Ute Meadows Weekly Highlights

On the Calendar this Week

Sept. 24th:
Sept. 25th:
Sept. 26th:
Sept. 27th: Read-a-Thon Ends
Sept. 28th: Field Day; Rockies Night

Notes from the Principal, Ms. Morgan:

Greetings families. There is a lot going on around here!

Today was our first full student release/professional learning day. We spent our morning in collaborative learning with other schools in the Chatfield area targeting Google skills. Various Google topics were offered at schools in the area and teachers were able to choose which session to attend in order to grow their skills. The afternoon was then spent reviewing student data in order to plan instruction to support students in math.

We have started working on our school focus and Unified School Improvement Plan (UIP). This process is collaborative and involves multiple stakeholders. The purpose is to develop a school plan that targets specific areas of the academic achievement and growth of our students. This month, we reviewed our 2017-2018 School Performance Framework (SPF) with the Accountability Team on the 11th. We discussed how our main focus would be on math growth this year. Next, our teachers reviewed our PARCC/CMAS data from 2018, discussed our targets, and we dived into possible root causes leading to our growth areas. Our Instructional Leadership Team will be working on the identification of interim measures for our goals in order to track our progress. Finally, we
will bring the draft back to the Accountability Committee in October for further input and review. Please join us on October 16th to see our school plan.

Another happening is that our Building Leadership Team recently attended the first of four days of training around Adaptive Schools. This training teaches the adults inside our school how to work together more collaboratively. This is critical as we know that the way we interact directly affects student achievement. The team who attended shared this common message about our learning,

“We are learning about how to be members of a group as leaders, inquirers, and collaborators, both inside and outside the classroom. It is about being positive. It is a change of mindset, metacognition, self-awareness, and we are “in this together.” It is a way of thinking and being; it is not a program with step-by-step procedures. It is about focusing our mindsets and being deliberate. The goal is to develop strong schools for collaborating to meet the needs of all learners for many years to come. This ties into the Dr. Glass Generations document and our 7 Mindsets.”

We will continue our learning in October, and hope to send all of our teachers to this training at some point in the near future.

Have a great weekend!
Rigor, Relevance, & Relationships
Dawn

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Please note: The October PTA and Accountability meetings have been moved to October 16th

Field Day

Field Day is Friday, September 28th
Opening Ceremonies will begin at 8:30
8:45-11:00 - Grades K-2 participate in Field Day events
Field Day BBQ
Ute Meadows Elementary - September 28th, 2018

The Menu
- Grilled Hot Dog
- Potato Chips
- Fruit & Veggies
- Water or Milk

Meal Prices
- Student Price: $2.85*
- Guest Meal: $4.15
- Hot Dog Only: $2.00

- *If your student qualifies for Free or Reduced Meals they receive their meal Free.
- Cash, Check or payment from student account accepted for all others.

Come Join Your Student!

Meal Times
- K-2: 11:00-11:30 AM
- 3-5: 11:30 AM-12:00 PM

Meals will be served at front of school.

Watch Dog Dads are manning the Grill!
UTE SCOOT REGISTRATION - Now open!!
Register now to get your-shirts in time for race day!
Contact Brigit Mulcahy with any questions

Ute Meadows Elementary
UTE SCOOT 5K & FUN RUN

Sunday, October 21, 2018 9am
11050 W. Meadows Drive
Littleton, Colorado 80127
Utameadows.org

Prizes for Racers and Best Costumes!
Lace up your shoes, get dressed for Halloween, and come on out to Ute Meadows Elementary on October 21st for one of the sweetest suburban 5k family fun runs you’ll ever experience! The exciting 5 mile route features gentle turns and rolling hills while it traces the Woodsmere, Williamsburg, and Canterbury neighborhoods. Prizes will be awarded in three divisions, choosing you on while they compete for “best chess statue” (thanks Souders-Buchalter). Best of all, your entry fee helps Ute Meadows Elementary improve their school technology.

New this year! 'Little Scooters Fun Run': starts at 9:10 and follows the first part of the 5k course through Williamsburg and returns along Meadows back to school. (ages, no bike).
Not running? Be part of the action and have fun at the Scoot by volunteering a couple of hours. Some possible positions; Race Marshalls, Registration and Post Race Concessions. Contact Jen Butler for all the info!  jenbutler05@gmail.com

Ute Meadows Choir

If you are in 4th or 5th grade, please join Ute Meadows CHOIR. Our rehearsals will be every FRIDAY morning from 7:45 to 8:20am. Our First Concert will be during the week of November 12 and we anticipate caroling at a local nursing home in December.

Fritz Anders

Dairy Queen Coupons

The Dairy Queen "free sundae" coupons that we passed out have an expiration date of December 31st, 2017. DQ will still take them - they will always take them no matter what the expiration date is on them.