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# Rocky Mountain Elementary School Newsletter

## January 2010

### Principal's Message:



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! I hope that each of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Break and time together as families. We're off and running at school, ready to make every minute count.

Our 2009 Stakeholder Report will be available soon. It will feature information about the school and the progress we've made over the last year. Look forward to receiving your copy on-line. Rocky Mountain is a great place to be and we appreciate your support and interest in all that goes on. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

This month will bring the Book Mobile. It's a Pirate Adventure stocked full of books and literacy experiences. Each class will have an opportunity to visit the exhibit over the next two weeks. When it closes up to move to another school, we'll have an opportunity to do a 2 for 1 book exchange. Students will be invited to bring 2 new or gently used books in exchange for one in the book mobile. Ask your kids what they thought of the activities or come down and check it out!

Again, we hope your year is off to a great start. Thanks for all you do to support your child's learning experience. Stay tuned and keep up to date on your child's progress in the classroom using the parent portal piece on Skyward, Alpine School District's Student Information System. If you need help accessing that site, please contact your child's teacher or the office. If you have any question or concern, please don't hesitate to call or send us a line via email.

Sincerely,  
David Turner  
Rocky Mountain Elementary School Principal

### January 2010 Calendar:

- **PTA Board Meeting** (Room 007)  
Wed, Jan 06, 2010 - 10:00 am to 11:00 am
- **Community Council Meeting** (Media Cntr)  
Fri, Jan 15, 2010 - 11:30 am to 12:15 pm
- **NO SCHOOL** - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
Mon, Jan 18, 2010
- **Box Tops Store**  
Fri, Jan 29, 2010

Visit the Rocky Mountain Website at  
<http://www.RockyMountainElementary.org>  
to view the full 2009 / 2010 Calendar



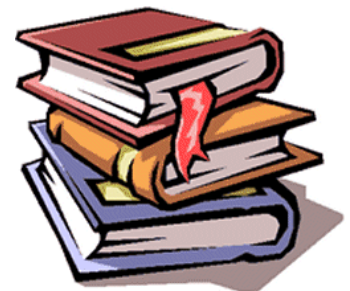
### Rocky Mountain Orchestra

Rocky Mountain Orchestra will begin again on Monday, January 11th.

See you all then!

### Take Home Readers

The Take Home Reading program is in need of a few parent volunteers. We need one parent to change books for PM Kindergarten on Mondays, and two parents to change books for AM Kindergarten on Tuesdays and Fridays. It only takes 20 minutes one day a week.



If you can help, please contact Stephanie at [stefanieq@mail.com](mailto:stefanieq@mail.com) or 785-8162.

## PTA President's Message



Happy New Year. I hope you and your family enjoyed your Holidays. It is always so exciting to come back to school after Winter Break. The students are starting on their most productive time of learning and growing. They will learn so much in the next couple of months. We are so thankful for our teachers and all they do.

During the Winter months there are a few extra things we can do as parents to support our school and teachers. If you know that it is too cold or too snowy for students to go outside to recess, plan on spending a half hour during lunch to give you child's teacher a lunch break. When kids have inside days, teachers don't get a break. This is a great way to spend some fun time in your child's class. Check with your teacher as to whether they need help.

Come to recess on outside days. With snow on the ground, it is a little harder for students to find productive active activities. Come turn a jump rope, help build snow people or play a game of tag. Parents are always encouraged to come on Fitness Fridays and help out during our lunch time activities.

The Caring Campaign will begin in February. This is a great opportunity of students to look outside themselves and serve others. We always need parents to come help with this activity. Look for more information to come.

Thanks to all the parents for their continued support in classrooms, in the home reader program and in so many other ways. PTA exists because of your support, financially during the carnival and throughout the year to run programs. This year we are able to help out the school in so many ways, including providing extra sanitizer and Kleenexes. We will also be able to help supplement a few areas hurt by budget cuts.

Happy New Year. It is a great time to be at Rocky Mountain Elementary.

Sincerely,  
Carol Theurer  
Rocky Mountain Elementary PTA President

## Box Tops Store

The Box Tops Store will be open during lunch on Friday, January 29th. Bring all your box tops to school and trade them for toys, games, and treats.



Parents, please help us in submitting box tops by cutting out the box tops along the dotted lines. Any box tops that are not cut along the dotted line have to be re-cut before they can be submitted.

## SEP Conferences

SEP Conferences will be held on Wednesday, February 3rd and Thursday, February 4th. More information will be coming home shortly on how to schedule a conference with your student's teacher.



The class schedule during SEP Conferences will be 8:00 am to 2:15 pm for all students grade 1 to 6.

## Fitness Fridays

The Rocky Mountain PTA will be doing "Fitness Fridays" with students every Friday during lunch recess. We need parent volunteers to come help as we teach students fun and exciting ways to get exercise and stay fit during the cold winter months.



If you would like to help on "Fitness Fridays" during lunch, please contact Alicia Bender at [alicia\\_forest@yahoo.com](mailto:alicia_forest@yahoo.com).

We are also in need of parent volunteers to help at recess. You can help as often and whenever fits your schedule. If you are able to help, please contact Alicia Bender at [alicia\\_forest@yahoo.com](mailto:alicia_forest@yahoo.com).