

## Register NOW to Attend the Colorado PTA Legislative Conference

Following the legislature's work is one event you can't afford to miss. Our kids count on us to influence the script to address their needs. This one-day conference will be February 25, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Colorado State Capitol. The cost is \$50 per person so make sure your budget includes money for several to attend this conference. Click [here](#) for the registration form.

## Final Options of the Facilities Usage Committee

The Facilities Usage Committee will present its final list of options to the Board of Education on Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010 at 6:00 p.m at the Jeffco Education Center, 5th Floor Boardroom. For more information on facilities usage, please visit the [JPS Facilities Usage page](#).

## Budget Cuts Are Here

The district is beginning the 2010-2011 budget development process. Each school has been asked to prepare approximately 8% in budget cut recommendations for their school's budget (\$15 million is estimated to be cut from the district budget as a whole).

The State of Colorado is proposing cuts to the Education budget that will reduce funding up to approximately \$444 per student for next year. Those cuts will be deep and will ultimately impact the classroom and children.

There will be reductions at every level of the organization, as there were this year – administrators, teachers, and support staff. Click [here](#) for more information.

## Gear Up for Take Your Family to School Week!

February 7-13, 2010 is PTA's Take Your Family to School Week. Here are a few ideas to help get your PTA going.

- o Welcome Wall: Celebrate your school's diversity with a mural. Provide the paints and banner paper and invite families to illustrate some aspect of their heritage. Hang the mural at a school entrance for everyone to see.

- o Community, Kids, and Parents: Each day of the week, have a different community business work on a project with a specific grade. For example, a local garden center could pot plants with the 2nd grade class.

For more ideas and more information on Take Your Family to School week, click [here](#).

## Is Your PreTeen Over-scheduled?

The vision of a super busy person is familiar to all of us. In fact, it can sometimes be perceived as a badge of honor. Perhaps it's because the more we're involved in, the more we believe it says about our own drive and achievement orientation, right? [TweenParent.com](#) asks "Why should we expect our preteens to march to the same drum?" [Read more](#)

## Upcoming Events

### 89th Annual Colorado PTA Convention April 23-24, 2010

The Hyatt Regency Denver Tech Center  
7800 E. Tufts Avenue  
Denver, CO 80237

Click [here](#) for the registration form.  
Click [here](#) to visit the convention web page.

### 2009-2010 Reflections Beauty is...

**January 9, 2010** ~ Hang Day at Red Rocks  
Community College (13300 W. 6th Ave.,  
Lakewood), Community Room 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

**January 10, 2010** ~ Open House Celebration  
Red Rocks Community College  
9 a.m.– 1 p.m.

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## This Month's Quote

Deborah Meier -

Good schools, like good societies and families, celebrate and cherish diversity.

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