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We've received several inches of snow over the last few days. Roads are being plowed each day, but reports are that they are slick, as are the county paved roads. Use caution!

Additional information regarding the Red Feather Lakes Elementary School is that the last Small Schools Forum is scheduled at Fort Collins High School for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23rd. Fort Collins High School is located at 3400 Lambkin Way. Parents, PSD staff and community members are invited to attend and provide input at this final community forum. Crystal Lakes members are encouraged to continue your support for Red Feather Lakes Elementary School.

The Town Meeting was very informative yesterday. Twenty-three members braved the snowy conditions to hear and see the presentation, and ask questions of the Road Committee members and the Road & Recreation Association Board. The Road Improvement presentation will soon be available on the Crystal Lakes web, so watch for that at www.crystal-lakes.org. If you have questions, please take time to email the office. We can forward your questions on to the Road Committee or the CLRRRA Board as appropriate.

The CLRRRA Board approved a Wine Tasting Event, scheduled for March 20th in the Restaurant from 3 to 6 p.m. Of course, you must be 21 years of age to be served an alcohol beverage. The cost is \$12.00/person, and each person paying that fee will receive a \$4.00 discount coupon for the Restaurant dinner that evening. Sounds like there will be a fine selection of wines with a card to mark to indicate your preferences as you sample the selections. Watch for the ad in the Wapiti Bugle. Proceeds will go to the CL Volunteer Fire Department.

Both Boards participated in a surprise fire drill during their Joint Boards' Meeting Saturday. Evacuation times and response times for CLA personnel were good. Everyone got to stand in the snowy parking lot for a few minutes while inspections were performed indoors. Regular fire drills and discussion with family at home about the best escape routes, whether egress routes are clear of furniture or other items that might hinder a quick escape, where to meet when evacuation has occurred, and who to call for help (911) are all important items. It's important to review the procedures with kids and grandkids, so that they are aware of the plans. One of the saddest things I've heard is of folks going back inside a burning home searching for family, when in fact the family members had exited the back door and were safe in the back yard. I can't emphasize strongly enough that meeting places be clearly learned and practiced - front and back of the house - until everyone can be reunited. (The Board members all did well, and no one even threw a snowball at me for making that a surprise part of their Saturday agenda!)

We have and will continue to practice fire drills at Basecamp, and will also conduct them at the Restaurant with the staff there as well. We'll do our part and we want to count on you to do your part too. Stay safe so you can come enjoy the mountain!

I'll keep you posted.

Jody