



# OPEN SCHOOL NEWS

WINTER NEWSLETTER | JAN 2018



## NEW YEAR, NEW DEVELOPMENTS

FROM JAMES LEWICKI, SCHOOL DIRECTOR & URSALA HUDSON, BOARD PRESIDENT

The winter semester here at the Open School has been full of excitement. While we were all sad to see Mr. Stuck and his beaming smile leave us, several major changes had to be implemented to fill his void, which resulted in numerous positive developments.

Multi-age homerooms have been established by reconfiguring classrooms, enabling that sharing of abilities and interests from older peers to younger, and vice-versa. Classroom and individual projects continue to be our focus along with Literacy and Math development. All grades have an exciting new round of projects.

During the professional development day every teacher participated in additional Project-based learning training and was able to design and plan the current round of projects. We are all reinvigorated for the Winter and Spring with some great ideas.

We have some upcoming parent-input meetings scheduled for the coming month, and a couple Family Nights coming up to experience and discuss literacy and math – please turn to the back for more details on these gatherings.

On top of all this, we were able to secure a wonderful music grant and will be adding instruments as well as hiring a music teacher!

And finally – big, big news! The students voted in the Pagosa Peak Open School mascot – the Pika! Welcome the Pagosa Peak Pikas – nice ring to it!

On behalf of the Staff and Board, thank you to our families and larger community for your help, support, encouragement, and most of all, trust in us for teaching and caring for your kiddos. We are tremendously grateful for the unique offerings they each lend our learning community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb 6 • 7:30AM**  
Round-Table Coffee & Tea

**Feb 6 • 6:00PM**  
Enrollment informational

**Feb 8 • 5:30PM**  
**Literacy / Family Night**

**Feb 15 • 7:30AM**  
Round-Table Coffee & Tea

**Mar 1 • 5:30PM**  
**Math / Family Night**

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## SCHOOL SKI DAYS:

February 15th  
March 8th

## FAMILY SKI DAYS:

February 4th • February 11th  
February 25th • March 25th  
March 31st • April 1st

All Ski School Program students are invited to bring up their immediate family for skiing at a special rate of \$15 for an all-mountain lift ticket, 2-hour morning lesson, and ski rental. Snowboard rental is \$6 extra. Call the Wolf Creek office at 970-264-5639 for more information.

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▲ KINDERGARTENERS SHARING THEIR "SOLID SHAPES" SCULPTURES DURING TOWN HALL LAST WEEK. TOWN HALLS OCCUR EVERY FRIDAY FROM 12:45-1:15, AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED!

## MATH & LITERACY FAMILY NIGHTS

LITERACY NIGHT: FEBRUARY 8TH  
MATH NIGHT: MARCH 1ST

The Staff at PPOS has planned two Family Nights in place of Spring Family Conferences as student-advisor relationships grow, and Personal Learning Plans develop. During these gatherings, families will be broken up into their child's literacy or math group, explore the current learning material, and participate in fun learning activities. Families will also have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher one-on-one to discuss developments, answer any questions, and share resources. *Dinner will be served at 5:30, and small groups will form at 6:00.*

## ROUND TABLE COFFEE & TEA

NEXT MEETING: FEB 6TH AT 7:30

Ursala Hudson, Board Chair and James Lewicki, School Director will co-chair a 7:30 am Coffee/Tea & Fruit Breakfast Roundtable discussion the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday each month. Both Ursala and James are always open to meeting together with any parent on any issue. Send us an email at [uhudson@ppos.co](mailto:uhudson@ppos.co) and/or [jlewicki@ppos.co](mailto:jlewicki@ppos.co)

## OPEN ENROLLMENT & INFORMATIONAL

"WHAT IS PROJECT-BASED LEARNING" ENROLLMENT  
INFORMATIONAL: FEB 6TH AT 6:00PM, 7 PARELLI WAY

Open enrollment for the PPOS begins February 5th and ends February 28th, 2018 - please share with any interested friends and family! We will be going over the school philosophy, requirements, and enrollment process. Please contact the school office for more information. Childcare will be available and light refreshments will be served!