

Lake Middle School Blown Away by Team Flying Four-line Kites

On Friday, October 8 the 7th and 8th Graders at Lake Middle School were honored to have world famous **iQuad** Kite Team perform. The Team was brought to Colorado to perform for the 25th Annual One Sky One World Kite Fly for Peace. OSOW, which for many years was held at Sloan's Lake Park, now takes place at Stapleton's Central Park every second Sunday of October. The iQuad Team appearance at Lake was partially underwritten by OSOW and Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association.

iQuad has been featured on "Good Morning America" and has astounded audiences world-wide with their ability to make kites dance. The precision routines are performed with Revolution kites (also known as "Revs") - specialized, quad (four) line kites. Revs are truly multi-directional in the sky with the ability to fly forward, backward, sideways, adjusting speed, and even stopping on a dime to hover nearly motionless in mid-air. While some maneuvers require a certain wind range, iQuad has successfully performed as a team in all conditions from zero wind (indoors) all the way up to nearly 50 miles per hour.

At Lake, Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association President, Larry Ambrose and OSOW organizer, made a presentation on kite history and introduced iQuad Team captain, **John Barresi**. **Much to the astonishment of students, Barresi and members of the iQuad team proceeded to fly kites indoors right over the heads of the children in the Auditorium and on the stage.** Then Barresi took time to talk to the kids about the kites and gave some history of kite flying. He also answered a ton of questions! The students then went out to the playgrounds where the entire team also performed a team flying demonstration with the outdoor kites. It was awesome...and the kids thoroughly enjoyed this special event. After the event many students at Lake wrote letters thanking Jane and Larry Ambrose for the presentation (see attached) It was an honor to have the "Blue Angels of Kite Flying" at one of our North Denver schools. To view some videos of the iQuad Kite Team visit: <http://www.teamiquad.com/main.htm>

One Sky One World promotes public education about the culture, history, art, craft, recreation, technology and science of kites. Participation in OSOW events promotes the enjoyment of nature and greater respect for the environment; leads to respect for cultural diversity; the understanding of and friendship between people at home and around world, and an appreciation of all life on earth. One Sky One World (www.oneskyoneworld.org) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Denver.



Left to right: iQuad Kite Team members John Barresi, Steve de Rooy, Takako Barresi, J.D. Fabich, Bazzar Poulter performed at Lake Middle School

