



THE MALLEY MUSTANG

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A note from the Principal....

Dear Malley Drive Families,

Happy Spring! As the weather warms up and the days become longer know that the staff at Malley Drive is continuing to work hard with all of your children to ensure their academic success.

During the last week of February we conducted our second round of Parent/Teacher conferences. This time was an opportunity for teachers, parents and students to discuss progress, celebrate successes, and focus on upcoming academic challenges. February 27th marked the end of the second trimester so conferences were a good time for important information to be shared. Thank you to all family members who took the time to participate in this important event. We had over 95% of our families in attendance over the course of the two days. Also, the Malley Drive teachers would like to thank our PSO for providing a delicious Taco Bar on the second day of conferences. We are grateful for your generosity and your outstanding culinary skills!

March is a very busy month, particularly for our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students because the CSAP test is administered to them. CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) is a state mandated test. Our intermediate students will be tested in reading, writing and math. Additionally, our 5th grade students will be taking the CSAP science test. It is very important that your child is at school during our testing window. Third and fourth grade students will be tested during the week of March 9th-13th. Our fifth grade students have two weeks of testing, March 10th-19th. It is imperative that students are at school during that time. Students who are absent during the testing window will be given their tests when they return. Please make sure your student gets a good night's sleep, is at school on time, has had a nutritious breakfast and is ready to work. We appreciate your help and support with this.

Finally, the week of March, 23rd-26th, will be our Spring Break. When teachers return, after that much needed week off, we will continue to focus on your child's education and will work hard to complete the curriculum and teach your child the skills he/she will need to be successful in next year's class. When home and school work together, students are able to flourish and excel. Thank you for your continued support and enjoy the upcoming Spring Break.

Sincerely,

Anne Wesley



News from Mrs. La—Art

The Art To Remember Fundraiser packets have arrived. All orders are due by Friday, March 6. This is an optional program that raises money for the art department. All money earned goes directly to purchase supplies for the students. The students are very proud of their artwork and this is a wonderful way to showcase their hard work.

Have you had a chance to browse the hallways at school? If so, you've probably seen the fabulous artwork on display. Malley Drive students work very hard and do tremendous work. If you haven't seen the artwork on display, be sure to check it out the next time you are in the building.

February was the start of art shows. Malley Drive will be participating in three different art shows this spring. Currently, approximately 20 students have artwork on display at the Adams 12 District Offices at 1500 E. 128th Avenue. From there, the art will travel to the Allegra Coffee Company located in the same complex. In May, the District Art Show will take place at Front Range Community College. I will be notifying you if your child has art in that show. I am proud of all Malley Drive students. They rise to the challenges I give them each and every day.

News from Ms. Stehno—Music

All fifth graders who love to sing and perform are invited to audition for the Adams 12 Five Star Honor Choir on Friday, March 20th, from 2:30 - 3:15 in the Malley music room. A maximum of 6 students will be selected to participate in this prestigious group. The Choir will include 5th graders from every elementary school in the district and will perform at Mountain Range High School on Friday, May 8th. Information will go home on Friday, March 13th.



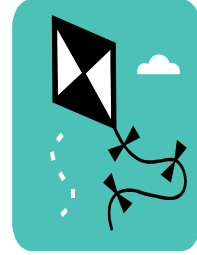
All first and second graders who love to sing are invited to join the Malley Mini Singers. Rehearsals begin March 31st. The final performance will be May 19th. Information will go home on Friday, March 13th.

Jump Rope for Heart News—from Ms Thomas, PE

Malley Students raised \$1,871.99 for the American Heart Association. A fun and exciting time was had by all as they jumped to strengthen their hearts and learned about healthy habits. Thanks to the Malley community for your support.

Important Dates To Remember in March

- March 6 Report Cards Home
March 9 CSAP Testing Begins 3rd-5th Grades
PSO Meeting @ 6:30 pm
March 15 Choice Deadline—Forms must be submitted to ESC
March 23-27 No School-Spring Vacation



Perfect Attendance 2nd Trimester

1st Grade

Andrew Hanneman
Bryant Hernandez
Benjamin Moreno
Clarissa Vargas

2nd Grade

Christine Castro
Josiah Davis
Brayan Fernandez Montenegro
Reese Gomez
Jesse Schrad
Adam Sells
Carolyn Thomas

3rd Grade

Gabriel Garcia
Ivan Giron Gomez
Kimberly Gutierrez
Samuel Mason Hard
Andrew Melendez
Alexzander Oswalt
Larissa Paine
Jordan Sullivan
Alycia Thomas
William Willoughby

4th Grade

Jose Alvear Carbajal
Antonio Barajas
Emma Fiore
Ramona Gomez
Austyn Gregory
Aiyanna Hagerman
Jennifer Herrera
Megan Korang
Charles LeFever
Brandan Menard
Brandon Reed
Richard Scanga

5th Grade

Kaitlyn Adams
Della Browning
Ryan Gomez
Lacy McKenny
Michael Perez
DeVante Scott

PSO News for March



Yearbooks are on sale now. Buy yours today! **Yearbooks cost \$12 each** and are in color. If you lost your order envelope, you can pick one up in the office or ask your teacher. You can also just put your payment in a regular envelope with your child's name, their teacher's name and how many yearbooks you are purchasing on the outside of the envelope. Turn all orders into your child's teacher.

The Spring Dance is on Friday, April 17th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Plan on attending and you'll see what theme the students voted for. Look for more information to come home in April.

Walmart's plastic bag recycling program is coming to an end for the year. **March 27th is the last day to bring bags in.** If you have been waiting to bring them in, please bring them in now, you don't want to wait much longer. Let's try to match last year's total of 119 big bags.

Our next PSO meeting is March 9th at 6:30 in the library. We will be discussing the spring dance, Family Fun Day, and many other issues. Please plan to attend. We provide a kid-sitter, snacks and drinks. We would love to have you join us!

Dates to Remember

March 9th	PSO meeting
April 13th	PSO meeting
April 17th	Spring Dance
May 4-8	Staff Appreciation week
May 11th	PSO meeting
May 16th	Family Fun Day



Reminder! Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 8th. Please remember to set your clocks forward.



Thank you for continuing to call the attendance line (720-972-5498) when your child will not be in school. We appreciate it!

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

**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:

I have a concern:

I have something positive to share:

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

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!