



Room Parent Guide  
TCA North Elementary  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Please use the events as a guideline to the 2014-2015 fourth grade school events. It is important to contact your classroom teacher to see what the classroom's needs are for each event; some events may require food or parent volunteers, while others may not. These descriptions come from past year events and how they were implemented – teachers may feel the need to alter some of the activities. Also, the fourth grade teachers are amazingly organized and will send out many of the character event sign up lists themselves (using Volunteer Spot) and may have assigned individual parents to some of the party events – check with your teacher to see how they would like your help for these events.

## **Fourth Grade Events**

### **Field Trips**

Field Trips will be coordinated by your classroom teacher. Here is a tentative list –

Glen Eyrie (November)

Denver Capital/History Museum (April)

Heart/Lung study – Denver Museum or local doctor (May)

### **Grandparent's Day**

Coordinate with your teacher any anticipated needs for this day. It is often nice to have one or two parent volunteers in the classroom to help with escorting grandparents (often they may need to use the elevator vs. the stairs), providing coffee/tea to them, answering questions. Send a class email as required. Note: The school caters a brunch to the grandparents on this day – classes need not bring food!

### **Field Day (September)**

Field Day is early this year!!! Discuss with your classroom teacher how they would like you to help with shirts for this day. If you are doing screened shirts for your class, ask your teacher to have the color and design to you as soon as possible – to allow you time to get the shirts made. How you handle this process is up to you and your teacher!

Field Day does require a lot of parent volunteer as it is a 4th-6th grade school wide half day event of outdoor games and fitness fun. The front office usually coordinates the signups for this event and will work with the RPLs and room parents to help spread the word.

### **Medieval Day (November)**

The children dress up in medieval costumes and learn about the dark ages that fell upon us. This is a large event for fourth grade and requires many volunteers. Coordinate with your teacher to find out which event their classroom will be hosting and which items are needed. Many volunteers are needed for setup and take-down!

### **Holiday Party (December)**

Christmas is a busy time of year for many families. It's also a time to express gratitude towards your teacher and tutor. Some class room parents like to coordinate a class gift, others leave teacher/tutor gifts up to each family on an individual basis. Whatever your preference is, let the families know early – many like to shop the after Thanksgiving sales.

Christmas parties usually occur on the last day before Christmas break – discuss with your teacher what they would like to do to celebrate this holiday.

### **Silk Road to China (January)**

The children will dress up in traditional Chinese garb as they travel thru the various stations that lead to China via the Silk Road. Coordinate with your teacher to see what support they will need for this event.

### **Valentine's Day (February)**

Coordinate with your teacher what they would like to do for this holiday. Some teachers like to have the children decorate gift bags in the classroom, then exchange valentines, and maybe eat a small treat. Remember to send a class list of all the children's names to the parents in the class, also mention giving valentines is totally optional – however if you give one, you must give one to everyone! Don't forget to give one to your teacher and tutor.

### **Science Share Day (February)**

Congratulations – your child has been assigned their first “big” science research project to share with classmates. They will learn how to collect facts, research a topic, and put it all together in for a classroom presentation. Coordinate with your teacher what their needs are for Share Day and make sure to send an email to parents as to when they can come and view the big event!

### **Pi Day (March)**

Everyone at TCA knows that Pi Day means “Pie Day.” Coordinate with your teacher as to what pies they would like to have parents volunteer to bring on this special day. Also, a volunteer or 2 is helpful on this day to serve and to help with activities (they are really useful if they know what pi is and how to use it – previous knowledge is not required)!

### **Patriots Day – Wax Museum (April)**

Congratulations – your child will get to dress as an American Revolutionist and explain in a short speech to the class who they are and why they are important. This is just the first of many such projects not only at TCA, but in life! Then they get to go to the forum/cafeteria and repeat their speech over, and over, as the other grade levels view the living wax museum. Coordinate with your teacher any needs they might have for this special day.

### **Movie Day (May)**

The teachers usually have a last full day event planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> graders. Last year, they did a movie day! Contact your teacher to see what this year's special event will be. Also, see what food they may need and any other special needs they may require on this day.

### **Teacher/Tutor Birthdays**

It is always nice to recognize a teacher/tutor on their birthday. Check early to see when your teacher's birthday is – in the past some grades have had a teacher with an August and a September birthday! This activity is entirely up to the discretion of the room parent!