

# ABCs of Ute Meadows

- **ASSESSMENT DAYS:** Students have literacy testing once in fall and once in spring
- **BAND & ORCHESTRA:** 4th and 5th grade opportunity
- **BOOK FAIRS:** A chance to fill your shelves with Scholastic literature ~ winter and spring
- **BOX TOPS/LABELS FOR EDUCATION:** \$.10 earned for each label collected ~ brings additional supplies to our school
- **BRAIN BREAKS:** A quick activity which helps activate, energize and stimulate student's brains
- **CARNIVAL:** End-of-year celebration for families
- **CHOIR:** 4th & 5th graders singing group (meets one day per week before school)
- **COMP DAYS:** No school for students, comp for teacher conferences
- **CONFERENCES:** Two times during school year ~ once in fall and by appointment in the spring
- **DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE:** A night of dancing and fun for dads and daughters
- **EARLY RELEASE:** A once per month working day for teachers
- **EVENING OF THE ARTS:** An evening in the spring highlighting student art and talent
- **FIELD DAY:** Kindergarten-5th grades full day of fall activities led by our Phy Ed teacher, plus a fun lunch
- **HOSPITALITY:** PTA committee responsible for providing meals and refreshments for special events
- **JUMPING EAGLES:** After-school precision jump rope program
- **KUTE NEWS:** Bi-weekly morning TV broadcast of school news by 5th graders
- **KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION:** Parents of future kindergartners meet the teachers and receive important information about Kindergarten at Ute Meadows
- **MEET-AND-GREET:** For all families at the beginning of the school year
- **MIDTERMS:** Student progress reports come home at midterm of trimesters
- **MOTHER/SON SPORTS NIGHT:** A night in the spring for mothers and sons to spend together
- **MOVIE NIGHT:** A community event to kick off the school year with a family movie and concessions (outside on school grounds)
- **ORAL INTERPRETATION:** A dramatic celebration of oration ~ children can participate by reciting poems or other literature
- **ORIENTATION NIGHT:** Parents come to school in the fall to meet teachers and receive a classroom overview
- **PARTIES:** Halloween and Valentine's Day celebrations at school
- **PICTURE DAYS:** Students have individual pictures taken in the fall and individual and class pictures taken in the spring
- **ROOM PARENTS:** Organize classroom parties and other happenings
- **SCIENCE FAIR:** A highlight of science experiments ~ winter
- **SCRIP:** Gift cards purchased with a % returned to the school

- **FIFTH GRADE CONTINUATION:** A graduation ceremony for our fifth graders. Held the last week of school at Deer Creek Middle School
- **SPIRIT DAYS:** Students wear spirit gear at school
- **SPIRIT NIGHTS:** An opportunity for families to have dinner at restaurants that will donate a % to Ute Meadows Elementary
- **VISION & HEARING SCREENING:** Usually held in the fall
- **WATCH D.O.G.S.(Dads of Great Students):** This is a wonderful opportunity for dads and other father figures to volunteer at our school

## Glossary of Acronyms

- **ALP (Advanced Learning Plan):** A plan created for students identified as gifted learners
- **CCSS (Common Core State Standards):** National standards designed to be robust and relevant to the real world, reflecting the knowledge and skills that young people need for success in college and careers
- **COGAT (Cognitive Abilities Assessment):** Used to assess students' abilities in reasoning and problem solving
- **CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success):** Colorado Department of Education Assessment
- **DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills):** A set of assessments used for universal screening and progress monitoring starting in Kindergarten
- **DRA2 (Developmental Reading Assessment):** An assessment used to determine reading levels of Kindergarten thru 5th grade students
- **ELL aka ESL:** English Language Learners aka English as a Second Language
- **IEP (Individualized Education Plan):** Defines the individualized objectives of a child who has been found with a learning disability
- **ILP (Individual Learning Plan):** Establishes a set of learning goals and objectives for an individual student
- **LIC (Library Information Center):** Or just "Library"
- **PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers):** A Common Core assessment from grade 3 through high school
- **PST (Problem Solving Team):** A school-based group composed of various school personnel, who meet to provide assistance to children who are having academic or behavioral difficulties in school
- **RTI (Response to Intervention):** A process that provides academic support for students' needs
- **SPED (Special Education)**
- **TCAP (Transitional Colorado Assessment Program):** Transition to the new state tests
- **YPP (Yearly Progress Pro):** Research-based assessment instructional and intervention tool aligned to state and national standards