

# Crossroads Connection

Crossroads School

November 2010

## **We Are Thankful!** Here Are a Few of God's Recent Blessings:

**New Students:** We are up to six students in our class, including three 6th grade boys, two 7th grade boys, and an 8th grade girl!

**Supportive Parents:** Whether helping with projects or reinforcing learning, our parents are great to work with!

**Student Progress:** Only three months ago, Crossroads School opened its doors with four students. The students came with their classroom struggles of paying attention in class and focusing on their work. In contrast, the other day when I was in the classroom, I watched the class work on independent math assignments silently and with concentration. What an exciting thing to see! Already they are beginning to learn essential habits, which will lead to success, which will lead to confidence, which will change their lives and futures forever.

**Volunteers:** Just since school started, 31 volunteers have donated 371 hours to Crossroads, mentoring students, teaching art, PE, music, and Spanish, stuffing envelopes, cleaning bathrooms, serving breakfast at Applebee's, and many other tasks that make a difference for our students in small ways and big!

**In-Kind Gifts:** We've received donations of everything from legal services to basketball hoops, from library books to computers to medical supplies. We're thankful for people who catch the vision for Crossroads and give from their hearts!

**Funding:** Additional partners have continued to join us in providing for the financial needs of Crossroads School. For the current school year, we are excited to be within \$9,000 of our funding goal! We are grateful for everyone who has contributed! It makes a difference!

## **Volunteer Opportunities:** Ways to Get Involved

**Facility Support:** Each Sunday afternoon the school has to be set up, which means moving desks, putting up bulletin boards, and so on. Each Friday afternoon, we clean it all up again, as well as cleaning bathrooms, mopping floors, vacuuming, and so on. We'd love your help any time you're available!

**Special Events:** Help us plan and run fundraisers, Family Nights, and other events we haven't even thought of yet.

**Teacher's Aides:** Get involved by spending a day each week with the students at Crossroads, helping in the classroom. This may involve working individually with students, assisting the teacher with group activities, supervising breaks, or helping prepare materials for the class, among other things. Most of all, it will be an opportunity to make a difference in the hearts and lives of kids.

**Special Area Teachers:** Do you have a special skill, such as art, or music, or carpentry? We would love to have you come in and share that skill with our students, either in a single lesson or a series of lessons. You don't need to be a teacher to share your skill and passion! Recently, Chris Hofland gave a cooking lesson, Mona Rampy taught crocheting, and Dean Swedburgh took the class bowling!

**Interested in any of these?** Please talk to Barb (303-709-9881; [bjbulthuis@gmail.com](mailto:bjbulthuis@gmail.com))

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## Easy Ways to Give—That Don't Cost a Penny!

### Grocery Gift Cards

Do you shop for groceries or gas at any of the Vons/Safeway or Kroger/King Soopers family of stores (including Loaf and Jug gas stations)? If so, you can buy a gift card from Crossroads School in person or by mail, and the school will get 5% of your grocery and gas purchases! We are currently receiving about \$150 per month from this program, and are eager to see it expand. [Click here](#) to check out details on our website, or contact Barb Bulthuis (303-709-9881; [crossroadsinformation@yahoo.com](mailto:crossroadsinformation@yahoo.com)).

### Box Tops and Labels

Please collect Box Tops for Education from General Mills products, and Labels for Education from Campbell's products! If you send them to us or drop them off, we can redeem them for cash. Thanks!

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## Businesses Support Crossroads **Recent Grants and Donations**

*Thank you to the following businesses that have contributed to Crossroads School in the past few months! For a complete list of business sponsors, visit our [website](#).*

**Bank of the West:** In October, this local bank awarded Crossroads School a \$500 grant. Thank you to Niwot branch manager Karen Zurfluh, who supported Crossroads' grant application.

**Dick's Sporting Goods:** Donated part of the cost of ear protectors to help students focus in the classroom.

**WalMart:** Contributed a \$20 gift card for any purchase.

**Longmont Clinic:** Donated a complete collection of medical supplies for our nurse's station.

**Rabbit Hill Graphics:** Gave us a significant discount on the cost of classroom signs.

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## Crossroads In Action: **Pictures are worth a thousand words!**



**Photo 1:** Our newest student with Shamu, Miss Nourse's dog, who frequently visits the class to encourage the students

**Photo 2:** In October, Karen Zurfluh presented the school with \$500 from Bank of the West

**Photos 3 & 4:** The Applebee's fundraising breakfast was a big success, raising about \$700 for the school. The students decorated aprons and served all of our guests—they did a great job! They were particularly excited that the mayor of Longmont, Brian Baum (center, third photo), came to support our school!

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