



PTA Meeting Agenda

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We are grateful to be here for the good of Teller's kids and our neighborhood.

- **Welcome and Introductions** - Pam Paulien/Bess Scully
- **Thank You!** - Pam Paulien
Thank you to Tim Threlkheld for putting Simply Giving onto Paypal and getting a Zon machine for easy checkout at Taste for Teller and Tellerpalooza. Tim and Patty Hakala for handling the website for numerous years. Thank you to Lisa Evans and Ms. Bonnefoi for their efforts in getting us into the final round for \$20,000 grant! So close!
Thank you to all of the parents and staff for rounding up all of the donations for the auction, we are about double the items from last year!
Destination Imagination is this Saturday! Thank you to all of the volunteers who coached all of our children. Thank you to the 4th grade teachers and students for a wonderful night at Teller's Got Talent!
Finally, thank you to Sara Cook and Cindy Young for getting the DPS A to Z grant. This will boost PEAK into the black!
- **Conversation Recap/Starter** - Tricia Johnson
How can we make PTA meetings more appealing to you as a parent? We need to get things done, but what more would you like?
- **Nominating Committee Update** - Bess Scully
Last meeting we had 3 people volunteer to join the nominating committee. One person had to drop out. We need one more person for this committee. We need to vote for a new board in April. Cathy Boies moved to have board elections in April. Jillian Wendt second the motion.
- **Staff Appreciation Breakfast** - Bess Scully
Jill Cooper will champion this event. Please contact her if you can make a donation at iluvlucy@ecentral.com.
- **Principal's Report** - Bess Scully for Principal Barton
This has been a busy, busy month...with a lot of successes and good news to share...
- Our 3rd-5th grade students and staff successfully completed CSAP. It takes endurance from all-primary students and staff handled the adjusted CSAP schedule, staff tested students and students did their best. I am proud of all!
- Carmel Hill, our Accelerated Reader grantee is so impressed with our implementation of the program. They are giving us \$12,000 to purchase more books for our library. This was unexpected and exciting news for us.
- We have hired an outstanding teacher join our 4th grade and teller Team. Alicia Johnston comes to us from Fairmont Dual Language as a 4th grade teacher. Alicia's students showed very strong student growth based on interim tests, she is positive and wants to be part of the Teller team. The hiring committee knew right away that she was the person to join us.
- We are all so excited about our Drama with musical emphasis as a new special for the 2011-2012 school year. The hiring committee is actively looking for the best person for this position.
- And, we want everyone to know and ask all to share the good news...we have supports in place to continue on with the Teller Band next year. The Colorado Youth Orchestra and Symphony are going to pay for and find a qualified instructor to continue to work with our students in the morning. They will provide us 3 hours of instruction a week from highly qualified musicians.
- **Teacher's Report** - Ms. Joyce Whitman –3rd Grade Teacher

Beyond Giftedness was a seminar that Mrs. Whitman and 3 other teachers attended. Administrators, Teachers and Parents were welcomed to attend. Ms. Whitman spoke enthusiastically about the sessions and speakers. She learned a lot that can easily be incorporated into her classroom at Teller. Sessions included **Differentiation, Curriculum, Social/Emotional, Parenting, Twice Exceptional, Educational Options, Early Childhood, Learning Problems, Practical Strategies, Student Forum, Gifted Cluster Classroom, Advanced Literacy Strategies, Giftedness in Diverse Populations...and more**

Beyond Giftedness XVIII Presenters

Jim Delisle

Professor Emeritus
Kent State University, where he served as Director of undergraduate and graduate programs in gifted education for 25 years

Terry Bradley

G/T Advisor, Fairview High School, Boulder
Chair, CO State G/T Advisory Committee

Cheryl Franklin-Rohr

Adams Co School District 14

Pat Garner

Principal, Broomfield Academy

Ellen Honeck

Upper School Coordinator
Ricks Center for Gifted
University of Denver; Associate Director, Institute for Development of Gifted Education

Shannon Jones

Director of Education, Ricks Center for Gifted Children
Associate Director, Institute for Development of Gifted Education

Nathan Levy

Author/Speaker
Nathan Levy Books LLC

Mark Overmeyer

Literacy Coordinator / North Area Achievement Specialist
Cherry Creek Schools

Lou Lloyd-Zannini

Associate Professor, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development
Principal, Henry Barnard Laboratory School at
Rhode Island College

Ruth Rodgers

G/T High School Program Coordinator
Wheat Ridge High School
Jeffco Public Schools

Martha Stricker

Parent of Gifted Children
Parent Representative, State Board of Nebraska Association

- **Treasurer's Report** - Lisa Evans
We are halfway to our goal for Simply Giving with 72 families. If you have not signed up for Simply Giving, please sign up. At the rate we are going, we are on goal to meet our pledge to CSC for next year's budget.
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Communications** - Cathy Boies
We are setting up a new website for it to be "One stop shopping" for you as a parent. It will be unveiled very soon!
 - ✓ **Mascot Competition Results** - Cathy Boies
We had a contest for all of the students to do line drawings of Tigers. There were 2 finalists from each grade level. The finalist was Aislinn Lewis, a 4th grader at Teller Elementary.

- **Fundraising**
 - ✓ Taste for Teller
 - Ted Boeckman
 - Bess Scully for Sarah Kinzer

We are still looking for food donations. Please contact Sarah Kinzer to let her know if you have a food donation. Marczyk's donates all of the wine to Taste for Teller. We support them by purchasing wine from Marczyk's. They then donate a portion of their sales back to Teller.

 - Karen Ryan for Cheryl Ward

This year's auction has over 100 items this year. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to the auction. There are so many items that you might buy anyway, please support Teller. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Tracy Coate.

- ✓ Tellerpalooza
 - Allyson Mendenhall

Thanks to everyone who attended, to everyone who is working so hard to make Tellerpalooza rock - and to Cecilia for hosting us this time!

BAND LIST

- The bands are set, most likely in this order:
 - Monroe Monroe <http://www.myspace.com/monroemonroeden>
 - Judge Roughneck <http://www.myspace.com/judgeroughneckband>
 - The Heyday <http://www.myspace.com/theheyday>
 - Petals of Spain <http://www.myspace.com/petalsofspain>
 - Earmark Saints <http://www.myspace.com/earmarksaints>
- Please go listen to their MySpace pages! Another great lineup this year!
- Due to feedback from last year, we have less bands and should be ending around midnight
- General Palooza help please? Try to go to shows of current and past Palooza performers and/or help spread the word about their shows via email, Facebook etc. We also try to list their shows on the Teller Elementary FB fan page and also tweet on the Twitter @tellerpalooza account.

VENUE COORDINATION

- Michelle and Bryan hope to touch base with Merc on 3/21
- Will mention food for kids, possible ready-to-eat meals
- If Merc does not want to make ready-made meals, Cecilia will get people to give PBJs for bake sale

T-SHIRTS

- T-shirts will be finalized this week, going to the printer by 3/9
- Suzie Street managing distribution when we get shirts from printing, at end of March
- We are adding ability to ship shirts this year, Suzie please figure out what we should charge for this
- Otherwise, most of the distribution will go through kid's backpacks
- T-shirt prices: \$17 adult \$15 kids

TICKETS

- Tix \$18 each, \$60 family four pack presale, \$20 at door
- Free for 3 years and under
- Michelle Lang needs artwork from Aimee Giese by 3/9
- No coupons on back, regular distribution
- Educational piece for to put in with tickets about etiquette at Palooza
- Bands get one ticket for each member, plus 1 extra ticket for a family member
- Bryan will need some tickets to woo "special guests" to attend
- No political candidates as "special guests."
- Also, this year, we will try a limited amount of additional "discount tickets" (\$7 each) for bands to have additional friends and family use.
- Tickets and t-shirts will go on sale online 3/21/11.

BEER

- 3 kegs have been acquired by Lisa Evans

TASTE FOR TELLER

- Need a Palooza logo to send to Marzyks for wine order form
- Marzyks will have a special section in the booklet for attendees to buy wine to donate to Palooza Wall of Wine, double win for Teller due to Marzyck donation
- Need Cheryl Ward to have Palooza beer station in Silent Auction

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

- Jill and JJ have stepped up to organize volunteers, thank you!
- Aimee will get Jill Tracy C's past documents
- JJ has been wrangling up new parents to help volunteer
- Need lists of who should be at each volunteer station on wall at each volunteer station

PUBLICITY

- Allyson and Erika working hard, press release will be ready soon
- Is Leslie still doing the letter to new Teller parents?

POSTER DISTRIBUTION

- Lori has revised numbers, changed some areas to B&W flyers, expanded some areas
- Lori will send Aimee the new list by 3/16
- We need a few more volunteers to help put up posters
- Posters will go up mid-April

PALOOZA PATROL

- Michelle and Cecila will start training kids on behavior, either in classroom or at an assembly
- Aimee will do flyer for what to do, get babysitters lined up, etc
- Bess, please fill us in on details of East High kids
- Get some type of identifying item for the East High enforcers. Iron on?

PALOOZA WEDNESDAYS

- After spring break, all Wednesday's are Tellerpalooza Wednesday's, wear your Palooza gear

DOWNSTAIRS ENTERTAINMENT

- Need this to split up crowd during primetime of 5-8pm
- Trunks is on board for one performance
- Were planning on bingo for after Trunks
- Before Trunks: Karaoke? Rock Band? Can Aimee get Nintendo to give us a Wii + Rockband to use and giveaway?
- Need someone to manage this area! *****

JB's BLUE MAN GROUP

- Rumors that JB plans to perform with the kids, some kind of Blue Man Group?
- Michelle Lang will discuss and organize with JB

COMM BOXES

- The PTA is getting 3 realtor-style boxes to help facilitate communication to Teller parents.
- One will be attached to the wire fence near the entry to the small kids playground, one on the wire fence at exit of the big kids playground, and one will be placed at the KC sign-in/out area.
- We can use these boxes to place flyers and direct parents to the latest info about our event, in addition to our normal methods.

NEXT MEETING:
Wednesday, March 23rd, 6:30pm
Aimee & Bryan Giese's
815 Monroe Street
Denver, CO 80206

- **Social** - Jessica Crofts
 Game Night is March 24th
 Shakespeare/Spaghetti Dinner is May 10th
- Fitness and Wellness** - Jillian Wendt

GARDEN NEWS

Spring is here and it is time to begin planting! We have scheduled 2 planting days. The first planting day will be Thursday, March 24 and the second day will be Thursday, April 14. In order to get each class involved we will have representatives from each grade level come to the garden. At 2:00 5th Grade, 4th Grade and MIS will send down 2 students from each class. At 2:30 2nd and 3rd Grade will send 2 representatives from each class. At 3:00 ECE, Kinder, MI and 1st grade will send down 2 representatives from each class. At this time we will begin the planting with our early spring vegetables. On the first planting day we will plant lettuce, spinach, carrots, radishes, and peas. Our summer garden will be an Italian theme or Pizza garden. Each classroom will start seeds in seed trays for the pizza garden and late garden (pumpkins, squash, corn and beans). Each class can pick a flower or vegetable to grow in their seed trays. We will have classroom representatives rotate each week, this way we hope to get all students involved by the end of the school year. They will be responsible for watering and weeding our garden. We have decided to incorporate flowers to help keep pests away. Ms. Gras is working with ACE Hardware for seed donations as well as seed trays. We still need a hose, shovels, rakes and five gallon buckets to get started. There will be additional items needed as the garden progresses.

Teller Garden Maintenance Schedule

On the specified date, each class will be responsible for watering, weeding and general maintenance of the garden. No more than 10 students in the garden at a time.

April 4 ECE	April 5 Kindergarten	April 6 MI and MIS	April 7 1 st Grade	April 8 2 nd Grade
April 11 3 rd Grade	April 12 4 th Grade	April 13 5 th Grade	April 14 ECE	April 15 Kindergarten
April 18 MI and MIS	April 19 1 st Grade	April 20 2 nd Grade	April 21 3 rd Grade	April 22 4 th Grade
April 25 5 th Grade	April 26 ECE	April 27 Kindergarten	April 28 1 st Grade	April 29 2 nd Grade

- **New Business**

- Tricia Johnson

- **Conversation Starter (New Ideas/Conversations)**

Making PTA meetings more appealing to you...

1. Committee Reports-in agenda, offer to speak
2. Bring a friend (infusion at new people on all fronts)
3. Restate goal for meeting/PTA
4. Bring in a speaker (internal/external)
5. Get parent suggestions on what people want to hear about
6. Not being suckered into volunteering (informational meeting only)
7. Promote people coming to find out
8. Student report/presentation-utilize student council
9. Present neighborhood information
10. Email agenda ahead of time
11. Hook for the meeting
12. Do a social meeting each semester to relieve tension and build community...off school grounds
13. Look at creative scheduling to find ways to help teachers attend...on a professional development day

The PTA board is also proposing a new schedule for FUNdraisers.

August- Lemonade social

September- ABC Fundraiser

October- Halloween Carnival

November- Taste for Teller/Auction

December- Fashion Show

January- Social

February- Social

March- Disco

April- Tellerpalooza

May- Art Walk/Colfax Restaurant Night

July- Popsicles in the Park

Announcements:

- March 19** - **Taste for Teller – Wine Tasting/Silent Auction – 6:00PM-8:30 - 1100 Fillmore**
- March 24** - Game Night! Teller Cafeteria
- March 21 – 25** - Shakespeare Festival Auditions
- March 28 – April 1** - Spring Break! – NO SCHOOL
- April 4** - Teacher planning Day – NO SCHOOL for students
- April 12** - CSC Meeting – 5:30-7:00PM – Library
- April 6** - Walk to School Day
- April 19** - PTA Meeting – 6PM - Library
- April 27** - Kaleidoscope Corner Current Families Registration – 3:30–6:30PM – Teller Cafeteria
- April 30** - **Tellerpalooza – 4:30PM–12:00AM – Mercury Café**
- May 2 - 6** - Staff Appreciation Week!
- May 10** - CSC Meeting – 5:30-7:00PM – Library
- May 4** - Walk to School Day
- May 6** - Teacher planning Day – NO SCHOOL for students
- May 10** - Night of Shakespeare/Spaghetti Dinner – Teller Cafeteria/Auditorium
- May 17** - PTA Meeting – 6PM - Library
- May 18** - Kaleidoscope Corner New Families Registration – 3:30–6:30PM – Teller Cafeteria
- May 27** - Last Day of School

Reminders:

- Join the Teller PTA Yahoo! Group!
- Buy your grocery cards!
- Subscribe to PTA Google Calendar!
- Join Simply Giving!