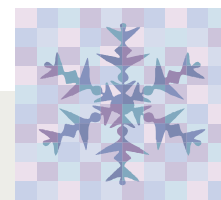


# THE MALLEY MUSTANG

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*A note from the Principal....*

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a relaxing holiday season. It was wonderful to have time off to spend with family and friends and to get re-energized for the second semester.

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year. The first semester officially ended on December 19<sup>th</sup>. I want to inform you of some upcoming events that will be taking place at Malley Drive. On the week of January 19<sup>th</sup> we will be giving the CELA test to approximately 91 of our students. The CELA (Colorado English Language Acquisition) is a test given to our students who speak English as their second language. The test has 4 parts: speaking, listening, reading and writing. This test is mandated by the state of Colorado and is one of the guidelines of the federal No Child Left Behind law. If you would like any further information about the CELA test, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With the first semester ending, this is an important time for our teachers to take a close look at student data. Teachers review student data on an ongoing basis through formal and informal assessments as well as classroom observations. In January each grade level team will take half a day to look at reading, writing and math data together and look for patterns and trends. It will be an opportunity for teachers to identify the successes of their students and to brainstorm strategies to use to help those students who are struggling in areas. These data discussions will be lead by our two coaches, Debbie Easterday and Vicki Murray.

Our early release Wednesdays will be spent on the following areas: implementing effective ELL strategies in the classroom, evaluating oral language strategies that are being used in the classroom, analyzing mid-year data and infusing technology in the classrooms. Every Wednesday teachers spend 90 minutes in professional development. This is valuable time that the staff uses to fine tune their teaching skills and come up with new and effective ways to meet the diverse needs of our students.

I would like to introduce two new Malley Drive staff members. Kendra Molinary is our new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. She replaces Vicki Murray who is our new SAC (Student Achievement Coach). Valerie Miller is our new SSN teacher. She replaces Deborah Symanski who moved to Northglenn Middle School. Welcome Kendra and Valerie!

Finally, I wanted to share with you the tremendously generous nature of the staff and PSO at Malley Drive. On December 11<sup>th</sup> one of our families had a fire in their home. No one was injured but there was severe damage to their home. The family has two students at Malley Drive, a third grader and a fifth grader. The family was forced to leave their home in Northglenn and is currently living in Denver. The staff of Malley Drive collected money for the family and over \$750 was donated to the family. In addition, our PSO donated a gift card of \$200 to the family. In addition, several parents called the school asking how they could help the family. This type of generosity and human kindness exemplifies the staff, PSO and community of Malley Drive. The "holiday spirit" is alive and well at Malley Drive.

As we embark on the second half of this school year together the staff at Malley Drive will continue to work hard to ensure that all students are given the very best education. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in your child's education.

Anne Wesley, Principal

## Important Dates



January 12	PSO Meeting—6:30 pm (Please note: no meeting in February)
January 13	2nd Grade (Hulse & Pepler) Field Trip to Butterfly Pavillion
January 19	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King Holiday
January 23	Kindergarten Report Cards Sent Home

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### Art News from Ms. La

Once again this year we are continuing the annual Art to Remember program. This program has a strong tradition here at Malley Drive. During the month of January students in all grade levels will be working on a special art project. The completed projects will be sent to the Art to Remember company in February. The company will transfer the artwork onto a magnet which will then be sent home with each student. Families have the option to buy the magnet or choose from other items in the extensive catalog. Purchase is optional. All proceeds from sales will go to the Malley Drive Art Department. Last year's profit went towards the purchase of a brand new kiln for the art room. All students will get their artwork returned at the end of the program. Thank you in advance for your support with this program.

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### Ukelele Club

All fifth graders are invited to join the Ukelele Club! It will meet every Tuesday after school during February from 2:30 - 3:30 in the music room. Mr. Johnson and Ms. Stehno will co-teach this class. The ukelele is a small 4-stringed instrument, similar to a guitar. Students will learn basic fingerings and strumming technique. Class size will be limited to 10 students. District owned ukeleles will be available for use with a \$10 deposit which will be refunded at the end of classes when instrument is returned in good condition. Sign up forms will go home later this month.



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### Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Malley's "giving tree" before winter break. Many Malley student hands & heads are "warmly" grateful.



Congratulation to these kindergarten students for perfect attendance— 1st semester this year:

**Anna Davies    Evan Gonzales**  
**Danilo Martinez Ballinas**



The Holiday Shop was a huge success. Thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who volunteered to run the holiday shop.

The Next PSO meeting is Monday, January 12th at 6:30 in the library. Baby sitting and snacks will be provided. There are many things to discuss for the rest of the school year, please join us.

Yearbook needs your pictures. If you have taken pictures of any class function please make an extra copy and drop it off with your child's teacher or at the front office.

Boxtop Classroom Winners: Ms. Waheed's PM Kindergarten (K-2)  
Ms. Weavers 5th grade (3-5)



Well done. Keep collecting those boxtops.

Next Meeting—January 12th @ 6:30 pm

Note: No Meeting in February.

## HEAD LICE

Head lice can happen to anyone. Head lice can occur at any age and to either sex. It doesn't just happen to other people, it could happen to you or your family. Head lice are not caused by a lack of cleanliness! They actually prefer clean hair to attach their eggs to! They are contagious, inconvenient and very annoying but they pose no real health hazard. So, it is best to learn how to recognize head lice infestation, how to treat it and how to prevent it from happening again.

### WHAT ARE HEAD LICE?

- Small blood feeding insects
- Eggs (nits) appear as tiny white or gray beads on hair shaft
- Cannot fly or jump, but are passed by head to head contact or sharing personal items

### HOW DOES SOMEONE GET HEAD LICE?

- Borrowing a comb or brush
- Sharing hats, ribbons, scarves or other head coverings
- Sharing towels or pillowcases
- Stray hair that has eggs (nits) can transmit head lice
- Reinfestation can be caused from sleepovers, regular playmates or relatives, day care situations, scout groups, classmates, any time where head-to-head contact is possible.



### TREATMENT?

- Head lice are treated with a lice killing (pediculicide) shampoo. Available over-the counter @ drugstores.
- Follow package instructions carefully
- Use a kitchen timer to make sure treatment is left on for appropriate amount of time
- Do not use on cuts or abraded areas. Do not use very hot water or hot hair dryer.
- Apply to dry hair, thoroughly massage the product into scalp, behind the ears and onto the back of the neck.
- Be sure and remove every egg (nit) with a fine tooth nit comb—eggs (nits) left on the head and presumed to be dead might actually be alive! Newly laid eggs (nits) are immune to the lice killing shampoo due to their underdeveloped nervous systems.
- REPEAT the treatment in 7-10 days to kill the remaining eggs (nits)
- Sometimes it may be necessary to get a prescription Lice Killing shampoo if the Lice have become resistant to the over-the-counter shampoos.
- Homeopathic (oil-based) methods are an alternative to shampoos but lack scientific validation at this time and there are no standards for use.
- Vacuum the carpet and the furniture.
- Wash clothing and bedding in hot water and dry on HOT cycle of dryer
- Bag up stuffed animals and unwashable clothing tightly in plastic bags for two weeks
- Vacuum the furniture and the CAR upholstery
- Do not use household sprays
- Don't spray or shampoo your pets, they are NOT susceptible to lice which only live on humans

If you suspect or have already discovered head lice on your child, please notify the school! The school in turn will screen students for lice, notify parents and do housecleaning measures at school such as vacuuming, cleaning, bagging items in class, etc. If lice is suspected on a child while at school, the parent/guardian will be notified. Please know that to contract head lice is not a disgrace any more than it is to catch a cold, strep throat, flu or pink eye. As a school community of children, parents, siblings, teachers, staff, volunteers, friends, co-workers, we all need to work together as a team to help each other and ourselves prevent the spread of lice.

### **Next month: The top ten myths about Head Lice.**

Information provided by District RN, Nancy Flanigan—720-972-4797

#### **REMINDER**

Please call the attendance phone number @ 720-972-5489 by 8:15 am, if your child will not be at school. This is a 24 hour recorded message available for you to report absences.



#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

Main Office Phone	720-972-5480
Attendance Line	720-972-5498
BASE	720-972-5497
SSN Program	720-972-3488
Kitchen	720-972-5490
Pre-School	720-972-3468
Fax	720-972-5499

**MALLEY DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PARENT RESPONSE FORM**



In a continuing effort to develop open lines of communication, we encourage you to use this form when you have questions or concerns about Malley Drive Elementary. Responses will be shared with answers or suggestions for solutions in the next month's Malley Mustang Newsletter.

I have a question:

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I have a concern:

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I have something positive to share:

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I have the following expertise I'd like to share:

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Please include your name so we can contact you personally if necessary:

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's teacher \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to the office at Malley Drive Elementary. Thank you!**