

Barry's Bulletin

Asbury Elementary School's Monthly News
September 2015

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100% Asbury!! Participate. Volunteer. Donate.

We are excited to announce the launch of the 100% Asbury campaign that will encourage every Asbury student, family, and teacher to participate in at least one volunteer activity during the school year and contribute at least \$1 to Asbury to help us reach our \$100,000 fundraising goal.

Why? The funding that Asbury receives from Denver Public Schools is not enough to cover basic needs like paraprofessional hours, healthcare for paraprofessionals, books, supplies, technology, musical instruments and field trips.

How? It's easy to do! **Participate. Volunteer. Donate.**

Increase volunteer involvement and financial contributions by inspiring 100% participation from the entire Asbury community to promote existing fundraising programs, implement new fundraising events, pursue corporate sponsorships, seek grant funding and make direct fundraising appeals.

Are you 100% IN for Asbury?

Please sign up to volunteer! Please e-mail Mary Catel to sign up (catelmary@gmail.com).

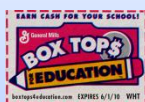
Thank you! We hope you will join us in working together to make Asbury the BEST it can be!

September Happenings

- Tuesday, September 1
3:30pm CSC (First Tuesday of each month)
6:00pm PTSO (First Tuesday of each month)
- Thursday, September 3
6:00pm Back to School Night
- Monday, September 7
All day No School - Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 8
All day Individual School Picture Day
- Friday, September 18
5:00pm Carnival

Easy ways to be 100% Asbury:

1. Save your Box Tops



2. Shop at AmazonSmile and Amazon will make a donation to Asbury PTSO.
<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3897743>

ASBURY CARNIVAL

Friday,
September 18th
5-7:30pm
@ the Asbury School playground

We will have food, games, balloon artists, dunk tanks, games for small children, face and hair painting, an obstacle course, a silent auction... and lots of prizes!!

Bring your family, friends and neighbors!

If you would like to volunteer to make the carnival even more amazing, please contact Jenn Nausied: thetravelingpen@gmail.com
For general info contact Ann Garner:
ann.garner@comcast.net

The Eagle-Eye View of Asbury

Asbury is lucky to have such a dynamic community of students, teachers, and staff. This year the Asbury family gained 7 members to our staff. Please welcome the following staff members:

- Alicia FaJohn - Assistant Principal
- Alex Van Camp - 5th Grade teacher
- Kristi Somerville - MI Intermediate Teacher
- Stacey Anderson - Mild Moderate Teacher.
- Sean Frederico - Psychologist/Social Worker
- Anna Kerr – paraprofessional 1st grade
- Julia Wickham – Secretary

Here is the Eagle eye view of the students and their teachers:

Total Students: 341 Male: 196 Female: 145

Total Teachers: 24

Total Paraprofessionals and Math Tutors: 9

Grade	Teacher # of Students	Teacher # of Students
Kindergarten	Ms. Natalie 27	Ms. Magoffin 26
1 st Grade	Ms. Stephenson 29	Ms. Chapman 29
2 nd Grade	Ms. Vieau 23	Ms. Kehn 24
Mixed 2 nd /3 rd Grade	Ms. Dunn-Bartlett 23	
3 rd Grade	Ms. Dinner 23	Ms. Tanner 23
4 th Grade	Ms. Jones 25	Ms. Berge 25
5 th Grade	Ms. Hoffer 22	Ms. Van Camp 22
MI Primary	Ms. Sullivan 10	
MI Intermediate	Ms. Somerville 12	

What do you love most about your position at Asbury?

Alex Van Camp: There is so much I love about my position at Asbury, it's hard to pick just one thing! One of the reasons why I love my position is because I love teaching fifth grade. My students are at such a fun age where they are just starting to figure out who they are and how they fit into the world around them, but they are still young enough to be silly and goofy. They are also beginning to learn how sarcasm works, which can make for some funny conversations! I also love the content we cover, like Human Rights, American history, the human body, and even fractions! I am so excited to be a part of the Asbury community, and I feel so lucky that I get to teach such a fun grade. It's going to be an unforgettable year!

Where did you grow up? If not Denver, what brought you here?

Alex Van Camp: I was born and raised in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where my parents still live. Then for college I went to Northeastern University in Boston, MA. I absolutely loved it there but I couldn't do the freezing cold winters anymore, so I decided to move to Denver and get my Masters at DU. I also chose Denver because it is closer to home, but still far enough away so that when I go home, it feels like I am getting away.

Describe a memorable experience with a teacher you had growing up.

Alex Van Camp: I have many memorable experiences with my teachers growing up, but most of my memories involve one teacher, my mom. My mother has been teaching 4th grade for twenty-nine years now, and she is the most amazing educator I have ever met! Growing up, I watched her change so many lives and dedicate her time, energy, and money to her profession, and she really has had such an impact on me as an educator. If I could be half the teacher my mother is my students and I would be lucky. I hope that someday I can say that I have made the kind of difference she has.

Getting to Know Asbury Teachers

Alex Van Camp is excited to join the Asbury community as a 5th grade teacher. Outside of Asbury, she is an avid skier, loves green chili, is a huge fan of Harry Potter, and enjoys hikes with friends. She was excited to answer a few questions so that we can get to know her.

CSC, DCTA, ELA, PARCC,
PTSO, SLT, UIP...

What do they all mean??

New to Denver Public Schools (that one is: DPS) and still trying to figure out some of the lingo? Barry searched the DPS and CDE (Colorado Department of Education) websites to find out the exact meaning for these acronyms. Here is Barry's guide to the acronyms we are hearing every day:

CSC = Collaborative School Committee. A group of parents, teachers, the principal, the AP, and a representative from our PTSO who "enhance student achievement and school climate by engaging school community in collaborative efforts that support the school and District's goals". Further the committee provides "support of the school's mission and vision as stated in the Unified Improvement Plan' (UIP, see below).

DCTA = Denver Classroom Teachers Association. Per the DCTA website, they are a professional organization of recognized leaders representing nearly 3,000 educators, including classroom teachers and specialized service providers.

ELA = English Language Acquisition. The goal of the ELA program is to provide students with the English language skills they need to meaningfully participate in the district's mainstream English language instructional program.

GT = Gifted and Talented. These are students whose demonstrated abilities, talents and/or potential for accomplishment are so exceptional or developmentally advanced that they require special provisions to meet their educational needs.

MI = Multiple Intensive. Students placed in MI classrooms need intensive instruction in adaptive functioning skills, including teaching skills and strategies typically learned through daily living and communications.

PARCC = Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. PARCC is the new Common Core assessments that will be replacing TCAP.

PTSO = Parent Teacher Student Organization. Every year the Asbury PTSO raises funds to support our students and staff. We donate money, resources and time to help make our school even better than it already is. Donations are used for school events, for paraprofessionals and for purchasing various school needs throughout the year

SLT = School Leadership Team. The purpose of the SLT is to support a collaborative school climate by including teachers in the decisions made regarding the structure of their professional experience as provided for in the DPS/DCTA agreement.

UIP = Unified Improvement Plan. Unified Improvement Planning was introduced to streamline the improvement planning components of state and federal accountability requirements. This process reduces the total number of separate plans schools and districts are required to complete with the intent of creating a single plan that has true meaning for it stakeholders.

Committee Corner

The Healthy Asbury Committee (HAC) works to raise awareness about health and wellness and create opportunities for healthy eating and physical activity in the Asbury community. Some of our past and current activities are: organizing Walk and Bike to School Days, supporting access to nutritious food -- including fresh produce from the Asbury garden, sharing health information and tips with families, organizing an annual Asbury Fun Run at the end of the school year. HAC meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:30pm in the Asbury auditorium. For more information contact: Meredith Fort meredith.fort@gmail.com or Melissa McClung at carlyandgrace@msn.com.