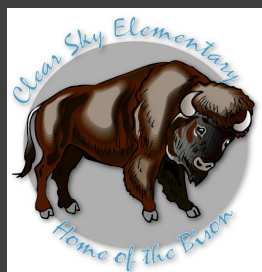


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Clear Sky Elementary

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Clear Sky PTO



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A message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year when we begin planning for the upcoming 2022-23 school year. We would like to inform you of the process we use in helping determine student placement. The goal of placement is to create an equal balance of needs and abilities in all classrooms and pair students with the teacher and classmates that will provide the optimal learning environment for all students. With this in mind we would like to lead you through our process.

Teachers will complete an on-line information form in Class Composer for each student presently enrolled in their classroom. This program addresses the academic and social needs of the student. The program then randomly places students based on the parameters that we have established. When these classes are initially formed, other support staff are asked to review the lists to see if there are considerations that may have been missed. Those lists are not finalized until late May due to the fact that incoming students will be added to the list and students may still need to be moved to further balance the classes.

Mrs. Roe & Mrs. Berry will make final decisions on all placements as we have a broad overview of all students. Parents are reminded that we are unable to honor requests for a specific teacher. We do believe you have valuable information about your child. If there is information that needs to be considered as placements are made, you are requested

to fill out a form. Please do not mention specific teacher names on the form. Please know careful consideration is given to each student and many professional eyes view the placement of each child to ensure the success of all students. This form provides an opportunity for you to provide information we may not be aware of and in no way guarantees placement or non-placement. To be considered, letters must be submitted no later than Friday, April 29. Thank you for being good partners in this process. We work hard to make the best possible decisions for students and staff.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us!!

Sincerely,
Kellie Roe



April in the Innovation Lab

We are currently about halfway through the current rotation in the Innovation Lab. Fourth grade has continued their Rube Goldberg inspired devices. We have our first classes getting their creations into the display cases by the gym. Be sure and check them out!

While several grade levels have been focusing on specific challenges, all class K-6 have also been learning about and practicing stop motion animation. Using the free iPad app "Stop Motion," students have used a variety of materials including: paper, playdough, Matchbox cars, recycled materials, and LEGOs to create their own animated stories. It has been so fun watching them create some amazing movies.

Intermediate students have been building and testing Tumblewing Gliders. They also spent some time learning about our new and fabulous 3D Pens! (See the THANK YOU section below.)

Primary students worked with a team to design and build their own "It's Not a Box," project inspired by a picture book of the same name. They had some amazing creations including an aquarium, jellyfish, rocketship, and unicorn. They also had the opportunity to complete some creative building projects...we have some future "Domino Masters" among us!

Final Rotation

As we look ahead to our final rotation of the year, we will be wrapping up our year of learning with some free choice projects. Specific details haven't been made just yet, but here are some of the potential choices: seasonal STEM challenges, stop motion animation, robotics, coding, "mini game" creation, and more.

Thank You!

I just wanted to give a HUGE thank you to the CSE PTO for funding our "Innovation Lab Refresh." This refresh included the replacement of several robots (Sphero and Ozobot) that have come to their end of life after five year of use. The grant also allowed us to purchase three new robots that are intended for our K-2 students. Finally, we purchased six 3D Pens and filament. The pens will be an option for our older students at the end of the year.

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April in the Innovation Lab, continued...

Event Reminder

CSE will be hosting a session of Camp Invention this summer, June 6th-10th. This exciting, weeklong summer adventure provides opportunities for open-ended, hands-on exploration of science, technology, engineering and more! Rotating through a variety of exciting activities each day, children have fun collaborating with friends, thinking creatively and inventing their own solutions to real-world challenges.

Give your young innovator an unforgettable adventure! All-new, hands-on activities will launch their imagination and get their confidence soaring as they explore STEM fun from the oceans to outer space. Read more about what your camper will do each day at camp:



Problem Solving: Campers create a habitat for their own robotic fish — complete with a symbiotic friend — and prototype the next great aquatic innovation to lure in and hook investors at the fish market.

Confidence: Inspired by real space exploration, children construct a Spacepack, engineer an Astro-Arm device, complete gravity-defying cooking challenges, mine asteroids and observe erupting ice volcanoes.

Creativity: Making exciting connections between science and art, campers build their own robotic artist to make awesome spin art and discover how inventions have changed the way people create.

Persistence: Children experiment with the fun of physics and engineering when they build and test their own mega marble arcade, then take on collaborative challenges to level up their design thinking.

Information has been shared in the weekly blasts and you can visit the [CSE Link](#) to learn more.

Want to learn more about Design Thinking or LAUNCH? Visit these two resources:

Design Thinking - <https://www.ideo.com/pages/design-thinking>


LAUNCH - <http://thelaunchcycle.com/>

Want to donate?

Visit our updated Google Doc (<https://goo.gl/3RlMpl>) to see what materials we need. If you want to volunteer your time, please feel free to contact me. You will find a form on the “Maker Program Materials” page.







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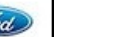


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Music News



Grades 4th - 6th are enjoying learning guitars, while K-3 are learning the Ukulele's, this five weeks. There is lots of collaboration between students and teacher as to how we play these instruments and what it feels like to be a ROCK STAR by playing chords and individual fingerings.

Clear Sky Choir Presents

The Jungle Book, Kids

May, 11, 12 and 13, 2022

6pm, Clear Sky Gym

\$10 adult

\$5 DCSD Students

Come join in some family fun and entertainment.

Tickets available through

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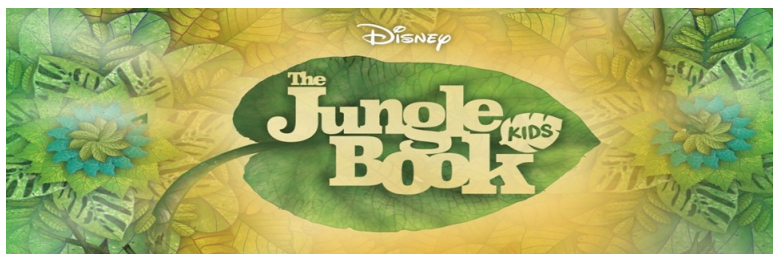
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Clear Sky Singers at the Colorado Rockies

Come join in some Clear Sky fun ask the CSE singers sing the
National Anthem with our feeder area schools.

April 17, 2022

1:10pm

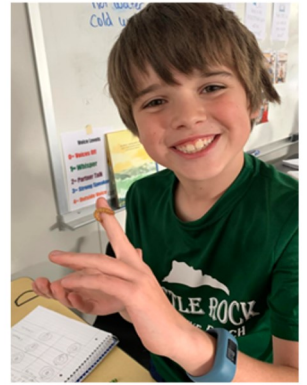
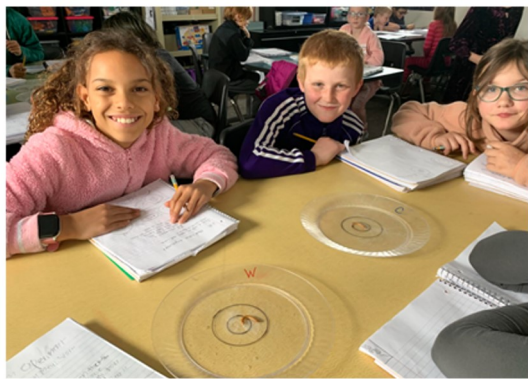
[Rockies Tickets](#)



We hope you join us for a fun Easter afternoon.

Questions, please email Mrs. Dome.

Science lab



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Science lab, continued...

Wow! It's been such a fun month in the science lab! First of all, I am so impressed with all of our students who completed a project for the CSE Science & Innovation Fair. Great work, scientists, engineers, and researchers! I am so proud of you!

Donations: The science lab is looking for Hot Wheel cars and Legos. If you have any donations, please send them to Mrs. Anderegg. Thank you!

What have our scientists been doing?

Kindergarten and first grade scientists have been learning about the needs of animals. The focus has been that animals need food/water and protection.

Second grade scientists have been learning about erosion. Through some hands-on investigations, students have learned about rivers, sand, canyons, and how they're formed.

Third grade scientists have been learning about life cycles. They loved experimenting and observing mealworms while connecting it to the life cycle unit.

Fourth grade scientists have been learning about energy using Hot Wheels tracks. They did experiments related to ramp height while learning about potential and kinetic energy. They also created their own experiments to test how far a car would travel when they introduced one variable (height, texture, mass, etc.).

Fifth grade scientists have been learning about the scientific method through experiments. They investigated multiple experimental questions: How many drops of water fit on a penny? How does adding an ingredient to the water affect how many drops will fit on a penny? Does a toy sea creature grow larger in fresh or saltwater?

Sixth grade scientists had the opportunity to learn about owls and dissect owl pellets. They used the bones they found in the pellets to learn about the types of creatures a barn owl eats and which creature it eats the most. I loved hearing their engagement (once they got past the gross factor) and excitement for finding and identifying bones!

Physical Education Today @ CSE

Hey Bison friends and family!

This month in April we will be gearing up for our Baseball/Kickball Unit! Our time will be split into playing our games indoors and outdoors if weather permits. The focus of our unit is to learn the traditional rules of baseball, the history of the sport, teamwork, and good sportsmanship.

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR FIELD DAY!

Before we know it, the last weeks of school will be here. We plan on having an amazing time for our Field Day. More information for our event will be posted closer to the time.

Let's have a great month!
Mr. McCoy



English Language Learner (ELL) Update

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Dear families,

We have an exciting upcoming event to share with you! The Douglas County Schools ELD (English Language Development) Department will be having a celebration on Wednesday, April 27nd to honor the hard work and accomplishments of our students. It will be held at the new DCSD Innovation Center in Parker from 6-7:30 p.m. Official invitations will be sent soon. We hope to see you there!

Free Internet & Discounted Mobile Service Through Affordable Connectivity Program

Comcast is participating in the federal government's Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) and recently introduced two new ACP-focused offers giving consumers new choices to take full advantage of the up to \$30/month credit. Households may be eligible if they participate in programs like the National School Lunch Program, SNAP, Medicaid, housing assistance, Federal Pell Grant and others.

Internet Essentials Plus – To provide more options for Internet Essentials (IE) customers, Comcast is introducing a new, faster tier of home broadband service which will be fully covered by the ACP credit and has twice the download speed of the original IE service. Internet Essentials Plus will offer download speeds up to 100 Mbps (10 Mbps upload) for \$29.95/month. Existing IE customers can upgrade to this tier anytime, and new customers can sign up for the service regardless of whether they participate in ACP. **Internet Essentials Plus customers who enroll in ACP will have their broadband service charges completely covered by the \$30/month government credit.**

Xfinity Mobile – Comcast's top-rated Xfinity Mobile service is now available to customers participating in the Affordable Connectivity Program, giving them the ability to save even more money on their connectivity needs both at home and on-the-go. **Internet Essentials customers can use their \$30/month ACP discount to pay for both Xfinity Internet and Xfinity Mobile service.**

Since 2011, Internet Essentials has connected a cumulative total of more than 10 million people nationwide to the Internet at home, most for the first time. New and existing Xfinity Internet or Internet Essentials customers can visit www.xfinity.com/acp or call 844-389-4681 for more information, to determine eligibility, and sign up.

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Estimadas familias,

¡Tenemos un próximo evento emocionante para compartir con ustedes! El Departamento de ELD (Desarrollo del Idioma Inglés) de las Escuelas del Condado de Douglas tendrá una celebración el miércoles 27 de abril para honrar el arduo trabajo y los logros de nuestros estudiantes. Se llevará a cabo en el nuevo DCSD Innovation Center en Parker de 6 a 7:30 pm Las invitaciones oficiales se enviarán pronto. ¡Esperamos verte ahí!

Internet gratis y servicio móvil con descuento a través del programa de conectividad asequible

Comcast participa en el Programa de Conectividad Asequible (ACP, por sus siglas en inglés) del gobierno federal y recientemente presentó dos nuevas ofertas enfocadas en ACP que brindan a los consumidores nuevas opciones para aprovechar al máximo el crédito de hasta \$30 al mes. Los hogares pueden ser elegibles si participan en programas como el Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares, SNAP, Medicaid, asistencia para la vivienda, Beca Federal Pell y otros.

Internet Essentials Plus : para brindar más opciones a los clientes de Internet Essentials (IE), Comcast presenta un nuevo nivel más rápido de servicio de banda ancha para el hogar que estará completamente cubierto por el crédito ACP y tiene el doble de velocidad de descarga que el servicio IE original. Internet Essentials Plus ofrecerá velocidades de descarga de hasta 100 Mbps (carga de 10 Mbps) por \$29.95/mes. Los clientes existentes de IE pueden actualizar a este nivel en cualquier momento, y los nuevos clientes pueden suscribirse al servicio independientemente de si participan en ACP. Los clientes de Internet Essentials Plus que se inscriban en ACP tendrán sus cargos de servicio de banda ancha completamente cubiertos por el crédito del gobierno de \$30/mes.

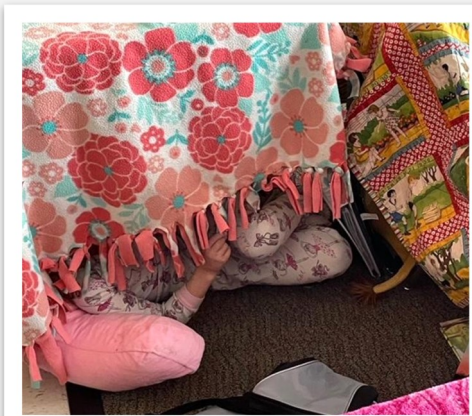
Xfinity Mobile : el servicio Xfinity Mobile mejor calificado de Comcast ahora está disponible para los clientes que participan en el Programa de conectividad asequible, lo que les brinda la posibilidad de ahorrar aún más dinero en sus necesidades de conectividad tanto en el hogar como mientras viajan. Los clientes de Internet Essentials pueden usar su descuento ACP de \$30/mes para pagar el servicio Xfinity Internet y Xfinity Mobile.

Desde 2011, Internet Essentials ha conectado un total acumulativo de más de 10 millones de personas en todo el país a Internet en el hogar, la mayoría por primera vez. Los clientes nuevos y existentes de Xfinity Internet o Internet Essentials pueden visitar www.xfinity.com/acp o llamar al 844-389-4681 para obtener más información, determinar la elegibilidad e inscribirse.

Sra. Sawaged
Sra. Roudani

2nd Grade Read-a-Thon Reading Forts

Mrs. Aversa's 2nd grade class had a Read-a-Thon right before break. Students wore jammies and read books in their Reading Forts that they set up, with their blankets and their desks!



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News from the CSE Library

Please keep an eye out for book reminder notes to help recover any missing or lost books. I am here to help anyway I can! Feel free to reach out via email at femcbee@dcsdk12.org

Our book Fair ends April 1st so details on how we did will be in the next newsletter. Thank you to all the amazing Parent Volunteers especially Jenn Batta and the senior Library staff as well as the amazing High School Volunteers Go Sabercats!!!



Star Bison



The Star Bison is our student of the month. These students are nominated by teachers and staff for showing excellence in being Bison Strong. Congratulations to these students for being our March Star Bisons!!!

[March Star Bison Slideshow](#)

Student Council



Student Council News for April 2022

Your Student Council has been hard at working planning a special Egg Hunt to celebrate Spring coming up this month.