Creating leaders, one child at a time!

From the Principal’s Desk

All of our students, kindergarten through 6th grade, keep a Leadership Notebook where they track personal and academic goals and successes, including their Wildly Important Goal (WIG). As a school, we track the overall progress of our students in meeting their WIG each week. In this newsletter, you’ll read about how we celebrated our students making progress on their WIG by completing their Lead Measures each week. Last week, 82% of our students completed their Lead Measures. Our students are off to a good start this semester and we are so proud of them!

Below is more information about goal setting from the January Newsletter from Dr. John and Jane Covey from the Leader in Me organization:

“The Importance of Goals Research has shown that the simple act of writing a goal greatly increases the chances of accomplishing the goal. If the goal is broken down into action steps and the action steps are tracked, goals have an even greater percentage of success. At school, your child may write his or her academic and personal goals in a Leadership Notebook. You will gain a lot of information on how your child is doing if you ask your child to tell you about his or her goals. The goals chosen are meaningful to your child so be sure to practice Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood. The Leadership Notebook idea can also be used in your home. Create goals such as reading together, eating dinner at the table, or doing an activity together. Involve everyone in the family in choosing a meaningful goal and action steps. Post the goal and the action steps in a visible place and be sure to track and celebrate progress!”

Gina Smith,
Principal
January 30
Elite Choir Concert 7pm – 8pm

February 12
PTO Mtg. 6:30pm – 7:30pm
DAC Forum
5:15pm - 9:00pm
Cimarron Middle School

February 15th & 18th
No School

February 20
Math Family Game Night 5:30pm – 7:00pm

February 22
Leadership Day
Habit 3 - Put First Things First

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule, and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.
7 Habits Foundations class for parents

We have been presented with an opportunity to offer the 7 Habits Foundations class for any interested parent at our school. The 7 Habits is part of our Leader in Me program at our school that we teach all our students. This course provides essential insights into the habits that are at the heart of effectiveness in your personal and professional life. The district is offering an abbreviated version of the class to be held at Legacy Point Elementary School. **This course typically costs over $100, however, this class will be at NO COST to you.**

Here is more information and the registration link:

- **Course:** 7 Habits Foundations
- **Audience:** Parents of Legacy Point, Eagle Ridge, Acres Green and Redstone Elementary Schools
- **When:** February 6, 20 and 27, 2019
  - 5:30-8:30pm
  - **Participants must attend all 3 dates**
- **Where:** Legacy Point Elementary
  - 12736 Red Rosa Circle
  - Parker, CO 80134

**Registration Link:** [Click here]

**Questions:** Jackie Feely at jackie.feely@dcsdk12.org
Geo Bee Contestants

After a written preliminary competition and several tiebreakers, we have our final ten who will proceed to the finals and championship on January 25th at 2:00 p.m. in the gym.

Representing their class:

- Lees          Braychan
- Ludwig       Moe
- Berg         Mark C.
- Childress    Alex C.
- Kanne        Shel
- Blechar      Wally
- Fazekas      Olivia
- Roach        Julianne
- Poland       Joe
- Tinker       Scott

Acres Green Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our school wide winner Julia Peller from Mr. Poland’s class!
Semester Celebration - Students Meeting their Lead Measures

Our students have been working hard in the first semester on their Lead Measures to meet their personalized reading goals. Lead Measures are the actions that a student takes to become better readers, i.e. memorizing sight words, iReady Instructional practice every day, etc.

As a recognition for this semester long work, we celebrated with the Rockies Mascot, Dinger!

Our students had a wonderful time!

December Student of the Month

Every month, a student is chosen by our teachers to be recognized at our monthly Leader in Me assemblies.

This month, Mr. Berg recognized his student, **Arushi Kamal**, for her outstanding leadership in the 7 Habits and her academic achievements.

**Congratulations, Arushi!**
Spotlight on 3rd Grade

In Mrs. Sommers’ 3rd/4th class, the 3rd grade has been creating towns for geography, mapping and economics. They have partnered up with a 4th grade buddy to recreate the 4th graders Boomtown of 1800’s and make a town from today. They have been planning, creating and discussing with each other about how the towns have grown and changed for the times. We’ve been focusing on History, economics, the Musical about Colorado during the past 3 months.

3rd grade classes have welcomed in 2019 and has been busy learning many things. We have added multiplication to our list of math skills and we practice daily. We hope to have facts 0-10 memorized by the end of the year! We are now working on division and will soon focus on fractions. In reading we have been looking closely at new vocabulary words and how to determine their meaning. It has also been a new challenge for us to answer questions about a story by using evidence from that story. The students are doing great! We have officially begun learning about life science and each student has an endangered animal that they will research. Students will gain an understanding of how cycles interact and why each creature is important! We are looking forward to even more learning in the second half of the year.

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December Assembly

Our 6th grade Student Assembly Team put on a great December Assembly reviewing the 7 Habits. This included a fun activity with our students being quizzed and ‘building snowmen’ with teacher volunteers as students answered the questions correctly.

Thank you for a really fun assembly, 6th graders!
**Important Information**

**CMAS Test**

Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS)  
April 8th - 26th

If you would like more information, please visit the Parent Tab on our School Website!

**Paint the Rock**

Have you seen our rock in the front entrance?  
It was purchased this summer by our 4th grade Junior Girl Scouts, Troop 466.  
It is available for rent to paint for special celebrations, acknowledgements or just for fun!

Please use this link to get more information  
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Raptor
Raptor Visitor Management System will aid school security

Visitors walking into any Douglas County school, whether to volunteer or spend some time with their child, will notice a change to the school’s visitor pass process.

In our continual effort to increase safety and security at our schools, the Douglas County School District has implemented the Raptor Visitor Management System - a system that utilizes government-issued IDs or the driver’s license of building visitors upon their arrival. The Raptor system runs the information gathered against a database of registered sex offenders from all 50 states, to ensure the safety of our 68,000 students.

Anyone visiting classrooms, joining kids for lunch, or attending a meeting or event at the school must provide a driver’s license or ID to the front office staff. The system will run a quick check, and provide a sticker that includes the visitor’s name, ID photo, and the date and time of the visit.

If a match is found in the sexual predator database during an ID check, school administrators and local law enforcement will be able to act appropriately to keep students and staff safe. The system does not run a background check against other databases, and the information collected will only be used for school purposes. Information will not be shared with any outside organizations.

One of the benefits of this system for frequent visitors is that their information will be available during their next visit. At the beginning of each new school year, school staff will rescan all IDs to keep the database current.
Lunch Menu
Click here to access the lunch menu.

DCSD App
Download the DCSD App Here.

Parent Portal
Click Here to access the parent portal.

Express Online Payments
Click here for all AGE/DCSD payments.

Follow the Acres Green Elementary P.T.O. on Facebook.

Don’t forget your coats!

The mornings are cooler now, please send your student(s) in appropriate outwear. If it is above 22 degrees they will be outside until the bell rings.
It’s getting to be that time of year again!!!

Snow Closure Procedures
Schedule changes will be reported by High School Feeder Areas on local media outlets. Acres Green Elementary is located in the Highlands Ranch High School Feeder area.

Delay and Closure Decision Criteria
If there is a 90-minute delay

When DCSD schools are placed onto a 90-minute delay all schools start 90 minutes after their normal start times. Bus routes are also delayed by 90 minutes, so students should plan to be picked up one and a half hours later than normal. Before and After School (BASE) programs also begin 90 minutes later than normal. During a delay, morning preschool and kindergarten programs are canceled. Full-day preschool and kindergarten programs operate on a 90-minute delay. Decisions about before school activities are generally made on a school-by-school basis.

Where are closures and delays posted?

In the event of a closure or delay, the information will be immediately posted on the top of the District's website. We will also post updates on the District's Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as the DCSD mobile app. Finally, we notify local media outlets.

The District website and telephone hotline will be your best resource in the event of delay and closure (www.dcsdk12.org; or the District Weather Hotline: 303.387.SNOW (7669)

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable!
Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Want to sponsor this school?
Please contact Rob Mangelson at Rob@tscolorado.com or (720) 878-4107.
# January 2019 Ticketed Events

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This class is targeted for parents of truant elementary and middle school students, but could benefit any parent/family who are seeking new approaches to difficult parenting situations.

Mesa Middle School
365 N Mitchell Street
Castle Rock, CO 80104
Classes meet on Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm

Session 1:
January 22 – March 19

Or

Session 2:
March 26 – May 21
Douglas County School District
2019 Winter Forum
Hosted by the DCSD District Accountability Committee

Tuesday, February 12
5:15 PM - 9:00 PM
Cimarron Middle School
12130 Canterberry Pkwy, Parker

Featured Speaker:
Andrew Romanoff
President & CEO, Mental Health Colorado

5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Meet and Greet with Superintendent Thomas Tucker
Enjoy desserts courtesy of Ponderosa High School's Culinary Arts program, and meet and greet Superintendent Thomas Tucker as well as members of the DCSD Board of Education and Board Committees.

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Hear from a variety of experts on topics related to Mental Health and Safety and Continuing and Technical Education, such as:

Mental Health and Safety
Continuing and Technical Education
- Elementary and Secondary Prevention & Intervention
- In School Crisis Prevention & Supports
- Substance Use, Mental Health & District Supports
- Student Anxiety, In and Out of School
- Physical Security – Prevention & Response

Continuing and Technical Education
- Career Readiness
- College Readiness
- Vision for the Future (internships and future employment needs in Douglas County)

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