



# Paradise Place



## January News...

*Martin L. King Birthday - January 16th, school is **closed***

### WONDERFUL THINGS COMING UP

Paradise Place Committee: Next meeting will be on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 11-1.

Martin Luther King's Birthday Observance: **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. The school will be closed.** The Community School is open that day.



### Paradise Place Winter Fundraiser:

Are you feeling lucky? Saint Patrick's Day March 17<sup>th</sup> Paradise Place will be hosting Crested Butte's second annual Casino Night. Join us for a star-studded cast of family and friends for an unforgettable evening of glitz and glamour. Donate money for chips to participate in a No Limit Texas Hold'Em Tournament or Casino Games. Appetizers and limited alcoholic beverages will be provided. Make a stunning debut in your semi-formal attire; prizes awarded for best dressed and closest celebrity resemblance. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to our school!!! Save the date now and baby sitting will be available at the school that night for all that join us.



## F.Y.I.'S

Please Pack Enough Lunch: Our little ones just keep growing!

Please pay attention to your child's lunchboxes when they come home. We have noticed that many of the kids are finishing their lunches and are still hungry. Communicate with the teachers about your child's eating habits.

Prayer Box: Remember to place your concerns and joys in the prayer box that is in the front foyer. The Family Liaison group will pray each month. All information is confidential.

## GREAT PARENT IDEAS!

### *Spotting manipulation in your kids*

Most parents at some time or another will have that eye-opening experience that comes when they realize their kids are master manipulators who are pushing their buttons to get what they want. Of course, this realization can dawn on some parents when their kids are toddlers, and others may not hit this moment until their kids are elementary age or beyond. Sometimes you may even think you nipped the issue in the bud months or years ago only to realize that your kids have found a new and improved way to get what they want out of you.

So just how can you spot manipulation in your kids? Here are some things to look out for:

**Temper tantrums and whining.** You may think that temper tantrums and whining are just for toddlers, but this behavior is pretty common in older kids, too. You only have to ground your child from a sleepover, party, or other event or take away their phone to see that kids will whine and throw tantrums at all ages. The purpose? To make you feel guilty about whatever punishment you just doled out, or even if you simply said "no" to something they wanted. The pitfall for parents, of course, is that more often than not it does work as planned to make us feel guilty.

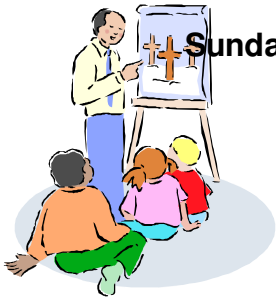
**How many times do you say no?** If you find yourself saying "no" to a request over and over again, your children are indeed trying to manipulate you. Whereas whining and tantrums bring on guilt, this repeated questioning tactic serves to wear you down. They want to annoy you so badly that you inevitably give in. If this behavior persists in your kids, it's because this form of manipulation has worked for them in the past, and they have learned if they ask you enough times you will change your tune.

**Raising a lawyer.** If it has ever crossed your mind that your children are going to grow up to be lawyers, it's no doubt because they have been known to use logic and reasoning to manipulate you. They ask you why you won't give in to their request, and they come up with a whole slew of responses about why you should reconsider.

**'What did your mother say?'** Another common ploy is to either pit one parent against the other or to ask another parent if they don't like what the first one said. If you often tell your kids something only to hear, "What did your mother say?" coming from the other room a few minutes later, this is yet another form of manipulation.

Often when you become aware of the fact that your kids are attempting to manipulate you in one way or another (or sometimes in multiple ways at once), you can work to end the behavior.

## Church Information



**Sunday Services:** Union Congregational Church (UCC): 9:00 a.m.  
Queen of All Saints Catholic Church: 8:30 a.m.  
Oh Be Joyful Baptist Church: 9:00 a.m.  
All Saints in the Mountains Church: 5:00 p.m.



Birthdays – Happy birthday to our **January** birthday kids and staff:



## Reminders

Winter Weather: Let it snow!! Please bring enough warm clothes for your child to be outside. Everyone needs a hat, coat, snow pants, boots, and mittens. Please label your child's clothes.

Parent Participation: Parents did you remember to record your hours for helping with the Christmas Potluck? Here are some ideas to help in other ways:

- *Extra snacks to keep on hand*
- *Getting donations for Casino Night*

## **THANK YOU**

To Laurel Marr & Jamie Stambaugh for their service on our board!  
Miss Bobbie for all of hard work on our Christmas program  
To all that helped and brought food to our Christmas Program & Party  
**C.B. Electric** and **Dragon Sheet Metal** for their very generous donations!  
To all the parents for the thoughtful Christmas gifts  
Santa for coming to visit us!  
CBMR & Dr. Factor's office  
Marry & Laurie for the felt foods, they are beautiful!

## **KID QUOTES**

**Doves:** Kayla "My mommy's name is mommy." Miss Gwyn "I thought her name was Emily?" Kayla "No, just mommy!"

Miss gwyn "Why did it take the shepards 12 days to find baby Jesus?"  
Dillon "Because it was cold."

Liam talking about the baby Jesus "Awww, I love him."

**Lions:** Miss Karen "Evvie how do you feel today?" Evvie "I just feel busy."

Mr. Ben asked the kids what they wanted for Christmas – Luke W. "I want a mustache." Then Magnus told Mr. Ben "You have a mustache above your eyes!"

**Whales:** Ebbet: "I have sugar cookies dancing in my head!"

## **JANUARY THEMES:**

*Lambs: Winter & Colors*

*Doves: Fairy Tales*

*Lions: Our 5 Senses*

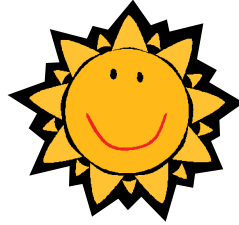
*Whales: Author Study (E. Carl, Seuss, J. Brett, S. Silverstein), Letters: s, r, d*



Love and Thanks, Ben, Julie, Rebecca, Gwyn, Michelle, Amanda, Allison, Ryann, Hillary, and the Kids



Happy New Year from all of us!



### Office Hours

Monday:	Ben - 8:30-5:00	
Tuesday:	Ben - 8:30-4:30	
Wednesday:	Ben - 8:30-3:30	Hillary - 10:00-12:00
Thursday:	Ben - 8:30-5:00	
Friday:	Ben - 8:30-5:00	Hillary - 10:00-12:00

### Paradise Place Committee Members (school board members)

Ben Poswalk	Tim Clark
Barbra Crawford	Fr. Steven Murray
Jenny Jeffery	Jeff Engle
Lindsay Oleson	Leslie Walton