

Rapid City Elementary



November 25, 2009

THE BOBCAT BROADCAST

INCORPORATING THE WORDS “THANK YOU” IN YOUR CHILD’S VOCABULARY

Among the early words you teach your tot are “thank you.” Young children need prompts like, “What do you say to Aunt Becky?” Hopefully, over time it becomes an automatic response. But parents need to continue teaching an attitude of thanks even to teenagers. As you celebrate the busy holiday season, utilize every moment as an opportunity to nurture thankfulness in your child. Throughout this newsletter, we will share simple ways to teach your child to be “Thankful”.

THE RAPID CITY STAFF WOULD LIKE TO **THANK YOU** FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PART OF YOUR CHILD’S LIFE.
HAVE A BLESSED AND THANKFUL THANKSGIVING!

REMINDER CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The children have been working very hard on performing melodies of the season for you. Please come and invite your family and friends, to hear the holiday melodies. The concert will take place in the multi-purpose on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 7:00 p.m.



DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER

Nov. 26 & 27

NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER

Dec. 8

Christmas Concert

7:00 p.m.

Dec. 14

PTA Meeting 5:45 pm

School Board

Meeting following

Dec. 23

NO SCHOOL

Winter Break Begins



JANUARY

Jan. 4

School Resumes

Jan. 21 & 22

HALF DAY FOR

STUDENTS

End of 1st semester
of school

Guiding Ambition



LIVE THE LESSON

It has been said that we're always teaching; sometimes we use words. Remember to say "thank you" to others, but more importantly, live a life of appreciation. Your children are watching their first and most influential teacher!



Rapid City PTA

Officers

President:

Janie Shier (313-8886)

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Rashelle Schwab
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Treasure:

Rachele Cummings (331-7744)

Before and after the Christmas Concert on December 8th, PTA is offering a small Christmas Sale with items priced \$1 and under. Please come and shop with your kids and support the school at the same time.

PTA Corner

Popcorn Fridays Starting on Dec. 18th!

The PTA is going to be sponsoring **FREE** popcorn for the children on every other Friday. We are looking for volunteers to help with the popping of corn and distribution to the classrooms. There is a sign-up sheet on the PTA board with dates, just sign-up, leave your phone number and Janie Shier will call you. It's that easy! Any questions please call Janie 313-8886.

PTA Logo Sale

The PTA has some women's logo items for sale. (\$29.00 each)

Women's XL sweatshirts

Women's L sweatshirts

Women's M sweatshirts

We also have Kid's Lg, Med & Sm Sweatshirts (\$18.00 to \$15.00 each)

Water Bottles @ \$5.00 each

Get started on Christmas! You can talk to Mrs. Loose in the office or Janie Shier 313-8886. Thank you.

Our 9th Annual Winter Carnival is Scheduled for February 6th, 2010

We have started planning our Winter Carnival and need lots of volunteers! We are looking for chairpersons for different parts of the Carnival.

Indoor Activities

Outdoor Activities

Advertising

PTA Table

If any of these sound FUN to you please sign-up on the PTA board. It's a great event for our school and a lot of FUN for our kids.

COOKIES!

We need cookies for the schools Christmas concert. If you would like to donate, please bring them in the day of the concert, December 8th, and the PTA will have a refreshment table set up after the concert for you and your family to enjoy.

Next PTA Meeting

Mark your calendars!!! There has been a change on our next PTA meeting, due to a School Board Meeting being held at the school. It will be held on Monday, December 14th at 5:45pm in the Art Room. Free Daycare provided! Hope to see you all there.

GREEN SCHOOL NEW – By Rachele Cummings

Eco-Friendly Lunchroom

Recycling efforts at RCE were taken to the next level this week with the start-up of breakfast and lunch time sorting and recycling. The disposable plastic silverware and plastic wrapped napkins have been replaced with metal reusable silverware and new napkin dispensers. Also several recycle sorting bins have been added for lunchroom waste. After lunch the children sort their lunchroom waste into several categories: Silverware, plastic, garbage, drink boxes, and compost. Fourth & Fifth grade helpers assisted the younger students with the new sorting routine, then help empty the recycle bins into the proper receptacles. This includes taking the compost bucket out to the new compost bin behind the school. We hope that by next fall the students will be able to see the result of their efforts by discovering a large mound of rich soil where the pile of food scraps once were!

Wearing their “green team” T-shirts, 4th graders Andrea and Ariel, prepare to dump the bin of lunchroom food scraps onto the compost pile.



**CONVERT
ATTITUDE INTO
ACTION**

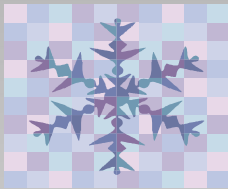
A small gesture, such as a smile, can lighten the day of the waitress who hands your child a glass of milk or a hug for the teacher is always welcome. When a child empties the dishwasher, it an action of appreciation for home and food. Thankfulness is also expressed through homemade cards and drawings. To appreciate their classroom teachers, my girls and I always made little gifts for them at the holidays.

**PEN A POEM OF
THANKFULNESS**

Together with your child, try to write works that rhyme with thanks, gratitude or thankful. This can be a fun, language learning time also.

NOTICE NATURE

Encourage your child to appreciate the inspiration that surrounds him/her. Marvel at the power of the wind, the immensity of the ocean, the perfection of a snowflake, the night sky or the rugged beauty of a mountain range.



MAKE A MEDLEY OF THANKFULNESS

Grab a pile of old magazines. Encourage your child to look through the pages and cut out pictures of things for which they are thankful. Glue these on one page, overlapping pictures. Soon your child will have a visual reminder of the blessings in this life.

COMING SOON TO OUR COMMUNITY

SAY YES TO NO:
A CONVERSATION ABOUT RAISING HAPPY, HEALTHY,
SUCCESSFUL KIDS

BASED ON THE BOOK
'NO' Why Kids—of All Ages—Need to Hear It and Ways Parents
Can Say It

by David Walsh, PhD

Book Study to Begin in 2010--

**Option 1
Rapid City Elementary School
Elementary School**

Tuesday, January 12
Tuesday, January 19
Tuesday, January 26
Tuesday, February 2

**Option 2
Birch Street**

Tuesday, February 9
Tuesday, February 16
Tuesday, February 23
Tuesday, March 2

Two times available each week (daytime or evening).

Parents from any KPS elementary school are invited to attend the Rapid City meetings (Option 1) **OR** the Birch Street meetings (Option 2).

For more information or to register, please contact
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