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Prairie Heights Elementary: 719-382-1260

Anna Hodges spoke with Principal Ferguson regarding the rumor of the possibility that Prairie Heights School may be closed down due to low attendance in Hanover. The question was, "Is there any truth to that and would our kids be bussed back to Hanover?" Mr. Ferguson's response was very positive. He, Mrs. Dunn (Assistant Principal), and Mr. Webb (Superintendent) are very committed to doing everything in their power to keep the school going.

They may have to make some cuts in their programs, but they do not foresee abandoning the school this year. If the economy gets worse over the next year, attendance drops drastically, the government makes more cuts, etc. it may be something to consider in a year or two.

The number of students has dropped to 54 this year, but they are expecting that to grow in the coming year with the influx of military moving in to be near Ft. Carson. They are very optimistic and are sending Mr. Carpenter, a teacher at Hanover and ex-military, to Ft. Hood for a week to speak with the soldiers who will be relocating here. He will answer questions and share information with them making them aware of the school and the nearby communities.

Mr. Ferguson expects to be sending something out to parents to schedule a meeting with them in the near future to discuss what they want to do next year. They are currently waiting to hear from the State Legislature as to what their funding will look like. They would like more specifics on that before having the meeting.

School Rummage Sale: May 16, 2009, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. You may come and set up on May 15, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Cost is \$15 per table. The proceeds will go to the School Activity Fund.

MRPOA Resolutions will continue to be mailed out until everyone has been heard from. In the event that anyone has misplaced the one sent in the mail, you may go to www.MidwayRanches.com—click the yellow Resolution button from the menu on the left side of the page and follow the directions for sending it in.

MRPOA Fire Protection District:

Things are progressing quite well in establishing our Fire Protection Distr. There will be a detailed report at the General Meeting. Thanks to Gonzalo (Al) Aldecocoea.

MRPOA Annual General Meeting and Semi-annual Road Cleanup:

The General Meeting will be held May 29 at the Prairie Heights Elementary School from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

May 30, 2009 - Semi-Annual Road Cleanup. Meet at the Blue Gate at 9:00 am. In the event of inclement weather, Rain-check date for cleanup is June 6, 2009, 9:00 am at the Blue Gate.

☺ "The Things Kids Say" ☺

One day a guy was driving with his four-year-old daughter and beeped his car horn by mistake. She turned and looked at him for an explanation. He said, "I did that by accident." She replied, "I know that, Daddy." He replied, "How'd you know?"

The girl said, "Because you didn't say 'JERK' afterwards!"

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We wish all Moms a
Blessed Mother's Day!



For Moms: "Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. Author Unknown" † "A mother is not a person to lean on, but a person to make leaning unnecessary. Dorothy Canfield Fisher" † "We never know the love of the parent until we become parents ourselves. Henry Ward Beecher" † "The heart of a mother is a deep abyss at the bottom of which you will always find forgiveness. Honore de Balzac" † "Mother - that was the bank where we deposited all our hurts and worries. T. DeWitt Talmage" †

"They" Say: Colgate toothpaste makes an excellent salve for burns. || Sore throat? Mix 1/4 cup of vinegar with 1/4 cup of honey and take 1 tablespoon six times a day. The vinegar kills the bacteria. || Splinter Remover: Pour a drop of Elmer's Glue-All over the splinter, let dry, and peel the dried glue off the skin. The splinter sticks to the dried glue.

Easy Deviled Eggs: Put cooked egg yolks in a zip lock baggy. Seal, mash till they are all broken up. Add remainder of ingredients, reseal, keep mashing it up mixing thoroughly. Cut a corner off the baggy, squeeze mixture into egg. Just throw the baggy away when done; easy cleanup. ☺

HELPFUL CONTACTS AND PHONE NUMBERS:

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CRIME STOPPERS: 719-544-7867

PUEBLO COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.: 719-583-6250

KENNY BURKE, BRAND INSPECTOR: 719-382-5016

DENVER BRAND INSPECTOR HQ: 1-800-886-7683

PUEBLO ANIMAL SERVICES: Domestic Animal Control-719-544-3005

—ONLINE-www.puebloanimalservices.com

PUEBLO REGIONAL BUILDING, JD POTTER: 719-543-0002, online permit searches-
<http://www.prbd.com>, enter address

PUEBLO CTY. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, MERV TERRILL: Illegal land-use-living in campers/shacks, junk vehicles, 719-583-6100

PUEBLO COUNTY HEALTH DEPT.: Dumping/burying trash, etc.-719-583-4300 Environmental Health: Raw sewage, etc. 719-583-4323, online - www.pueblohealthdept.org

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