabody. Good luck Finley! We are so proud of you!



### **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

We love dogs! However, dogs are not permitted on school grounds during school hours.

*Thank you for keeping your furry friends at home when dropping off and picking up your students.*

- ❖ Students are not permitted to stay on school property after 2:45 pm without parental supervision.
- ❖ Please be sure to pull all the way forward in our student drop off loop in the front of the school when dropping off your students. This will help keep traffic moving.
- ❖ Please do not stop or park in the bus lane of the student drop off loop. If your student needs assistance getting out of the car and into the building, please park your car and assist them to the front doors. Thank you. We will have new signage to help soon!

### *Upcoming* **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

#### **LPS Board of Education Community Conversations**

LPS Board of Education to hold community conversations regarding culture and climate; diversity; safety and security; and mental health

The Littleton Public Schools Board of Education is hosting four community conversation events regarding culture and climate; diversity; safety and security; and mental health. Those in attendance will have an opportunity to learn what LPS currently does in these areas, ask questions of the Board, engage in dialogue, and ultimately provide feedback to the Board. Parents, employees, community members, and middle and high school students are invited to attend.

Tuesday, February 18, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Koelbel Library  
5955 S. Holly St.  
Centennial, CO 80121

Wednesday, February 26, 2020  
6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Koelbel Library  
5955 S. Holly St.  
Centennial, CO 80121

Community conversations are one of the many ways in which the Board solicits feedback on these topics. Other ways include surveys of parents, staff, students, and community members; roundtable events with parent groups; student focus groups; and student workshops. Dr. Anna Mueller, a sociologist from the University of Indiana, is gathering feedback as she conducts environmental research in our community. She will spend the next year in Littleton and Centennial examining how social environments facilitate mental health and help-seeking among youth.

### **Stakeholder Meetings for New School Boundaries**

The LPS Long Range Planning Committee is seeking community feedback on these boundary scenarios. Four stakeholder open houses are scheduled in January and February, where attendees can drop in any time during a two-hour open house to learn about each scenario, ask questions of Committee members, give feedback and take an exit survey, which provides another opportunity for feedback.

Monday, February 3, 2020

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Powell Middle School

Wednesday, February 12, 2020

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Newton Middle School

Thursday, February 20, 2020

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Euclid Middle School

### ***PTO/PAC Combined Meeting with Superintendent Ewert***

Please join us for a combined PTO/PAC meeting on *Wednesday, March 11th* with Superintendent Brian Ewert. He will join us at 6:00 pm to discuss important topics impacting Peabody and LPS. This meeting will be held in the Peabody library. See you there!

### ***Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)***

#### **Upcoming Peabody Events:**

- ★ We have the **BEST** Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)! For important information about upcoming community events, fundraising, volunteer opportunities, and more, please visit the [PTO webpage](#).

**#EVERY CLASS, EVERY CHILD, EVERY DAY**