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## Gazette November 2010

*The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn. ~ John Lubbock*

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### **We Did It! Many Thanks to All of You**

A special 'thank you' to all of you as local units and individuals for helping spread the word about the negative impacts Amendments 60, 61, and Proposition 101 would have had on public education. Your advocacy efforts helped defeat these three ballot initiatives. As our Fall Conference slogan stated, "*Parents ARE the Power!*"

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### **IMPORTANT REMINDER! Your Membership Report was due to the Colorado PTA Office on November 1st!**

If you haven't yet submitted your membership report and dues, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, you need two signatures on your check! Forms and information are available [here](#).

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### **Can You Help Hang Reflections Entries?**

Our Reflections Chair could use your help! If you are available for a few hours on Saturday, December 4, 2010 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., please contact Denise Bearden at [denisebearden@comcast.net](mailto:denisebearden@comcast.net). Visit [Jeffco PTA's Reflections webpage](#) for a list of Reflections dates and other important information.

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## IRS Form Reminder

If your fiscal year ends on June 30th, your IRS form 990 or your form 8868 to file for an extension is due November 15th. If you grossed over \$25,000 in fiscal year 2009-2010 your Charitable Solicitations are also due November 15th.

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### **Mark Your Calendar for the Colorado PTA Legislative Conference!** *Advocate for Your Child!*

Mark your calendar now for the Colorado PTA Legislative Conference on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at the State Capitol. This is an opportunity for you and other PTA members from across the state to meet with legislators and show support for our children and our schools. Detailed information along with early registration forms will be coming your way soon.

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### **PTAs Receive Grants to Focus on Childhood Obesity Prevention** *November is National PTA's Healthy Lifestyles Month*

Although Halloween may have brought more treats than tricks for kids this year, families will have plenty of ways to refocus on health and nutrition. That's because PTAs across the country are creating meaningful initiatives that make eating and living healthy fun again in the spirit of

National PTA's Healthy Lifestyles Month, November.

On October 21, 2010, National PTA announced the 22 PTAs that will be given grants of up to \$1,000 to conduct activities that promote good nutrition and physical activity to address the nation's growing childhood obesity epidemic. Through the PTA Healthy Lifestyles Grant Program, PTAs across the country are working to increase access to and awareness of healthy foods, increase physical activity for students and families, provide healthier food in schools, and engage family members in promoting physical activity and health eating habits. Read more [here](#).

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### **First Annual Jeffco Open Space Foundation Photography Contest** **"Life in Our Parks"**

Sponsored by [Jeffco Open Space Foundation](#)

The photo contest is seeking striking images that showcase Jefferson County Open Spaces in Colorado, as well as the people and the wildlife that live and recreate in the parks.

There is no cost to enter. Submit entries in three photo categories: Wonderful Wildlife, People in the Parks, and Spectacular Scenes. Age group categories are "17 and under" and "over 18." Cash prizes will be awarded to one Grand Prize Winner and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category. For more information and contest deadlines, visit [www.jeffcoopenspace.org](http://www.jeffcoopenspace.org).

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## Support Jeffco Students on December 8th and Have Your Donation Automatically Doubled!

On December 8th, FirstBank of Colorado and the Community First Foundation have teamed up with The Jefferson Foundation and other local nonprofits for Colorado Gives Day. Donations made on December 8, 2010 will share up to \$300,000 in matching funds, making your tax-deductible gift even more valuable to the students of Jeffco Public Schools—and in a year when we are facing a near \$27 million in budget cuts, our schools need all the help we can give. Go to [www.givingfirst.org/JeffersonFoundation](http://www.givingfirst.org/JeffersonFoundation) and click "donate now." Help us reach our goal of raising at least \$13,000 on Colorado Gives Day by remembering to make a gift to The Jefferson Foundation on December 8. Visit [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org) for more information.



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## Join the Jefferson Foundation for Jeffco Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche

Discounted tickets are available for Jeffco Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche, as the Avs take on the Montréal Canadiens on Sunday, December 19 at 6:00 P.M. TICKETS only \$22, with no additional fees. Seating is throughout the Pepsi Center, a \$40 - \$122 value. \$2 of each ticket will benefit program funding for The Jefferson Foundation. *Schools with the most ticket sales will receive the best seats! The four Jeffco Schools with the most tickets sold will have open ice time at the Pepsi Center before and after the game!*

Order tickets online at: [www.jeffersonfoundation.org](http://www.jeffersonfoundation.org) Click on the Colorado Avs link on The Jefferson Foundation homepage & proceed to the ticket purchase site. For more information call: 303-982-2210.



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## **Interesting/Informational Links**

### **PTA Fights the Flu!**

Create a healthier community this school year.  
Join PTA and Flu Busters today!

### **EdNews Parent Colorado**

Get the hottest news, tip sheets, and more  
to help keep your schools safe and healthy!

### **De-stress Your Holidays**

[OnlineOrganizing.com](#) provides you with seven  
steps to help de-stress your holidays!

### **What's the Score on Homework?**

Homework. Is it busy work? Is there too  
much stress or not enough learning?

### **Sticks and Stones**

Real stories that describe the pain  
of cruel gossip and slander.

### **NASA Celebrates**

### **"Year of the Solar System"**

Read the latest NASA Space Place newsletter  
[here](#) or visit [NASA Space Place](#).

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