From the Principal’s Desk

Happy Holidays Acres Green Families,
Thank you for all your support for our students and staff at Acres Green Elementary.
We are thankful for our wonderful community! On behalf of our staff, we wish you a peaceful and happy holiday season. Be well and be happy.
We look forward to seeing you again in the New Year!

Have a great winter break!
Save The Date!

December 21 – January 6     Winter Break
January 15                 PTO Meeting     6:30pm-7:30pm
January 18                 No School- Professional Development Day
January 21                 No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Habit 2 – Begin With the End in Mind

Have a Plan

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to my school’s mission and wision. I look for ways to be a good citizen.
Honor our Building Engineer, Mr. Gabe.

Our student Lighthouse Team organized an assembly to honor our Building Engineer, Mr. Gabe. With their facilitation, each grade level created a special card, sign, poster, etc to present to Mr. Gabe at the assembly. They also ordered a special trophy for him, a new mop bucket painted by our students, and a gift card to take his family to dinner. The funds for the gift card were raised by having a Hat Day on that Friday. Students paid a dollar to wear a hat. Mr. Gabe was also surprised with 4 tickets to the Harlem Wizards basketball game at HRHS. Mr. Gabe is one of the reasons Acres Green Elementary is an amazing place. He is kind and caring to all of our student. He takes special pride in our school. When not working hard on his daily tasks, he is using his artistic talents to design and create amazing artwork around our school. He is currently working on a mural on our kitchen wall. Thank you, Mr. Gabe, we appreciate you! Be sure and check at the link to the video tribute created by our students. Video
Thank You

Thank you so much to our Discovery families and students for giving their time on a Sunday to clean up our playground!!

The Foundation for Douglas County Schools is proud to honor exceptional educators and staff who are inspiring a love of learning in students and are trailblazing extraordinary innovation in our schools. Over the years, the Apple Awards has grown to engage the entire community bringing in thousands of nominations every year for teachers and staff members across the district. The Apple Awards nomination window is now open--please use this LINK to nominate.

The nomination window is November 26th - January 11th.
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
Did you know Acres Green PTO has a rock you can paint?
It is available for rent to paint for special celebrations, acknowledgements or just for fun!

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.
Please label all items your student(s) bring to school so we can get them back to you if they are

PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!
Apply for a Teachers and Technology Grant for the 2018 - 19 school year for your school
Acres Green Elementary School
Grants range from $500 to $5000 and are available to full-time classroom teachers in public or private school. The CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation’s Teachers and Technology grants are designed to help fund projects that advance student success through the innovative use of technology in the classroom.
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.
Spotlight on 4th grade

4th Grade has been hard at work learning all about Colorado History this semester! We have learned different mapping skills and have discussed the five regions of Colorado: Eastern Plains, San Luis Valley, Rocky Mountains, Western Slope and, the Front Range. And have researched a variety of details about each location. We came together as a grade level to research, create biographies, and put on a Living History Museum. Students dressed up as a variety of famous Coloradans and did a great job reenacting their characters.

Boomtowns were a huge hit this year. Students used their knowledge of Colorado History and economics to create towns in which others may want to live. They were excited to show off their towns during our Boomtown Fair!

Finally, all of the 4th grade students came together to put on and amazing Colorado History Musical. Their performance was wonderful and taught the audience all about Colorado’s progression from Native Americans to Present Day.
Denver Santa Claus Shop

Thank you to all families who donated toys for the Denver Santa Claus Shop. Mr. Roach and Mrs. Braun delivered seven very large bags of toys last week to a warehouse that was getting prepped to host families so they could shop for their families. This year the organization plans to provide gifts for 13,000 children!

Thank you to our 6th grade community outreach team for finding this cause and organizing the drive!

Dear Acres Green Families,

This holiday season, Denver Ballet Theatre (DBT) offers a quick and easy way for Acres Green Elementary to raise up to $5000 to help fund school programs, supplies, and class trips, while providing students and their families with the opportunity to enjoy Colorado’s most cherished productions of The Nutcracker.

Through this special offer, Acres Green will receive 20% from all ticket purchases made using the promotional code DBTACRES for any of DBT’s four performances of The Nutcracker December 21-22 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. It’s that easy!

- Tickets for all performances begin at only $25 for adults and just $15 for children, ages 12 and under
- Families can order tickets online at www.newmantix.com/promo
- Add promo code DBTACRES at the beginning of the order
Thank you, Home Depot, for donating to our School Garden Project!
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.
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](http://www.dcsdk12.org); or the District Weather Hotline: 303.387.SNOW (7669)
# JANUARY 2019 TICKETED EVENTS

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**BEST 16 days in January**

12-27, 2019

**Douglas County School District Community Days**

National Western will donate a portion of ticket sales to Douglas County Schools!

ORDER DISCOUNTED TICKETS TODAY!

Save up to $6/ticket plus up to $4.95/ticket in service charges.

**Questions? Call 720-838-6745 or email acashel@nationalwestern.com**

**BOOTS NIGHT OUT**

- Tickets
- Beverages (Coors or Soda)

starting at $45

select shows only - service charges may apply

**FAMILY 4-PACK**

- Tickets
- Hot Dogs
- Bags of Chips
- Sodas

starting at $79

select shows only - service charges may apply

TO ORDER CLICK HERE, or visit tinyurl.com/NWPromo (Promo Code: DOUGCO)

Prices offered are not available to the general public. All orders are subject to availability.
Douglas County School District Community Event

MAMMOTH LACROSSE

vs.

SWARM LACROSSE

SATURDAY, Feb, 16th 2018 - 7PM
PEPSI CENTER

Upper Level Starting at $10 per seat
Lower Level Starting at $15 per seat

$5 of each seat will be donated to Douglas County Schools

Purchase at:
https://mammoth.teamkse.com/dcsd2019/

Prices listed are subject to change the day of the game.
All tickets will be delivered via Flash Seats

For more information contact Kate Clark at
303.575.1908 Kate.Clark@TeamKSE.com

COLORADOMAMMOTH.COM
Douglas County Schools
Community Day with the Colorado Avalanche

VS

Colorado Avalanche
Buffalo Sabres

Saturday, March 9th • 1:00PM • Pepsi Center

TICKETS STARTING AT: $25
NO ADDITIONAL TAXES OR FEES! Subject to change.

All ticket buyers will be entered to win on-ice experiences!

A portion of every ticket sold will be donated to the school of your choice! (Follow the link below to select your school!)

FIND TICKETS:
Avalanche.TeamKSE.com/DouglasCounty/

Can't make this game? We are offering a back-up option!

Colorado Avalanche vs. Arizona Coyotes
Friday, March 29th • 7:00PM • Pepsi Center
Avalanche.TeamKSE.com/DouglasCountyBU/

For more information, please contact Kiley Long
303-405-7625 or email Kiley.Long@TeamKSE.com