ABCs of Ute Meadows

- **ASSESSMENT DAYS**: Students have literacy testing once in fall and once in spring
- **BAND & ORCHESTRA**: 4th and 5th grade opportunity
- **BOOK FAIRS**: A chance to fill your shelves with Scholastic literature ~ winter and spring
- **BOX TOPS/LABELS FOR EDUCATION**: $.10 earned for each label collected ~ brings additional supplies to our school
- **BRAIN BREAKS**: A quick activity which helps activate, energize and stimulate student’s brains
- **CARNIVAL**: End-of-year celebration for families
- **CHOIR**: 4th & 5th graders singing group (meets one day per week before school)
- **COMP DAYS**: No school for students, comp for teacher conferences
- **CONFERENCES**: Two times during school year ~ once in fall and by appointment in the spring
- **DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE**: A night of dancing and fun for dads and daughters
- **EARLY RELEASE**: A once per month working day for teachers
- **EVENING OF THE ARTS**: An evening in the spring highlighting student art and talent
- **FIELD DAY**: Kindergarten-5th grades full day of fall activities led by our Phy Ed teacher, plus a fun lunch
- **HOSPITALITY**: PTA committee responsible for providing meals and refreshments for special events
- **JUMPING EAGLES**: After-school precision jump rope program
- **KUTE NEWS**: Bi-weekly morning TV broadcast of school news by 5th graders
- **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION**: Parents of future kindergartners meet the teachers and receive important information about Kindergarten at Ute Meadows
- **MEET-AND-GREET**: For all families at the beginning of the school year
- **MIDTERMS**: Student progress reports come home at midterm of trimesters
- **MOTHER/SON SPORTS NIGHT**: A night in the spring for mothers and sons to spend together
- **MOVIE NIGHT**: A community event to kick off the school year with a family movie and concessions (outside on school grounds)
- **ORAL INTERPRETATION**: A dramatic celebration of oration ~ children can participate by reciting poems or other literature
- **ORIENTATION NIGHT**: Parents come to school in the fall to meet teachers and receive a classroom overview
- **PARTIES**: Halloween and Valentine’s Day celebrations at school
- **PICTURE DAYS**: Students have individual pictures taken in the fall and individual and class pictures taken in the spring
- **ROOM PARENTS**: Organize classroom parties and other happenings

- **SCIENCE FAIR**: A highlight of science experiments ~ winter
- **SCRIP**: Gift cards purchased with a % returned to the school
● **FIFTH GRADE CONTINUATION:** A graduation ceremony for our fifth graders. Held the last week of school at Deer Creek Middle School
● **SPIRIT DAYS:** Students wear spirit gear at school
● **SPIRIT NIGHTS:** An opportunity for families to have dinner at restaurants that will donate a % to Ute Meadows Elementary
● **VISION & HEARING SCREENING:** Usually held in the fall
● **WATCH D.O.G.S.** *(Dads of Great Students)*: This is a wonderful opportunity for dads and other father figures to volunteer at our school

### Glossary of Acronyms

- **ALP** *(Advanced Learning Plan)*: A plan created for students identified as gifted learners
- **CCSS** *(Common Core State Standards)*: National standards designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that young people need for success in college and careers
- **COGAT** *(Cognitive Abilities Assessment)*: Used to assess students’ abilities in reasoning and problem solving
- **CMAS** *(Colorado Measures of Academic Success)*: Colorado Department of Education Assessment
- **DIBELS** *(Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills)*: A set of assessments used for universal screening and progress monitoring starting in Kindergarten
- **DRA2** *(Developmental Reading Assessment)*: An assessment used to determine reading levels of Kindergarten thru 5th grade students
- **ELL aka ESL**: English Language Learners aka English as a Second Language
- **IEP** *(Individualized Education Plan)*: Defines the individualized objectives of a child who has been found with a learning disability
- **ILP** *(Individual Learning Plan)*: Establishes a set of learning goals and objectives for an individual student
- **LIC** *(Library Information Center)*: Or just “Library”
- **PARCC** *(Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)*: A Common Core assessment from grade 3 through high school
- **PST** *(Problem Solving Team)*: A school-based group composed of various school personnel, who meet to provide assistance to children who are having academic or behavioral difficulties in school
- **RTI** *(Response to Intervention)*: A process that provides academic support for students’ needs
- **SPED** *(Special Education)*
- **TCAP** *(Transitional Colorado Assessment Program)*: Transition to the new state tests
- **YPP** *(Yearly Progress Pro)*: Research-based assessment instructional and intervention tool aligned to state and national standards