

Newsletter for January, 2012

Hope you had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. Saratoga Elementary School was very busy. I hope you had a chance to experience some of the wonderful things taking place here. Especially the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band's wonderful Christmas Concert on Friday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and the Kg – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students' heart-warming concert to a packed house at the Community Center on Tuesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> with our wonderful music teacher. Mrs. Springsteen certainly does bring the best out in the children.

On Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> the National Geographic Geography Bee was held in the SES library. There were eight 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders competing for the medal and a chance to progress on to the state bee. The contestants were: 8<sup>th</sup> graders – John Bauer, Zane Michelson, and Aaron Kerbs. 7<sup>th</sup> graders - Anthony Sandoval, and Maya Zeiger. 6<sup>th</sup> grader – Larissa Ford. 5<sup>th</sup> graders – Robin Gloss and Lauren Buford. The final championship round pitted Aaron Kerbs and Robin Gloss against each other with three questions to answer. Aaron Kerbs came out on top as the winner! He is now eligible to take a written test to qualify for state and then hopefully he will go on to Nationals. many thanks to Mrs. MacKay for all her work in getting the Bee organized, judging and emceeing the competition. Congratulations to all the contestants!

We are very excited to have the Denver Zoo coming to Saratoga Elementary School. On Wednesday, Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM there will be a Family Night at the PV Community Center. The program is called The Wild Wonders. We hope you and your family will be able to attend. Ice cream and animal crackers will be served after the program. on Thursday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> during the school day, your students will see the African Safari and Animal Discovery programs. Thanks to the P.T.O. for helping fund this wonderful learning experience.

Testing: Your child will be taking the Winter DIBELS on Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> and the MAP tests on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> – Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. The testing will be used to help teachers better meet your student's needs. We ask that you please help by having your students here, with a good night's sleep as well as a breakfast on testing days

The end of the quarter is January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to read and make their accelerated Reader goal. We have planned a Snow Day on Friday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> for students that have made their 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter goals.

The P.T.O. will be holding the regular meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the SES lunchroom. One of the items to be discussed will be the 2012-2013 calendar. We would love to have your input.