

August/September 2011

Welcome back to school! There is so much to look forward to this year at Kunsberg. The staff welcomes all the returning students and gives an extra special welcome to all these new students and their families!

<u>Ms. Ray's K-1</u>	<u>Ms. Schroeck's 2-3</u>	<u>Ms. Huppert's 5-6</u>
Leo	Arnejah	Tylana
Payten	Robert	
Silas	<u>Ms. Kimling's class</u>	<u>Ms. White's 6-7</u>
Taya	Kristen	Paige
Taylor	Quentin	
	Tai'li	

### September Bus Passes



Kunsberg is pleased to announce that once again we will be offering FREE RTD monthly passes to our students! These passes are provided through Kunsberg and have been funded through donations to our school by local community members. Eligible students are those who consistently use the RTD buses to and from school. Forms for the passes may be picked up in the front office. If you want to know more about Kunsberg School's Transportation Plan, please contact Ms. Jessica in the front office or call 303-398-1103.

### Happy Birthday to these folks!

Jonathan...8/6	Jahmir...8/22	Taya...9/4
India...8/6	Jeremy...8/24	Arnejah...9/7
Laforest...8/10	Tarrah...8/250	Delano...9/11
Ms. Ray...8/13	Dhani...8/26	Amadi...9/16
Kristian...8/16	Matthew...8/26	GYM Jim...9/23
Robert...8/17	Olivia...9/3	Azunae...9/27



## Katie's Book Nook

We are so excited to have everybody back at school for another exciting year. Make sure to stop by the library to see all of the changes taking place to gear up for a spectacular year. We have many fun events planned, such as Reading Is Fundamental book distributions, Book Trust Scholastic Book Clubs, Scholastic Book Fair, Parent Nights, Reading Contests, and much more! I look forward to working with all of our students this year and getting them excited about reading!

## Mrs. Freas' 411

### Car Safety

For a year now, Colorado law has required children 8 years old and younger to be in booster or child car seats. Parents who need help figuring out the safest option for their children can visit one of Colorado's 140 car seat fit stations. The stations provide free assistance and car seat checks. For parents facing financial hardship, some fit stations provide car seats or booster seats at a reduced price or for a small donation. You can find a fit station closest to you by going to [carseatscolorado.com](http://carseatscolorado.com) or call toll free 1-877-588-8687 or 303-239-4625 in metro Denver.

**The minimum fine is \$82 PER violation.**

Children less than 12 years old should be sitting in the back seat of a vehicle. **All children younger than 16 must be wearing a seat belt.**

***Please keep your child and any others riding with you in a car safe.***

## Aundi's News Flash

Starting Off the Year Right...

It seems like we just finished last school year... often homework is not one of the things children look forward to about school. Does homework time turn into a battle? Here are a few tips:

- **Set aside special time each day devoted to "family learning."**  
Set a specific time of the day. All outside distractions are turned off- including T.V. and video games. It's also helpful for other family members to commit too...like reading a book, or doing something else educational.
- **Only assist your child with their homework when they actually want it.**
- **Help only in the absence of anger or frustration...**  
otherwise children will associate homework and learning with feeling badly, this doesn't help children to want to learn more.
- **Never Work Harder Than Your Child!**  
Children need to see that you care about their work, but their decision to not do it or not to work hard is their choice. In doing this, you create consequences which might just be the best teacher!

## PE NOTES FROM JIM



Physical Education Information (Gym class with Jim)

Swimsuits are needed for swim classes on Mondays and Wednesdays. Each class has its own combination-locked lockers for students to leave their swimsuits at school. These lockers are unlocked and then locked again at the end of each swim day. If children take their swimsuits home to be washed, please remind them to return their swimsuits to school for the next swim day. I would ask a special favor of our parents to take the swim schedule into account when deciding to have their child's hair prepared/treated. My suggestion would be to try and plan for this to be done on a Wednesday evening, Thursday or Friday so as to not interfere with their child's swim participation. We cannot 'excuse' a child from participating in swim class due to hair concerns.

All students need to have proper running shoes (tennis shoes/sneakers) for P.E. class in the gym on Tuesdays, Thursdays and every other Friday. Proper footwear allows children to run without risk of injury. When students wear dress shoes, hiking or snow boots, or thick-bottomed/platform shoes on these days, they're not allowed to participate. If someone forgets their swimsuit or gym/running shoes, they sit out of the activity (which reduces their P.E. grade). Students are always welcome to leave an extra pair of gym shoes in their classroom or in the P.E. office so they'll be prepared.

If there's a medical reason for having your child not participate in P.E. class, we ask that you call to discuss this with our School Nurses at (303) 398-1488. If a note is sent in with your child, it will be shown to our Nurses who will attempt to discuss this with you by phone.

If you have any questions concerning P.E. class, please feel free to call me at (303) 398-1115.

Jim Gianvito  
Kunsberg School P.E. Teacher

## READING BUDDIES

Several years ago, Kunsberg began a program that pairs an adult volunteer/mentor with a student to share some reading time together. For the most part, "Reading Buddies" are employees of the hospital who give of their lunch or break time to pair with our students for some extra time and attention. Some very valuable relationships are formed and the "Buddies" are already signing up to work with our students. The buddies are starting in September...so ask your child in the next couple weeks about his or her buddy and what they are going to read together!

## Important Upcoming Events

**September 5**

**NO SCHOOL  
LABOR DAY**  
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**September 15**

**PARENT NIGHT  
5-7 PM**  
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**October 5-7**

**CALWOOD (grades 5-8)**

## Family Activities ... FREE DAYS

**Children's Museum**...First Tue. of each month (CO residents)

**Denver Art Museum**...First Sat. of each month (CO residents)  
9/3 and 9/10

**Dinosaur Discovery Days** (Dinosaur Ridge-some fees)...First Sat. of each month

**Denver Museum of Nature and Science**

8/22, 8/28 and 9/18, 9/26

**Denver Botanic Gardens**

8/29 and 9/26

## **Kunsberg Kids R.A.P.**

This is the 4th year that Kunsberg will be using Positive Behavior Interventions and Support and the acronym RAP (Respect, Always be safe, Participation) to help students remember behavioral expectations. Make sure to ask your student about the school RAP rules, and consider writing a RAP rule for your home as well! If you have questions about RAP at Kunsberg, please see Ms. Kimling.

## Comcast Makes an Offer to Free-Lunch Kids

If your child qualifies for free lunch in Colorado schools this year, they also will qualify for low-cost broadband Internet access if your neighborhood is served by Comcast. Broadband Internet is available for \$10 a month to families who qualify. Interested? Check it out online at [internetessentials.com](http://internetessentials.com) or call toll-free 855-846-8376.

This might be a great help to some families needing Internet access to be registered on RENWEB! To get registered to follow student school progress with RENWEB...see Ms. Jessica or Ms. Katie.