

North Star Charter

February 1st,
2008

Attendance Report

Kindergarten	– 94.2%
1 st Grade	– 94.0%
2 nd Grade	– 92.9%
3 rd Grade	– 98.3%
4 th Grade	– 91.4%
5 th Grade	– 87.9%
6 th Grade	– 96.1%
7 th Grade	– 95.3%
8 th Grade	– 93.4%
9 th Grade	– 93.0%
School %	- 93.7%

Remember: we receive full funding for our school when we are at 96% average daily attendance or above.

North Star Billboard on State Street!

OPEN HOUSE

Feb. 26th
7:00 p.m.



North Star
Charter School

**NOW ACCEPTING
8th & 9th Grade Students**

947-0611

www.northstarcharter.org

Attention 7th, 8th and 9th grade parents!

We are planning a fun and unique 'Nordic Day', for 7th-9th graders, at Bogus Basin. This will be an opportunity for students to experience healthy winter fitness options. The dates are February 27th and February 29th. We need some parent chaperones to go with us, take the lessons, and have fun on the hill with the students. If you are interested in helping on this great day, please contact Diana Wold at dwold@northstarcharter.org or by cell phone, 908-1363. Much more information on this day will be coming soon.

IMPORTANT DATES IN FEBRUARY

Friday, February 15:

No school for students

Monday, February 18:

President's Day, school closed

CUP STACKING TOURNAMENTS

The results are in: 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades have concluded class tournaments in cup stacking. The two week tournament which included preliminary individual time trials to determine tournament seeding and tournament matches with the winners declared after a two out of three format, produced a final Championship Round on the last day of competition.

Third grade was split into two brackets. One bracket saw Christiana Warner defeat Kali Wright in the championship round with Faith Yeakley placing 3rd and Jordan Butler finishing in 4th place. The other bracket competed in the whole stack competition with Aaron Barnett besting Alisha Leifson in the finals. Renee Smith took 3rd place with Moriah Haley finishing in 4th place.

The fourth grade whole cycle tournament had 6 stackers reach the Championship Bracket, Jorde Trudel, Jacob Tucker, Rachel Madsen, Hayden Lopez, Bradie Fillmore, and Luke Yorgason. In the final match Luke Yorgason took first place in a spirited battle with Bradie Fillmore.

Fifth grade completed their tournament, when after six matches, the finals pitted the #1 seed vs. #2 seed, with Evan Barnett (#2 seed) besting #1 seed Courtney Callister in a tense championship game.

Congratulations to all the stackers who gave their best and made the tournaments an enjoyable experience.

Mr. Conti, PE

NSCS FOURTH GRADE STUDENT WINS NATIONAL PRIZE

On January 16 through 18, Grant Reeve (4th grade) showed cattle at the Denver Stock Show in Denver, Colorado. Around 7000 cows were shown. Out of this group, Grant won third prize for his class, and his heifer took second prize for the Hereford class. Congratulations to Grant!

Mrs. Pemble, 4th Grade



ECONOMICS Course in the First Grade

First Grade students at North Star Charter School practiced counting mixed coins and decided if the items they purchased with the money were a “need” or a “want”. Some of the items that were purchased: Bottled Water \$0.83, Giant Candy Bar \$1.23, Bar of Soap \$0.87, and Toilet Paper \$2.89. The first grade class had many interesting opinions on what things should be considered a “need” or a “want.” “Do we really need to use soap?” “Yes, if you want friends!” “We don’t need to buy bottled water if we can get it from the fountain or sink.” “A roll of toilet paper probably costs \$5.00!!!”

The journal writing activity for the day was: Write a story about owning a store and the kinds of things you would sell. The students opened many toy, candy and pet stores. We then decided if they were selling things that would be classified as a “need” or a “want”. Does that matter? The kids were very enthusiastic about the day’s activities. We may have some budding entrepreneurs that come from this first grade class.

Mrs. Miley, 1st Grade

North Star’s 8th Grade National Poetry Contest Finalist

North Star Charter is happy to congratulate Lauren Koysdar! A current 8th grader here at North Star, Lauren has recently been chosen as a finalist in a national poetry contest. The subject for the contest was ‘Why I am Proud to be an American’ and there were thousands of entries nationwide. After being congratulated and informed of her great honor, Lauren was extremely pleased.

Mrs. Van Paeppeghem, our resident musical instructor, had this to say of Lauren’s tremendous accomplishment: “This is something we need to celebrate!”

Our language arts teacher here at North Star, Mr. Whitt, had this to say: “Lauren is a very hard worker and is an excellent writer. She develops her characters well, has an amazing eye for descriptive details, and transitions from idea to idea very smoothly. She is well ahead of her years, as far as being a writer is concerned, and has a bright future in the area of language arts. I look forward to reading her work for a long time.”

Lauren’s success and hard work represents our school’s ideals perfectly and North Star Charter is proud to have her as a student. Congratulations Lauren Koysdar!!

Any other young writers interested in contests, writing for the newspaper, or contributing to the yearbook....join **LA JeNnY**, our Language Arts Journalism Newspaper Yearbook Club, on Wednesday afternoons in Mr. Whitt’s classroom from 3:00-3:45.

TIRED OF MAKING LUNCH ON FRIDAYS? WELL...IT’S YOUR LUCKY DAY!

Second Grade will serve lunch
ONE DAY ONLY
FRIDAY, FEB. 8TH

1 hot dog, fruit, veggies, chips, treat - \$3.00
2 hot dogs, fruit, veggies, chips, treat - \$3.50

Orders and payment will be taken Wed., Feb. 6
This is a student generated entrepreneurial experience. Proceeds will go toward funding a second grade field trip this spring.

Second Grade Economics

As experienced teachers anywhere will claim, often the most meaningful lessons in a classroom come out of “teachable moments.” Such is the case in our second grade class when one of the students simply wanted to touch the “power” boots Mrs. Stone wore one day to school. These boots were a gift to her from her youngest “city” daughter who assured her that yes, the boots were absolutely to be worn, and not a joke. In response to the boy who reached out to touch the hot colored boots during a concept board lesson, Mrs. Stone joked, “Oh no, it will cost you



money to touch the boots!” Immediately an idea was born; maybe the class could earn money (and have lots of fun) for a spring field trip they had been discussing! The students began to bargain and bid on opportunities to wear the boots at school. They are learning the concepts of supply/demand, value, and marketing as others in the school have become interested in renting the boots for a day. Rental prices were discussed and set after considering what would be realistic and affordable. The kids decided that adults would pay more for the privilege, based on their ability to pay more. Interesting! There have been discussions of charging interest, in the event that someone has reserved the boots for a day but arrives with no money in their pocket. A couple of second graders have given up their reservation day because someone else has shown up who is willing to pay more that day. Their drive to finance this field trip has led to entrepreneurial ideas that are forthcoming and about which there can be no explanations yet because, “loose lips sink ships.”

During a recent doughnut sale sponsored by the student council, some second graders offered constructive criticism: “I had planned on buying one, but forgot to bring my money. They should have reminded us the day before.” “I think they should have put a poster on the back door of each classroom to remind us.” “They could have made more money if they would have had a baked sale and asked kids to donate stuff.” All in all, Mrs. Stone will tell anyone that this is the most fun she’s ever had “teaching” economics; and it’s because the lessons are student generated! She is simply the facilitator of this second grade class who is determined to, and quite sure they can, raise the funds for something they value. In our pursuit of meaningful education at North Star, we use best practices that include sound curriculum and planning, as well as being responsive to valuable teachable moments. Our drive is to produce an outcome that is treasured and pleasing to our consumers, North Star’s families.

Monica Stone
NS Second Grade Teacher