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Principal's Message:

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope that your Holiday was filled with fun and family time. My family and I enjoyed every minute and in so many ways wished it could have gone on longer. We are excited to be back at school, though and moving forward. It seems that once we hit January, things move in to high speed. We are pressing forward to make each minute count! Our teachers and staff are incredibly dedicated individuals and it's a privilege to be a part of Rocky Mountain Elementary.

We welcome with us this year a new Kindergarten teacher. We are thrilled to have on board Mrs. Cheryl Babb. She comes to us with rave reviews from all who know her. She has been in classrooms far and wide as she did a part of her teaching experience in New Zealand! She is a bundle of energy and her skills, expertise, and enthusiasm will be a welcome addition to Rocky Mountain. She and Mrs. Madsen have already teamed together to make sure each kindergartener makes progress and enters first grade ready to succeed.

As always, we so much appreciate your efforts in making Rocky Mountain what it is. Thank you for your support of our Reading Incentive program sponsored by Ken Garff. Your help in seeing that students read at home is crucial to their success at school, not just today, but in years to come. Our school goal is 20 minutes every day for every student. Please take a minute and see what your child is reading today and be a part of making their learning a success.

We appreciate your efforts to have your student to school on time. Please keep in mind that school start time is 8:00 and 9:15. Missing part of the small group instruction time is extremely detrimental to your students' progress. This is the part of the day where each student receives very individualized instruction and missing any part of it leaves gaps that are so hard to fill in other times during the day. Please continue to make every effort to be on time. We will be tracking attendance and late arrivals. Once a student reaches 6 tardies (with or without excuse) we will require they make up 15 minutes after school in the office. Arrangements to pick up your student will be your responsibility. We appreciate you support in this effort to maximize learning time.

Thank you for all you do. We look forward to 2009 with bright hope for the future and wonderful learning opportunities for all students at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Thank you,
David Turner, Principal

January 2009 Calendar:

- **NO SCHOOL**
Mon, Dec 29, 2008 to Fri, Jan 02, 2009 | Christmas Break
- **PTA Board Meeting**
Wed, Jan 07, 2009 | For all board members meet in 007
- **NO SCHOOL**
Mon, Jan 19, 2009 | Civil Rights Day / Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- **School Community Council Meeting (Room 007)**
Wed, Jan 28, 2009
- **SIPA Board Meeting (Room 007)**
Wed, Jan 28, 2009 - 10:00 AM
- **School Community Council Meeting**
Wed, Jan 28, 2009 - 7:00 PM
- **Box Tops Store**
Fri, Jan 30, 2009

Visit the Rocky Mountain website at <http://RockyMountainElementary.org> to view the full Jan 2009 calendar