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## **From The Chair**

*No words can adequately express my gratitude to you for helping out Jim during my hospital stay. Thank you, thank you. And on behalf of the children, thank you.*

Our School is continuing its evolution. After paying a constantly increasing rent at the present site for many years, it is **now** time for the school **to own its own building**. The purchase will positively affect all the main financial elements that contribute to the very quality of the school's program, including the amount of materials purchased for the children's program, the regular tuition and tuition assistance, salaries, and so on. To date, tuitions and fundraising have been adequate to cover the budget costs. However, rent increases have been suffocating the school budget, and it seems unreasonable to have tuition, fundraising and static salaries bear most of that burden. Acknowledging that an unfulfilled promise and commitment was denied Our School, we are moving forward on our own and... wait until you read what we have done!!

**Now is the time!** We are so pleased to announce that we have purchased the building adjacent to the current location! The new address is 776 Cherryvale! This building and lot are larger than the current site and will be a wonderful new home for the school. The entire first floor will be used for the children's activities. The parent's room and office will be on the second floor. There is a large outdoor area with access to the middle school fields. And plenty of room to park!!!! The 2006 summer session will open our new facility!

We would like to thank the many dedicated individuals that got the ball rolling! The purchase was made possible by the generous donation of time and money from several parents and community members. In addition, a few investors came forward to support the effort and the school used its savings. Now the school continues to need a cooperative undertaking, financially supported by all, to renovate this building and replenish the school's savings. **THIS IS AN URGENT APPEAL**. To meet these financial needs, the school is conducting a fundraising campaign for the building. We will soon provide you with more information on the Building Fundraising Campaign. In the meantime, if you have any question on how and under what conditions your family, relatives, friends, businesses and alumni can help out, please call or e-mail us.

We believe most of you would join these efforts and demonstrate your advocacy for present and future young children. Envision preserving and enhancing the unique Our School children' and parents' program through your tax deductible donation. For the children, fostering and deepening their active, creative and intelligent approach to their own learning, while continuing to provide socially responsible and caring interactions with many diverse individuals. For the parents, continuing the indispensable and invaluable parental support in the difficult endeavor of raising children.

Undertaking a building fundraising campaign and all of the other aspects of securing the new school location is an enormous task. While the teachers and parents are dedicating many resources and a great deal of time, we must not forget that Our School is a non-profit organization. We must meet the integrity of this status while maintaining the dedicated quality of the Our School children's and parents' program. This is the foundation, the purpose and the original promise to its founders and we are determined to keep it. The school is very mature in all its aspects, and, as most people recognize, has an excellent professional reputation in the community. Our vision, our dream of an Our School building is, in fact, with generous help, **BECOMING A REALITY!** Who will benefit most? The children, of course! They always are a priority and deserve the best school environment to grow and learn. And the parents? They will benefit as well — they are indeed an integral part of the program.

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH** for all your understanding, effort and help!

# Creativity in an Integrated Curriculum

By Jim and Yvonne

## *Bird Song\**

*He doesn't know the world at all  
Who stays in his nest and doesn't go out  
He doesn't know what birds know best  
Nor what I want to sing about,  
That the world is full of loveliness.*

*Hey, try to open your own heart  
To beauty; go to the woods someday  
And weave a wreath of memory there.  
And if the tears obscure your way  
Then you'll know how wonderful it is  
To be alive.*



Creativity for the very young is putting into action the dreams of imagination. It is to discover that the world is manifold of possibilities – complete with its successes and failures. It is using and developing skills to evolve a land for zebras with an adjoining castle for a fancy queen and princesses; to build a hotel with an elaborate staircase and a intricate roof made of various sized small block patterns and to weave a carpet for its ground floor; to realize that beading or stitching can have delicate beauty in patterning designs; to construct structures by gluing disparate material that make sense together; or to juxtapose painted colors and forms which through the process of doing so express a child's sense of geometry or dynamism.

Of course, this process is utterly individual, though with more maturity and a less egocentric outlook, cooperation of two or more imaginations may bring interesting outcomes. The latter is certainly relevant with block structures where balance is imperative but aesthetics is attended to as part of creativity.

*“Imagination abandoned by reason produces impossible monsters.” \*\**

Creativity has standards of quality. It is not imagination run amuck. Neither is it a direction or lessons by adults that inevitably curtail the expression of creativity, because the adult is intent in correcting or pursuing the idea of “helping” the child know the “right” answers. To let creativity blossom is observing the skills, *the process of doing*, the play focus and engagement, the present child's understanding of the particular subject matter. These observations that show respect for a child's mind tell a teacher what kind, if any, intervention is needed.

Children's evolutionary and creative language is interwoven in expressing, questioning and debating what they attempt to understand about the world. Adults and, especially, teachers who are open to this form of a somewhat Platonic dialogue, without judgment or inappropriate corrections, are more likely to see children use spoken language to explore creatively what is in their imaginations, whether they describe events, ideas and theories or make up stories. It's fascinating to witness. We can respect and admire their intent effort to convey in their *own* language — with its lack of conventional accuracy — genuine and original expressions of their own linguistic inventions as they relay and

discuss topics of interest to them.

Language can also be a deceptive tool. It is not uncommon to hear a child utter “I know” with a categorical stress on *I*, with a tone that indicates it cannot be challenged because it comes from an authoritative source, namely, adults. Then a possible danger is that imagination and flexibility of original thinking are closing their doors. It’s often assumed that young children are little adults with an ability to *understand* adult concepts when told in a simple language. This is, of course, a misconception and miseducation\*\*\*. This is because if it’s repeated again and again, even in various adult linguistic versions, then, of course, a piece of information will be, in turn, repeated by children with enough adult-like linguistic accuracy. This is no guarantee, however, that *conceptual content is really understood*: appearances can fool adult and child alike, as these children “know” in a linguistic sense. Remember when you memorized the multiplication tables? Remember when you memorized the ABCs? Normal brain development needs twenty-odd years to develop to full maturity. Many connections and cell extensions need to progressively evolve with appropriate interactive experiences to integrate adult abstract concepts with understanding. (We are not including “prodigies” or “idiot-savants.” They belong to a category of specific brain development that is still a scientific mystery and usually interferes with other brain developments.)

All human development is interconnected. But each one moves at its own tempo of differentiation. For example, a baby can’t walk just because you hold his forearms. He needs to sit up or crawl or have other suitable experiences that develop back strength before he can stand up and sort of walk. A baby needs to babble and explore her lips and tongue with flexibility. He needs to hear and be interacted with the consistent sounds of his native tongue around him, all integrated, before English-American can be uttered. Language is communication in a social setting.

Concepts can be, if understood, effectively communicated though spoken or written language or sometimes mathematics. Feelings language, like social development, evolves rapidly during the first

years of life. Still, it is deceptive to believe that children with verbal ability at a young age understand most, if any, adult concepts readily. True enough, they are good at repeating adult information. It’s an asset unless in the process they lose most of their young ability to imagine possibilities in devising play activities that interconnect with other ones and thus do not verbally express *their own worthy ideas and inventions*.

We now recognize that adults need to touch upon some other fields of knowledge and research whether it’s computer science, business, science and math, art, chemistry, biology, psychology, social sciences, etc., etc. and not stay totally isolated in one’s restricted field of interest. For children’s learning this is imperative for their future. When children’s young brains flourish in diversity and interconnections — at their level of maturity, of course — it expands future opportunities for greater intelligent understanding.

As David Hawkins states:\*\*\*\*

*“Through practical experience, such teacher knows the diversity of such pathways of learning and is alert to discover new ones. ...The learning of possible learning paths is more complex and looser in its connections than any text. A teacher’s growing knowledge of it can only be coextensive with the constant search for and recognition of learning opportunities for individual children with their unique abilities, backgrounds, and budding interests. Such a growing repertoire not only increases the target area for initially involving children in fresh subject matter, but facilitates that sort of transition and continuity out of which learning is deepened and extended, out of which education becomes more than a summation of unintegrated episodes.”*

\*Anonymous child, 1941, from I Never saw Another Butterfly

\*\* From Los Capriccios, by Goya (the Spanish painter)

\*\*\* A useful word invented by David Elkind (the educational psychologist), who includes all the myths about education that have been accepted as “facts.” (The computer refuses to accept this word!)

\*\*\*\* David Hawkins from The Roots of Literacy, p. 50-51, 2000

## Announcements From The Chair (continued)

**Membership** We are now in the process of recruiting children and their families for the 2006-2007 school year and the efforts are going very well. We are about 80 percent full, so there are still a few spots remaining. **Please spread the word to other families you know and ask them to attend one of the many Open Houses scheduled for the Spring** (dates on the web and in this newsletter)!

If you are sending a family to an Open House, please plan to come along. It really helps to have members at the Open Houses to talk with prospective members. You can sign up to attend an Open House (whether you are bringing someone or not) in the parent's room. Prospective new members may also **visit a session. They need to call us beforehand at the school to schedule their session. Also, make sure they visit our web site [www.ourschoolpreschool.org](http://www.ourschoolpreschool.org).**

We also encourage new and returning parents to visit the two older sessions so they may have a better sense of the differences between the three sessions and the progression in the children's development. It's a good time now because the 3-day and 4-day sessions are in full development.

**Fundraiser** This, of course, is a different issue from the building fundraiser mentioned on page 1 of this newsletter. This involves the annual fundraiser which supports the yearly operating budget and provides additional funds for tuition assistance and special equipment not covered by the annual budget. It is a membership requirement for everyone to participate in the fundraiser and a successful fundraiser allows the school to function without undergoing any extensive deficit. Tuition alone does not cover all the operating budget needs.

Thanks go out to Rebecca Upthegrove. She is overseeing the fundraiser coordination and has done a great job of keeping us on schedule. Thank you to the parents for all of your cooperation and for sticking to the schedules. As you know, every school, public or private, needs some form of fundraising to enhance or preserve the present status of their programs. This is the unfortunate reality of our country's educational priorities, *especially* in early childhood education. We know from long experience that cooperation is the key to success.

We are in the home stretch and there is only two committee meetings left. They are Wednesday, February 22 for the Tallying Committee and Thursday, March 2 for the cashiers, tickets and bookkeepers. If you are on these committees, attendance is required.

We are happy to report that, as of the printing of this newsletter, the parents of Our School have brought in \$30,469 in donations, which will net the school approximately \$15,200!! That means we have met our donation goal for the year! Of course, there will still be a few items that will come in, so keep them coming.

At the fundraiser, plan on getting a few 2006 limited-edition Our School water bottles. Everyone in the family will want one. Plus, one of the bottles will have something extra special inside — a certificate for two round-trip domestic airline tickets — a \$1,000 value. Be prepared to pick up a few at the event — we'll only be able to take cash or check. \$15 for one bottle, \$10 each for 2 or more.

There is a WISH LIST posted on the easel in the Parents' room that Megan Fisher put together for little items you can spare or let the school borrow for the night of the event. Check it out!

# Shop 'til You Drop

Here's a listing of all the fabulous items for sale at the auction. Look it over and pick the things you want to bid on...

## Active Life

2 Bike Tune-up/Upgrade Packages - \$125.00 each  
Boulder Black Belt Academy — 2 months Taekwondo  
Boulder Martial Arts — 6 weeks - up to 4 family members Martial Arts Instruction  
Boulder Running Company — Gift Certificate  
Colorado Promotional Resource — 4 black, quarter zip fleece pull-overs with Our School logo  
Colorado Rapids — Signed Soccer Ball  
Colorado School of Wing Chun — 45 minutes of private lesson Continental Divide Sports — Cold Weather Socks  
Crocs — Gift Certificate for 4 pairs of Crocs  
Descente Athletic Apparel — Warm up Pant & Jacket - Mens XL - Black Metal  
Flatirons Athletic Club — 10 visit punch card  
Haystack Mountain Golf Course — 9-hole foursome  
Jason Blalak — Gift Certificate — Initial Consultaion for Chinese Medicine, acupuncture, herbs, etc.  
Jill Clements, Certified Yoga Instructor — 1 private lesson  
Kendra Howard-Espinoza — Punch Card for Nia Classes  
Lakeshore Athletic Club-Flatiron — 3-month Family Membership-no enrollment if recipients join  
Lakeshore Athletic Club-Flatiron — 1 personal training session  
Lakeshore Athletic Club-Flatiron — 1 spa certificate  
Mountain's Edge Fitness — 1 month membership  
Mountainsmith — Internal frame backpacking pack  
Nautilus — Men's Nautilus Golf Shirt & Nautilus Exercise Stability Ball  
Nautilus — Nautilus Balance Kit (flat band, 2 Pilates balls & balance board, Plumline Pilates, 1 private lesson  
Save our Souls — 20 pairs of specialty athletic socks — men's & women's  
Scuba Joe — Open Water Class  
Spyder Athletic Apparel — Insulator Jacket — Men's Medium  
Spyder Athletic Apparel — Fleece Vest — Men's Large

## Arts & Crafts

Ana Lamarque — Pottery Vase by local Artist Patty Macheu  
Art Erickson — Wood Bowl - zebra wood from Africa, walnut from Peru & USA  
Bill Lovell — Handmade Bird Perch  
Chinese Peasant Paintings — Framed Picture  
Clementine Art Studio Gift Certificate — Open Studio Time  
Color Me Mine — Gift Certificate  
JoAnn Hanson — Chenille & Flannel Baby Quilt  
Painted Box w/characters from Dr. Suess - "Green Eggs & Ham"  
Lizidesigns — Hand-painted Peter Rabbit Step Stool  
Lizidesigns — Painting of Our School Snack Time  
Lizidesigns — Button Framed "Girl Theme"  
Lizidesigns — Button Framed "Boy Theme"  
Mary Williams Fine Arts Framed Botanical  
Pots and Paints Gift Certificate  
Pottery Café Gift Certificate

Handpainted toy chest - "Colorado Wildlife"  
Shuttles, Spindles, & Skeins Gift Certificate

### **Body Beautiful**

ANEW 70-minute facial  
Baseline Chiropractic — 1 hour massage  
Bobbi Ciani — Haircut & Style  
Bounceback Bodyworks Therapeutic Massage — 60 minutes  
Carrie Tarran — Essential Oil Massage  
Cheryl Bauer Massage Therapy — 1 hour deep tissue massage  
Equipose Body Work — 1 hour massage  
Erin Love, Massage Therapist — 60 minute massage  
Fresh Hair — Hair Style & Cut  
Gift Basket — Beauty products & box of chocolate  
Incredible Smiles Gift Certificate  
Jill Clements, Certified Yoga Instructor — 1 hour & 15 minutes of private yoga session  
Lynn St. Denis, Certified Massage Therapist — 60 minute massage  
Lynn Swearingen — Two 1-hour massages or barefoot shiatsu  
Ninety Fifth Street Salon & Spa Gift Certificate  
Pharmaca — Gift Basket  
Stephanie Ehret Massage Gift Certificate  
Tapestry Boutique Gift Basket  
Tapestry IV Seasons Gift Certificate

### **Entertainment**

Arvada Center — 2 seats "Pippin" — Friday, April 21st  
Bandimere Speedway — Admission tickets  
Cave of the Winds — 2 passes to Discovery Tour  
Central City Opera House — 2 tickets to performance  
Colorado Music Festival — 2 seats to any 2006 concert  
Colorado Railroad Museum — 2 Family passes  
Colorado Rockies Baseball Club — 4 tickets to 2006 home game  
Colorado Rockies Baseball Club — 4 seats in club level — June 5, 2006 game  
Colorado Shakespeare Festival — 2 vouchers for tickets — Orchestra Seats  
Colorado Symphony Orchestra — 4 tickets to a concert  
CU College of Music — Gift Certificate 4 tickets to CU Opera's production of Le Nozze di Figaro  
Denver Art Museum — 4 passes  
Denver Botanic Gardens — 4 passes  
Denver Firefighter's Museum — Hook & Ladder Membership, Denver, CO  
First pick of the season for a home Bronco game — 2 tickets  
Fiske Planetarium — Admission tickets  
Flatiron Crossing/The Macerich Company Gift Card  
Glenwood Caverns Adventure Park — 2 Passes for Iron Mountain Tramway-Round Trip & Cave Tour  
Good Times Dog Sled Tour throughout White River Nat'l Forest  
Greenway Foundation — Venice on the Creek — trip for 6 "Gondola boat" down Cherry Creek  
Hollywood Video — 50 free rental coupons  
Landmark's Crossroad Cinema — 4 VIP admission passes  
Molly Brown House Museum — 4 tickets to general admission  
Pool Dawg — Scorpion Pool Cue, Case & Master Chalk  
Regal Entertainment — 104 movie tickets  
Royal Gorge Bridge & Park/Royal Gorge Route Railroad — 2 adult coach class train tickets  
The Colorado History Museum — tickets to admission  
The Denver Center for the Performing Arts — Tickets to "The Ladies of the Camellias"

### **Fashion & Jewelry**

Angie Star Jewelry — Gift Certificate & Sterling Silver Garnet Earrings  
Christina's Lingerie Gift Certificate

CU Bookstore — Alumni Polo Shirt  
Elfriede's Fine Fabrics — Bundles of fabric  
FH Design Source/Milagro Jewelry — Collaged Travel Journal  
FH Design Source/Milagro Jewelry — 1 Beaded Salad Server Set  
Hurdles Jewelry — 18K gold earrings with natural Ruby Drops  
Milagro Jewelry Gift Certificate — Class for 6 to make art candles (includes sample candle made)  
Milagro Jewelry — Necklace & Earring Set  
Natasha Eikenbary — Child/Small Woman Rose Bracelet  
Natasha Eikenbary — Child/Small Woman Beaded Heart Bracelet  
Natasha Eikenbary — Beaded Silver drop Necklace  
Rags to Riches Gift Certificate & t-shirt  
Stoned Creations — Jewelry Set-with fresh water pearls, rose quartz, rhodenite, moonstone, silver

## **Food**

Barbara's Bakery — Gift Basket filled w/products  
Breadworks — Gift Certificate  
Brewing Market — Gift Basket filled 2lbs coffee beans, grinder, 4 coffee mugs  
Glacier Homemade Ice Cream — Four \$5.00 Glacier Buck Cards  
Hammonds Candies — Gift Certificate  
Republic of Tea Gift Basket

## **Home & Garden**

Anita Brownwell — Antique glass — 1930's engraved roses — small plate & bowl  
Anita Brownwell — Shortbread Pan  
Blanc Canvas Interiors — 2-hour interior design consultation  
Carpet Van, Carpet One — 5' 3" x 7' 6" Area Rug — Green & Tan "Imagination"  
Carpet Van, Carpet One — 5' 3" x 7' 6" Area Rug — Brown w/black squares  
Country Fair @ Westwoods Gift Card  
Fostoria Glass — Crystal Candle Holders & square dish  
Fostoria Glass — Crystal Footed Candy Dish  
Fostoria Glass — Dish w/lid  
Fuzzy Antler — 2-hour design consultation  
Indochine — 5-piece Tea Set from Vietnam  
Lafayette Florist Gift Certificate  
Lori Kemmett — Beach Scene Print  
Mary's Cupboard — Case of Mason Jars & "Gifts in a Jar", "Most Loved Treats" - books  
McGuckin Hardware Gift Card  
Sherwin Williams Gift Certificate  
Sturtz and Copeland Gift Certificate  
Tiffany & Chris Voeller — Cooper Food Warmer  
Trevarrow Ave Hardware Gift Card  
Welby Gardens Wholesale Greenhouse — Kitchen Herb Clay Planters — 8 table centerpieces

## **Kids Stuff**

ABC Kids Athletic Facility — Class  
Becoming Mothers Gift Certificate  
Becoming Mothers — Fleece Baby Blanket, water bottle, 2 pr socks  
Ben Rudnick & Friends — Musical CD's  
Bill Harley — Musical CD's  
Books & More — Variety of children and young readers books  
Boondocks Fun Center — 6 passes for 2 free rounds of miniature golf each  
Boulder Book Store— Variety of children's books and young readers — great selection  
Boulder Indoor Soccer — 2 gift certificates for 8 week soccer session  
Boulder Valley Ice at Superior — One Basic Birthday Package for 10 kids at Boulder Valley Ice  
Brave New Kids New baby outfit — girl and boy  
Butterfly Pavilion — 4 tickets for admission  
Children's Museum of Denver — 4 passes

Circle-of-Friends — Pink Bath and Body Care for Kids  
 Circle-of-Friends — Blue Bath and Body Care for Kids  
 Circle-of-Friends — Orange Bath and Body Care for kids  
 Colorado Auction Mountain — Heritage Square Alpine Slide — 10 tickets  
 CU Bookstore — 2 baby blankets  
 Dave Fromer Music — Musical CD's  
 Denver Museum of Nature Science — 8 passes  
 Denver Zoo — Four Pack Passes — 2 adults & a child  
 Diane Klopenstein — Washable Children's Quilt - 45" x 45"  
 Donna Velvin — Hand-Painted China Tea Set for a child  
 EmbroidMe — Red Sweatshirt Hoodie w/Our School Logo - Youth Size 6-8  
 Erin Lee & Marci — Musical CD's  
 Fun One Children's Bicycles — Fun One Balance Training Bicycle  
 Gateway Park Fun Center — Gift Card  
 Gayle Andresen — Hand-Knit Baby Blanket  
 Grand Rabbits Toy Shoppe — Plush Pig "Oink" by Aurora and \$25.00 Gift Certificate  
 Imaginazium — Yogo Kit for kids, Empowerment Pack for kids & poster  
 Infant Aquatics Swim Lesson gift certificate  
 Kaleidoscope Songs — Volume 1 and 2  
 Kiddie Kandids Portrait Gift Certificate  
 Kids Books & Beanie Baby — Disney "Build Haunted Mansion" Nat'l Geographic "Earth Pack", Beanie  
 Mary Spaulding— 12 Youth Size Embroidered "Our School" Caps  
 Mary Kaye Music — Musical CD's  
 Mo Willimas, Author — Autographed copy of "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus"  
 Mr. Scott, The Music Mann — A Preschool Concert DVD  
 Mr. Scott, The Music Mann — One 30-minute birthday music show by Mr. Scott  
 Music Time with Madelyn — Gift Certificate  
 Nicole Koemel — Kids haircut — located in Broomfield, Sage Creek  
 Northpole/Santa's Work Shop Gift Certificate — Admission for 4 unlimited Fun!  
 North Pole/Santa's Workshop Gift Certificate  
 Quilted Toddler Blanket& Pillow - Poisonous Frogs (yellow reverse)  
 Party Land — Large Gift Basket filled with Thomas Tank Engine Party Supplies  
 Pump it Up — \$100 off Birthday Party  
 Recycle Boulder Valley — 2 puzzles, highlights toys, & Puzzle Books  
 Rhino Ink (Janet Stevens, author) — 2-signed posters, signed book "My Big Dog," button & Book on CD —  
 "Why Epossumondas Has No Hair"  
 Ric Rac Designs — Girls dress and matching back pack  
 Science Discovery Program — 1 class  
 Steve Spangler Science — Gift Basket w/4 Scientific Explorer Kits & Deck of Saturn Cards  
 The Music Shop — 1-week summer camp  
 The Uncle Brothers—Musical CD's  
 Trail Kids — 1 multi-color fleece bunting and 1 multi-color fleece jacket  
 Twitter Twatter Music — Musical CD's  
 Two red Sweatshirt Hoodies w/Our School Logo - both Youth 6-8 (20.00 each)  
 Two Tomatoes Records — 4 autographed CD's  
 Wallaro Hat Company — 2 hats "Cricket Hat"  
 Welby Gardens Wholesale Greenhouse — Ticket to a Garden Swim day (based on 20 groups of 4)  
 WOW! Children's Museum — Gift Certificate

### **Miscellaneous**

At Last Software — SketchUP 5.0 Software  
 Mike's Camera Gift Card

### **Restaurants**

Blue Parrot Gift Certificate  
 Canopy Grill Gift Certificate  
 Casa Alvarez Gift Certificate

Chipotle Mexican Grill — Dinner for four  
Harpo's Sports Grill Gift Certificate  
LePeep Restaurant, Boulder Gift Certificate  
Looking Glass Systems, Inc. — gift card to Fresca Restaurant- Boulder, CO for \$200.00  
Millennium Harvest House Gift Certificate  
Mimi's Café Gift Card  
Nick-N-Willy's Gift Certificate  
Old Louisville Inn Gift Certificate  
Outback Steakhouse Gift Certificate  
Pulcinella Restaurant Gift Certificate  
Serranos Southwestern Grill Gift Certificate  
South Side Walnut Café — Breakfast or lunch for 2  
The Huckleberry — Afternoon Tea for 1 adult & 1 child  
Turley's Restaurant Gift Certificate  
Via Toscana Gift Certificate

### **Services**

Across The Bridge — Acupuncture — Initial visit & treatment  
Alpine Dentistry Bleaching System — Take Home  
Austin Chiropractic Center — Exam & Treatment  
Beehive Construction — 2 hrs. design consultation — cost to value — remodel or new construction  
Beehive Construction — 1/2 day of service work for 2 men  
Beyer Laser Center Gift Certificate — \$1,000 off Lasik Surgery for 2 eyes  
Carpet One Cleaning — 400 sq ft of carpet cleaning  
Colorado Sports Chiropractic Center — Brooks Running Shoes & Video Gait Analysis  
Colorado Sports Chiropractic Center — Consultation, exam, 2 office visits for child/adult  
David A. Perlick, Attorney — Estate Planning Consultation & Power of Attorney "Sparkman, Shaffer, Perlick"  
Dusty Dogs — bath gift certificate  
Feet First Reflexology gift certificate  
Gary, The Photographer Gift Certificate for service or products  
Magnus Anderson Master Floor Refinishers — 200 sq feet & dustless wood floor sanding & refinishing labor only-no materials  
Nesheim's Cleaning Services — \$150.00 off carpet cleaning  
Pace Physical Therapy — Physical Therapy Consult or Ergonomic Assessment of home or office  
Portrait Innovations — Gift Certificate  
PTI Orthotics Gift Certificate  
Three Branches Oriental Medicine Clinic Gift Certificate  
USAirport Parking at DIA — 15 free parking tickets  
Wildberry Photography Gift Certificate

### **Vacations**

Boulder Courtyard Marriott — 1 weekend night stay (Fri, Sat, Sun) in King or Queen room  
Christina Dickinson — Puerta Vallarta Condo — 7 nights, sleeps 4, pool, downtown P.V.  
Homewood Suites — One-night stay  
Hotel Boulderado — One-night Stay in Deluxe Room  
Las Manos Bed & Breakfast — 2 nights accommodation including full breakfast, welcome bottle of wine, and 2 therapeutic massages - \$430.00 - located in Buena Vista, CO  
Lynne Milot — 2 airline tickets — domestic

### **Wine & Beer**

Boulder Creek Winery Gift Basket  
Boulder Wine Merchant — Neoprene Wine Carrier w/1 bottle Spanish White & 1 Bottle Italian Red Wine  
Pettyjohn's Liquor — Wine of the Month gift certificate  
West End Wine Shop Gift Certificate

# S P R I N G C A L E N D A R

## February

- 2 FUNDRAISER — SET UP AND CLEAN UP COMMITTEES
- 9 2-day Session Meeting
- 11 Open House — 10-12pm Families Welcome
- 18 Open House — 10-12pm Families Welcome
- 22 FUNDRAISER — TALLYING COMMITTEE MEETING
- 28 Board Meeting

## March

- 2 FUNDRAISER — CASHIERS, TICKETS AND BOOKEEPPERS
- 4 **AUCTION 2006 6PM – 10PM**
- 6 **No School** — Day after the auction
- 9 4-day Session Meeting
- 11 Open House — 10–12 pm Families Welcome  
Parent/Teacher Conference times available
- 12 Parent/Teacher Conference times available
- 13 Seminar
- 15-19 Parent/Teacher Conference times available
- 18 Open House — 10–12 pm Families Welcome
- 21 Board Meeting
- 23 3-day Session Meeting
- 24-31 **No school** — Spring Break and Parent/Teacher Conferences

## April

- 1 Open House — 10–12 pm Families Welcome
- 4 2-day Session Meeting
- 10 Seminar
- 15 Open House — 10–12 pm Families Welcome
- 18 **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING — REQUIRED**
- 24 Board Meeting
- 27 4-day Session Meeting

## May

- 3 3-day Session Meeting
- 6 Open House — 10-12pm Families Welcome
- 11 2-day Session Meeting
- 13 Open House — 10-12pm Families Welcome
- 21 **All School picnic 4:00-7:00pm**
- 23 New Family Orientation
- 29 **NO SCHOOL — MEMORIAL DAY**
- 30 Board Meeting

## June

- 1 Last Day — 2- and 4-day Session
- 2 Last Day — 3-day Session

- All meetings start at 7 pm and are at Our School unless otherwise noted.
- Meetings are for parents only unless labeled as all school or families welcome.
- Required meetings noted – seminars and session meetings are recommended.
- Board meetings are open to all members.