



School Newsletter

Traut Core Knowledge School

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Jen Morris, PAB

When the deadline for this Friday Note pinged my calendar last week, I found myself reflecting on the many Friday Notes I've composed over the last number of years. I've written about all sorts of things, ranging from parking lot etiquette to our Mentor Program. I've been a part of the Traut community now for nearly a decade. My oldest is bound for high school next year. My youngest will be a 5th grader here at Traut- our last year here. I'll be honest- I'm having some trouble wrapping my head around that.

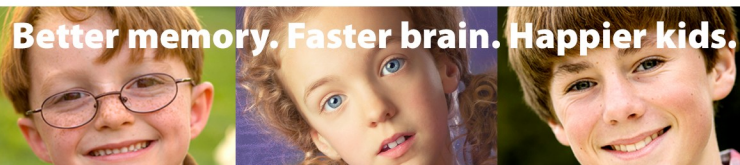
With all this running through my head, I find myself reflecting on the nature of our Parent Partnership Pillar at Traut. It took me a few years to realize the privilege of what we have here at our school. I was initially overwhelmed with the newness of a kindergartener. Then I was certain that I didn't have the experience or expertise that was appropriate for real involvement at the school- I mean, what did I know about committee work? I dipped a toe in the water, and eventually found the proverbial water just fine. With time, I've come to truly appreciate the level of partnership we enjoy at our school to an extent that I never expected. My husband commutes to downtown Denver every day. It would make our lives so much simpler if we'd just move south. We've had the conversation countless times in the last years. The fact is, the school experience our kids have had has been the glue that has held us here. We just couldn't bring ourselves to truly consider rocking that boat, when both our kids have gotten so very much from what our school has offered them.

Part of the process here at Traut inherently includes the passing of that Partnership torch. Odd as it seems, I have only one more year here. I have one more year to serve on the Parent Advisory Board, one more year to help with Lights and Sound for our productions, one more year to help in the classroom. I need to start thinking about passing the torch. That's how the system works.

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Event Calendar

Mon. - Thurs., April 7th-10th	Scholastic Book Fair	Media Center	Echo Strong 214-2247
Monday, April 7th	School of Choice Orientation	Media Center 6:00pm	Belinda Nygaard 488-7500
Wednesday, April 9th	VIPS Appreciation Celebration	School Lounge 8:30am-3:00pm	Sue Torres 488-7500
Wednesday, April 9th	Class/Group Picture Day	Media Center	Sue Torres 488-7500
Thursday, April 10th	Spring Family Dance - Western Theme!	TCKS 4:00-6:00pm	Sarah Park 231-7114
Friday, April 11th	Parent/Teacher Conferences, K-12	NO SCHOOL	* * * * *
Monday, April 14th	K-8 Teacher Work Day	NO SCHOOL	* * * * *
Tuesday, April 15th	VIPS Meeting	School Lounge 8:30-9:30am	Jennifer Kenline 227-3922 Susan Tataje 482-2616
Wednesday, April 16th	SBMC Meeting	Media Center 3:30-5:30pm	Peggy Lundebly 488-7570
Thursday, April 17th	5th Grade Tom Sawyer Musical	TCKS Gym 1:45 & 6:30pm	Thomas Chen 488-7573
Friday, April 18th	"Twin-see Day" School Spirit Day	All Day	Student Advisory Board 488-7552
Monday, April 21st	Parent Education Meeting	Media Center 3:30-4:30pm	Brandon Tompkins 545-0633
Thursday, April 24th	TCKS Book Swap	Media Center 3:05-4:00pm	Brenda Kosmos 488-7505
Tuesday, April 29th	Curriculum Committee Meeting	Room 111 3:30-5:00pm	Melissa Mielke 488-7511
Tuesday, April 29th	Kindergarten 2014- 2015 Orientation	Media Center 6:00-7:00pm	Belinda Nygaard 488-7500
Thursday, May 1st	Chimes Choir Concert	TCKS Gym 2:15 & 6:30pm	Thomas Chen 488-7573

Attendance Line & Lunch Orders

Attendance Line...

Please call the attendance line @ **488-7503** to report a student absent or tardy.

Please also notify the office, **in addition to your child's teacher**, if your student will be absent due to travel plans.

Lunch Orders...

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PAB, continued

There is a whole new pool of parents just getting their feet wet here at Traut Core Knowledge. Just like me, many of those new parents may be overwhelmed with being first time kinder parents. Many may be pretty certain they just don't possess the skill sets for committee work. And still many others may simply not yet have recognized just how important they are to the process—that special process that IS Traut Core Knowledge School. We are a community founded on Partnership. The process needs you. Come on in—the water's fine. And the benefits you and your children will realize may prove to be enough to keep you here, even if logic says it could make more sense to move south.

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Tuesday 4/9 8:30-4:30
Wednesday 4/10 8:30-4:30
Thursday 4/11 8:30-1:00

This is the last book fair before summer break. Come find great books with even greater pricing. **ALL ITEMS ARE BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE!!** During the fair, you may wish to purchase a book or two for your child's classroom. The Classroom Wish List program enables teachers to hand-pick books for their classroom library.

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Howdy Y'all!

You and your family are **WANTED** at the **Spring Family Dance!**

The school dance will be a western theme this year, so grab your cowboy and cowgirl outfits and scoot your boots down to the gym **Thursday, April 10th, 2014, from 4:00-6:00 pm.** Refreshments will be available for purchase.





Class/Group Picture Day is Coming!
Wednesday, April 9th

Order forms are in this week's Friday Folder and may be returned with your student on picture day. Additional order forms are in the TCKS office if needed.




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April 9th, 2014**

VIPS Appreciation Tea



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Proposed Study Hall Policy Revision Draft

This is the second posting of this proposed policy change. The last line has been added onto the previously-posted version. As before, if you would like to see what has changed in this document compared to the current policy, please contact Mark Wertheimer at markw@psdschools.org. You can also click [here](#) to see our original policy for comparison. The purpose of posting a policy draft is to solicit inputs from our stakeholders regarding such a change. If you wish to make any suggestions or comments regarding the proposed policy change, please contact Principal Mark Wertheimer (markw@psdschools.org) or the Parent Advisory Board (tcks-pab@googlegroups.com) before the next Site Based Management Council meeting.



Traut Core Knowledge School
Study Hall Policy
Approved on February 5, 1998
Revised on [Date]

Study Hall

The purpose of TCKS' study hall is to meet individual student needs by providing a supervised place after school where our students can complete their assignments and get additional help as needed from the study hall tutor/monitor. Our study hall is meant to support the pillar of "Student Responsibility for Learning" in allowing our students to be held accountable for their work while providing a way for them to be successful in completing it. Our study hall also depends on the support provided by the pillar of "Parent Partnership" as it assists and supports parents in their role as their child's "first teacher."

Our student responsibility pillar states that our students are key partners in our goals of educational excellence and fairness, and that they will obtain the desired success as they recognize and accept their responsibility for their own learning. Parents have a primary role in helping students handle increasingly complex tasks as they move through the grades, and they are expected to support student learning by providing a quiet, comfortable study environment in the home and to offer their child assistance as possible. Our study hall is meant to support, and not to supplant, the student, teacher, parent partnerships that makes our school special. We emphasize that there is a cost for our students to attend TCKS, and that is the requirement to behave, and to work, both in the classroom during work times as well as at home in completing their homework assignments.

The study hall is for students who are missing assignments and is not to be used as a detention for misbehavior.

The Site Based Management Council may vote to suspend this service temporarily should a financial need arise to do so.

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Looking Ahead



April 7th	Distance Traut Track Ten - 4th & 5th Grades Rain Date for Traut Track Ten
April 7th-10th	Scholastic Book Fair
April 9th	Class/Group Picture Day VIPS Appreciation Tea
April 10th	Spring Family Dance — Western Theme!
April 11th	K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences-NO SCHOOL
April 14th	K-8 Collaboration Day — NO SCHOOL
April 18th	TCKS School Spirit Day
April 24th	TCKS Book Swap
April 30th	PSD Elementary Track Meet — Distance
May 3rd	PSD Elementary Track Meet — Track & Field
May 8th	Traut Family Picnic
May 16th	Teacher Work Day — NO SCHOOL
May 23rd	Field Day — Kindergarten - 5th Grades
May 26th	Memorial Day — NO SCHOOL
May 30th	Fifth Grade Promotion
May 30th	Last Day of School -- Half Day
May 31st - August 18th	SUMMER BREAK!
August 19th	2014-2015 School Year Begins!

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TCKS Book Swap



**Thursday, April 24th,
3:05-4:00pm in the Library**

**Drop off up to 10 gently used books to the library
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many books at the swap as you bring.
Sign up at the media check-out desk.
(Please, no preschool or board books)**

Poudre School District News

Early Childhood Open Houses Scheduled through April

Early Childhood Education is excited to announce eight open houses for families interested in the Early Childhood 3-5 Preschool program for 2014-15. Open houses will feature an Early Childhood classroom where families can visit and experience the program first-hand. Early Childhood staff will be available to answer questions about enrollment, curriculum, as well as the comprehensive services that are offered when their children are enrolled.

The last open house will be held:

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Friday, April 25, Rice Elementary, 7000 Third St., Wellington



Families are encouraged to attend any one of these events to visit with staff, see a classroom, and apply for one of the program's no-cost or tuition-based program options. For more information, contact the Early Childhood enrollment office located at 220 N. Grant Ave., or call 490-3204.

School News

*Go, TCKS!
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"Twin-see Day"
TCKS School Spirit Day
Friday, April 18

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Thursday, May 8th

6:00-8:00pm

**Look for a family order form in this week's Friday
Folder. Return order forms to the TCKS Office
by Friday, May 2nd.**

Proposed Charter Revision

This posting is to let our community know of a Charter revision, one which clarifies the Principal Selection Committee process, which has received preliminary approval by our Site Based Management Council. Deletions are in strike-out font, and additions are double-underlined. According to our Charter, final approval of such a revision must take place through a vote of staff and parents (click [here](#) to see the Charter on that matter (see section 3)). We have sent out green-colored paper ballots in Friday folders for all parents (one vote for each parent—if you need additional ballots, please contact the office at 488-7500). Eligible staff members have received yellow-colored paper ballots. In order to be counted, ballots must be returned to the school by 4 PM, April 18, 2014. Results of the vote will be posted in the next Friday Notes following the vote. If you have any questions or wish to comment on the proposed Charter change, please contact Principal Mark Wertheimer (markw@psdschools.org) or the Parent Advisory Board (tcks-pab@googlegroups.com).

4.5 Hiring the School Principal

The Poudre School District Board of Education has hiring responsibility for the school principal.

When the need arises to hire a principal, a selection committee will be appointed consisting of ~~two an equal number of~~ non-PAB parents, ~~two non-TAB~~ staff members, ~~two and~~ PAB members, ~~and two TAB members with a minimum of 6 and maximum of 12.~~ The TAB will select the staff members, and the PAB will select the parents to participate on the selection committee. The selection committee shall conduct interviews and select two to four leading candidates by simple majority. Those leading candidates who meet the approval of both the PAB and TAB by majority vote in executive session will become final candidates to be voted on by the selection committee. A 2/3-majority vote of the selection committee will determine the recommendation for principal.

The Poudre School District Board of Education will determine minimum requirements for the position of principal and will have final approval of any candidates who are recommended.

