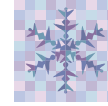


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From the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Happy New Year! Welcome back to Pennock. I am very excited to see our students return refreshed and ready for learning. The new year is a perfect time to reflect upon past experiences and to take action to make those experiences more meaningful. Each of you should have received report cards in the mail over the break. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns please address the classroom teacher directly. As we settle back into our routines and building norms, it is a great time to replenish school supplies so that students have all the tools needed to be successful. We begin our second semester dedicated to kids! Student achievement continues to be our primary focus. We continue to empower students to know what they are learning and why, to teach them to reflect upon feedback, to self-assess and to set goals, and make revisions to be their personal best.

In February, our third graders will be taking the reading portion of the CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program). In March 3-5 graders will be engaged in CSAP as well. The areas tested are reading, writing, and math for grades 3-4. Fifth graders take reading, writing, math, and science. Much more information will be forthcoming.

This week we are excited to begin our After School Adventures classes. This was a proposal that our Collaborative Advisory Team created to use our Site Based Incentive Money provided by District 27J. There is great student interest and it is our hope to offer more fun after school activities in the future.

As always, thank you for your continued support in making Pennock successful!

Valerie Ortega
Principal

Important Dates

January

19th—Adventure Classes Begin

29th—GT Field Trip grades 3-5 Fiske Planetarium

February

1st- Student Council Candy Grams go on sale

5th—PRIDE BREAKFAST—Invitation only

10th—PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.

11th—Valentine Parties 2:30 p.m.

12th—NO SCHOOL- Staff Development Day

15th—NO SCHOOL—President's Day

17th & 18th—3rd Grade Reading CSAP

19th—PTO Sponsored Snowflake Ball

PARKING LOT CHANGES

In an effort to keep our students safe, I have been working closely with the Brighton Police Department to devise a traffic safety plan to ensure that the flow of traffic remains constant through our parking lot during our busy arrival and departure times. We have staff on duty at the parking lot exits who are flagging drivers to make a right turn as they exit the main parking lot. This is our attempt to norm our families prior to the signs being posted and the parking exit becoming a permanent RIGHT TURN ONLY onto Octillo St. from the hours of 8-9a.m. and from 3-4p.m. daily. Violators will be ticketed for making a left turn or for making a u-turn after turning right onto Octillo Street. We continue to have issues with our parking lot as drivers are double parking, parking in the fire lane, loading and unloading in the thru lane, crossing between moving vehicles and buses, and failing to listen to numerous staff requests to follow procedures. The drop off/pick up lane is not a parking spot. Vehicles must be attended at all times and cars must move up in the lane on a consistent basis. The plan works beautifully when executed as intended. I am asking for parents to partner with me in being good role models for our students. We have over 800 students attending Pennock. It requires advanced planning, patience, common courtesy, and adhering to rules and procedures for entering and exiting the school in the safest manner every single day. A parking lot map along with the traffic rules and regulations will be sent home with every student in the next few days. Please make sure that you take the time to read it and follow it accordingly. Safety Matters!

Mrs. Ortega, Principal



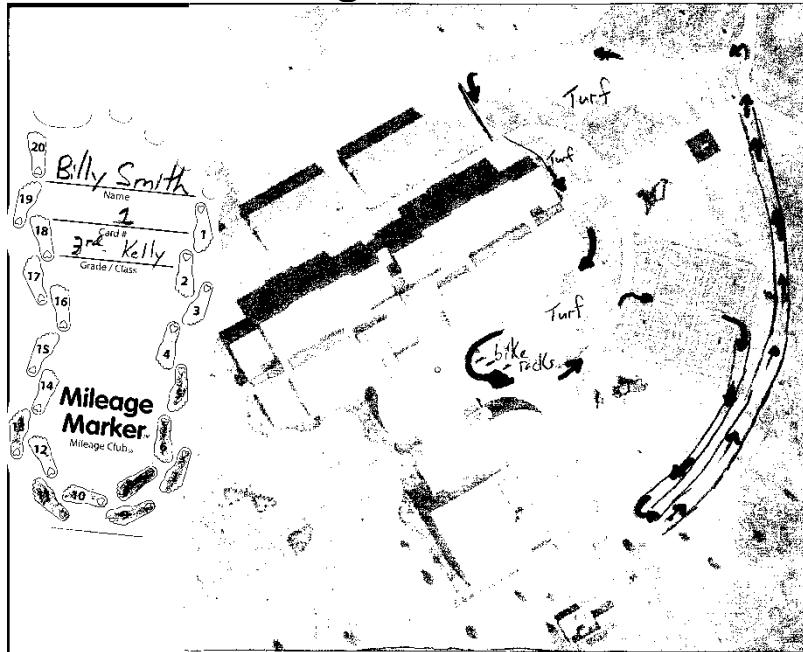
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Mileage Club



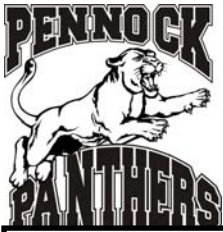
With the help of our PTO we started a walking/running club during recess called "Mileage Club." This fitness incentive program provides an opportunity for students, grades 1-5, to walk/run for fitness during recess. *If a child chooses to participate* he/she can keep track of the number of laps completed on Mileage Marker cards. The Mileage Club course is a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, so 4 laps = 1 mile. After each lap students can fill in a foot on the card; each foot represents one lap. When 20 laps/5 miles are completed, the student places the card in their grade level folder located in the PE hallway. It is each student's responsibility to keep track of Mileage Marker cards. For every 5 miles completed, students will receive "toe token" awards which can hang on a chain bracelet they'll receive after the first card is completed. Toe tokens with the completed mileage card will be placed in their teacher's mailbox. Blank mileage cards will be in the PE hallway.

Our goals are to:

- Motivate kids to be physically fit.
- Help students gain an appreciation of walking/jogging/running as lifelong exercises.
- Provide another activity during recess time.

Students can record miles accomplished outside of school, but please help them accurately record miles.

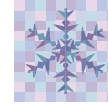
Let's get moving! Mr. Jennings, Physical Education Teacher



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OPEN ENROLLMENT

At Pennock Elementary we are only accepting open enrollment requests for families residing in School District 27J boundaries. All families currently open enrolled must reapply for the 2010-2011 school year. Applications are accepted if space and resources are available to accommodate student needs. Proof of residency is required for all applications. Applications are available on the school website and are due in the office by February 19, 2010. Please call Sharon Loaiza, Registrar at 720-685-7500 with questions.



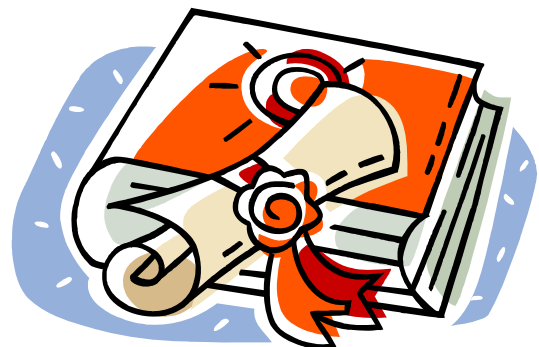
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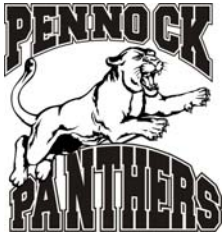
We will be having a school-wide popcorn party on Friday, Jan. 22nd to thank all students that made the holiday toy drive such a huge success. Due to your generosity and helping hands, we were able to provide 15 Pennock families with holiday gifts this season. What an awesome way to come together to support our Pennock families. We are popping with pride!

Thank you Pennock students and families!

Get your Pennock yearbook ordered!

We are currently taking yearbook orders for the 2009-2010 school year. Soft back books are on sale now for \$18.00 until January 31st. Prices increase to \$20.00 from Feb. 1st up to spring break, March 25th. Late orders/requests will not be honored. So, don't delay.....get your yearbook ordered today. Forms are available on the school website or in the office.

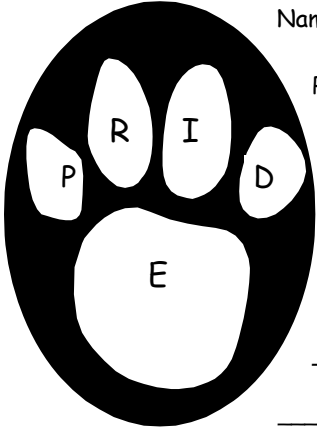




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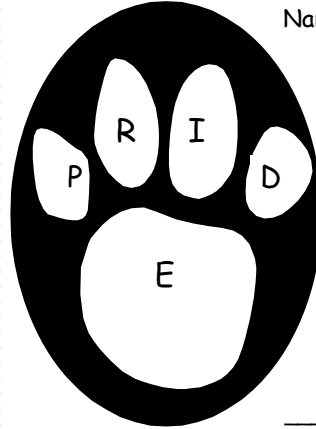


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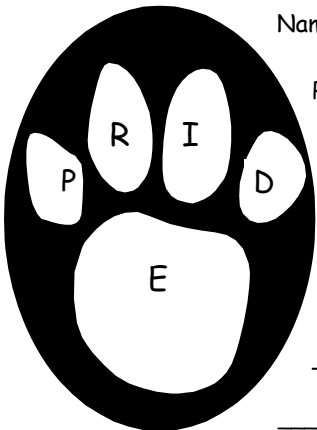


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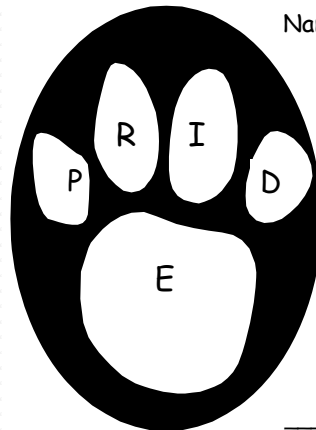


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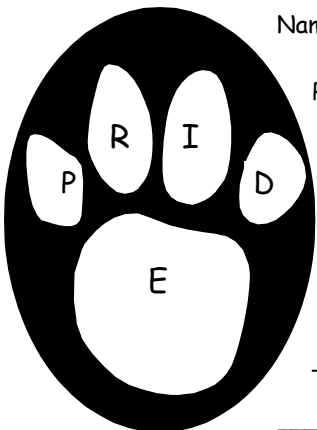


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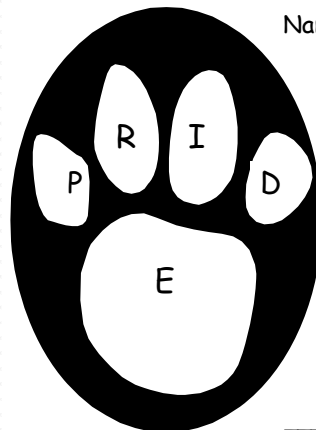


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