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## Principal Perspective

Greetings!

I found a really neat article discussing what a friend represents using the alphabet and would like to share it with you as you may want to take time and discuss it with your child. Friendship is an interesting word. A friend is someone who knows all about you and still likes you. A ship, of course, is a large boat. So that means that a friend-ship is a boat that holds two friends. A friend-ship can help you reach your dreams and goals in life. A friend-ship can carry you over the roughest waters, the hardest times. A friend-ship can give you a safe place when you are upset or hurt. There's an old American proverb that says: Friendships are glued together with kindness. If you have a good friend, be thankful. Tell him or her you are happy to have such a good friend, and then do something special to show how thankful you are.

A Friend

A = accepts you as you are

B = believes in "you"

C = calls you just to say "Hi"

D = doesn't give up on you

E = envisions the whole of you (even unfinished parts)

F = forgives your mistakes

G = gives unconditionally

H = helps you

I = invites you over

J = just "be" with you

K = keeps you close at heart

L = loves you for who you are

M = makes a difference in your life

N = never judges

O = offers support

P = picks you up

Q = quiets your fears

R = raises your spirits

S = says nice things to you

T = tells you the truth when you need to hear it

U = understands you

V = values you

W = walks beside you

X = ~plains things you don't understand

Y = yells when you won't listen

Primary Awards - 2/13

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Intermediate Awards - 2/27

3rd Grade CSAP Reading Testing - 2/21-3/2

4th Grade Field Trip to the Capitol - 2/21

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## Save the Date Lollipop Dance Benefit Rylie's Fight

February 17th 6-8 PM @ Bacon Elementary

The Bacon PTA, Bacon Elementary Student Council, Bacon 4th Grade Money Makers, and many Bacon Community Members are holding a Lollipop Dance at Bacon Elementary School to benefit Rylie Marie Henry 2 ½ years of age.

In December, Rylie was diagnosed with High Risk ALL T-cell Leukemia and is undergoing treatment at Children's Hospital in Denver. In Rylie's battle for survival she has to endure 5-6 chemo drugs per week (both IV, injection, spinal and oral), 3-4 trips to Denver per week, and multiple in-patient stays. She also has to undergo blood and platelet transfusions several times a week as well as spinal taps and bone marrow aspirations weekly with a minimum of 2 years of chemo therapy ahead of her!

Please join us in supporting **Rylie's Fight** by coming to this wonderful event and give a chance to give back to others in need. There will be the bloodmobile at the school for adults age 18 and over to donate blood and help fill the huge

Z = zaps you back to reality

I thought this article would be helpful for you when working with your child and the ups and downs of friendships. Mrs. Mayfield and the teachers spend countless hours working on student relationships and any help and support that you could give would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks for all you do - we appreciate your support!

Educationally yours,

[Mr. Horky](#)

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## School News

PE News  
by Aaron Crawford

### **Jump Rope For Heart 2012**

Bacon elementary is partnering with the American Heart Association to improve the lives and future of our children by participating in Jump Rope for Heart this year! Mark your family calendars NOW for our upcoming Jump Rope For Heart event! Additional information will be sent home in Friday folders on February 3rd, which is Go Red day and will mark the beginning of national Heart Month!

Your help is needed! Parent volunteers will help to determine the success of our program. If you are interested in getting involved with prepping for our kick-off, assisting with the event or helping with the post event paperwork (tallying donations) and gift distribution please contact me at [acrawfor@psdschools.org](mailto:acrawfor@psdschools.org) or call (970) 488-5338 and please leave a voice message.

Families can get a jump start raising life-saving donations online. Visit [www.heart.org/jump](http://www.heart.org/jump) and click on 'Students Sign Up'

### **Schools on the Move Challenge**

The month of February will be when this year's schools on the move challenge takes place. Be on the lookout for notes home in Friday folders for more information. Here are the details for this year's challenge:

Challenge details:

- The Challenge runs February 1- February 29th, 2012
- Challenge includes 60 minutes of physical activity each day plus week-long fruit and veggie, screen time and sugary drink challenges

demand and slow the shortage of blood. The National Bone Marrow Registry will also be on site so, with a swab of the cheek you could be a donor to save a life and make a difference.

Rylie is the Daughter of Lindsey Henry-Gardner and Steve Gardner and Granddaughter of Russ and Tanya Henry.

The Henry's have been a **HUGE** part of the Bacon Community for the last 6 years, and this is our way to support them and give back to them. Please save the date!

The event is \$5.00 per person, and all ages are welcome. (4 and under free) Please bring your friends and family to the event.

Hope to see you!

Come enjoy the Disc Jockey Music, Silent Auction, games and much more!!

ALL proceeds will go to "Rylie's Fight"!

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Congratulations to our Reflections Finalists!  
*by Tanya Henry*

Congratulations to Kammi Carson - Regional Finalist in both Dance and Photography grades K-2, and Trevor Merrifield- regional finalist for Visual Arts grades 3-8.

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Students and participants with a minimum of 30 checks on their logs (out of a possible 50 for both physical activity and the weekly challenges) will receive a Challenge t-shirt

- 10 winning schools from the "small" category (less than 375 students) and 10 schools from the "large" category (375 or more students) will receive up to \$1500 in prize money to use towards PE equipment or school wellness initiatives!
- The winning large and small schools will receive special "winners" challenge shirts

Thanks for all your support and dedication with helping our Bacon kids develop lifelong healthy habits. ~

Mr. Crawford (970 488-5338) [acrawfor@psdschools.org](mailto:acrawfor@psdschools.org)

### Science Fair News

It's that time of year where we start to think about the Bacon Science Fair! We had a great kick-off with the Little Shop of Physics group spending the day at Bacon.

They had 2 classrooms which all students were able to visit and have fun with different light and dark science activities.

On Friday, February 3rd, the science fair registration packets will be in your child's Friday Folder. Please consider letting your child participate! It's a fantastic experience!

Important dates to remember:

- Registration packets in folders on Friday, February 3rd
- Science Fair at school March 5th-7th
- Parent Night and awards, March 7th
- District Science Fair, April 15th

Thanks for your support of the science fair!

~The Bacon Science Fair Team

### MUSIC NOTES

*by Holly Pippin - Music Specialist*

Whew! It's been a busy, busy month for music! The 4th and 5th graders went on their annual field trip to see the Ft. Collins Symphony's show, "Beethoven Lives Upstairs". It was a great performance and our Bacon students represented our school very well! They will begin studying and learning to play the recorder this month - look for more info to come home with 4th graders. 3rd graders have begun learning about another famous composer, J.S. Bach, while 1st and 2nd graders are studying Camille Saint-Saens' famous work for children, "The Carnival of the Animals". Kindergarten is continuing to develop as in-tune singers and expressive dancers, while having a ton of fun with folk songs and steady beat activities!

The most exciting thing in January was the choir's trip to Colorado Springs to sing for the 2012 Colorado Music Educator's

Conference as an honor performing group. The trip and the performance were a huge success and I'm as so proud of our talented Bacon singers! Congratulations on a job very well done! Thanks also go out to our choir parent helpers and chaperones who helped put together such a successful event! Great job to everyone!

Upcoming events:

**\*\*IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE!\*\*** Due to a scheduling oversight, the 5th grade program scheduled for Feb. 9th has been changed. This is the same night as Preston Middle School's 6th grade orientation, so our 5th grade program has been rescheduled for **THURSDAY, MAY 10TH at 7:00 p.m.** I apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding and flexibility surrounding this change.

Other events include the 3rd grade music program on Thursday, April 19th at 6:00 p.m., 1st grade music "informances" the week of May 1st - 4th at 2:15 p.m., and the Kindergarten music showcase on Tuesday, May 15th at 1:30 p.m. \*1st grade and Kindergarten do not have evening programs.

As always, I continue to feel so thankful and blessed to work with such amazing students, staff, and families here at Bacon! I appreciate all your support and involvement in the kids' musical learning! Don't forget to have a musical moment every day!

Musically Yours,  
Mrs. Pippin

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## PTA Notes

### Book Trust Program *by Lindsay Radcliff-Coombes*

Literacy is a puzzle with many pieces- story time, reading instruction, writing assignments, library books, puppet shows, and much more come together to support your child's growing literacy skills.

Reading for fun is another important piece of the puzzle. A trip to the library, books purchased from a garage sale, and Scholastic Book Club orders are ways to spark a child's enjoyment of reading.

For many children, reading for pleasure is limited by the access to books and the inability to buy books.

Book Trust is a non-profit organization that offers children in need the opportunity to choose and own books through Scholastic Book Clubs. Book Trust raises the funds to pay for Book Trust students across the country to order \$7 worth of books from Scholastic Book Clubs each month of the school year.

Book Trust serves 22,000 children in 9 states. And 10,000-more than half-of Book Trust students are right here in Colorado!

For the first time ever, from January 2012 through March 2012, you can donate \$1 to Book Trust. When you place your Scholastic Book Club orders - both online and in the print catalogs - please, donate \$1 to enable children to choose and own books through Book Trust.

Every dollar makes a difference and 100% of your donation will go toward children choosing and buying books!

There's something new in your Scholastic Book Club flyers this month-the opportunity for parents to donate \$1 to Book Trust. Book Trust is a Colorado-based non-profit that uniquely delivers unbounded choice and ownership of books to children in need. Book Trust serves 22,000 students in 9 states!

Scholastic Book Club flyers will feature Book Trust through March 2012. Here's a few things you might want to know:

- Book Trust is not part of Scholastic, Inc. It is an independent 501c-3 charity that relies on community support to implement its programs.
- 100% of each donation goes toward children's book purchases.
- When donations are made to Book Trust on the Scholastic Order Form, there will be no items shipped in the Scholastic book box and no products or services will be provided in exchange for each donation.
- If you are interested in bringing Book Trust to your community, email Book Trust at [booktrustpartnerships@booktrust.org](mailto:booktrustpartnerships@booktrust.org)

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