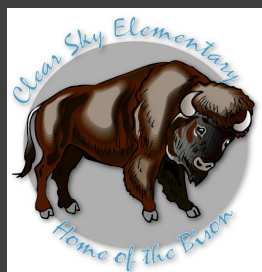


Bison Bulletin

October 2022

Clear Sky Elementary

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A message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thank you for a wonderful start to the school year!! Your kids came back excited and ready to learn! I love this time of year! Routines have been established and students are busy learning and collaborating with each other. We are also in the middle of Boosterthon and the buzz around the building has been exciting! I can't wait to see the new playground when it is finished! It has been a busy start to the school year as we are learning a new literacy program called Benchmark that has been adopted by the District.

Last year all kindergarten through third grade teachers were required by the state of Colorado to take 45 hours of Evidence-Based Training in teaching reading as a result of Colorado READ Act in SB 19-199. Most of our teachers took a Science of Reading class that was offered by the Colorado Department of Education. According to Benchmark, our new reading program, the science of reading is "a vast, interdisciplinary body of scientifically-based research about reading and issues related to reading and writing. This research has been conducted over the last five decades across the world, and it is derived from thousands of studies conducted in multiple languages. The science of reading has culminated in a preponderance of evidence to inform

how proficient reading and writing develop; why some have difficulty; and how we can most effectively assess and teach and, therefore, improve student outcomes through prevention of and intervention for reading difficulties."

Teachers are working hard learning the new program and implementing what they learned in the Science of Learning class. You may notice that literacy instruction, including reading and writing, looks differently this year than in the past. Your child's classroom teacher will share more information about these changes during our Fall conferences.

I always love to talk about what we are doing at Clear Sky so if you want to stop by and chat about our new Literacy program I would be happy to do that! As always thank you for trusting your children to us. It is not a privilege we take lightly!

Sincerely,

Kellie Roe



News from the CSE Library

Welcome to the new school year if you ever have any questions regarding the library weiter it is regarding check outs or fines, feel free to reach out via email.
femcbee@dcsdk12.org



Do you have an extra hour or so a week to volunteer in the library? We are looking for loving parents, grandparents or community members to come and help with reshelving books. If you are interested please contact Fran McBee femcbee@dcsdk12.org



Online sales open up starting October 3rd

In-person school shopping is October 10th - 14th

The book fair is a great chance to stock up on books for the winter holiday season. You can set up an E-wallet by going to our book fair website. E-Wallets work like a credit account. Any left over funds greater than \$3.00 is placed on a gift card that can be used online or transferred back for another fair. Funds less than \$3.00 are donated to All for Books.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/clearskyFallFair>

If you would like to Volunteer or have a High School student in need of Volunteer hours here is the link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c4ca9ab29abf85-fall>

Star Bison



Star Bison is our student of the month recognition. These students are nominated by teachers and other staff for showing excellence in being Bison Strong. Congratulations to these students for being our August Star Bisons!!! [August Slideshow 2022](#)

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Student Council News for September 2022

Congrats to our 4-6th grade class representatives.

Archer Hall, Ila Maxfield, Hope Miller, Isaac Jaramillo, Kyla Dreessen, Luke Quintero, Adi Carson, Aly Samples, Colston Martinez, Jacoby Mello, Brooklyn Moede, Nolan Koller, Gavin Merkel, Sydney Paladini, Cooper Kovacs, Olivia Raymond, Lexie Crotzer, Skyler Hathaway, Gracin Carmona, Wren Miller, Ben Ahlgrim, Michael Cacciatore, Cora Seymour, Olivia Buckley



STUCO officers will be voted in at our first meeting.

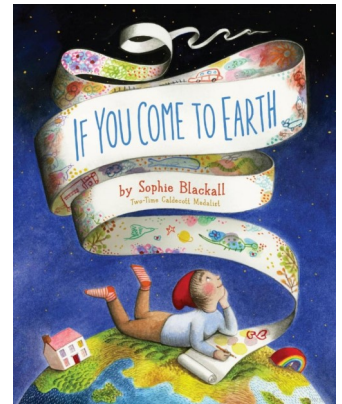


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#OneBookDCSD event

The DCSD District Library Media Center (DLMC) is hosting the 2nd annual #OneBookDCSD event November 7th-11th featuring the book *If You Come to Earth* by Sophie Blackall. The author will be virtually visiting our schools on the morning and afternoon of November 8th. This event is possible with the generous support of our sponsors: The Foundation for Douglas County Schools, Book Bar of Denver, and Douglas County Libraries.

If you would like to read the book right now, we have partnered with Douglas County Public Library, and they have copies in print, audio, and ebook format for our community to check out.



If you have any questions about this district-wide event, please do not hesitate to reach out to dyarcho@dcsdk12.org

Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.
Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.



To sign up, go to LongmontDairy.com/savecaps or click here.



Science Lab

"Science is like magic but real!"

For the first rotation of science, students used their senses to observe phenomenas. A phenomena is anything that we can observe in our natural world using our senses. It often leads to questions and seeking explanations. Students made observations, questions, and looked for clues and explanations about bubbles, slinkies, and nature.



Physical Education Today @ CSE



Hey Bison friends and family,
We have a lot of great and exciting things in store for P.E. this year!

Kindergarten-2nd grades are starting with teamwork strategies with our big parachute! We have so many different fun games to introduce and play while we learn about cooperation, signals, and safety skills. We are ready for never ending fun!

3rd-6th grades are starting with their tennis lessons at the Bison Park tennis courts. The sport of tennis is for all age groups! Those who are looking to continue their passion for the sport or begin with an introduction will all be provided with opportunities to grow their game!

Shout out to Coach Wolfe and the Castle Rock Tennis community for supporting our P.E. program with enough tennis rackets for our kids! If you are looking for a tennis program in town, whether it's seasonal or outside of school, Castle Rock Tennis is the way to go!

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English Language Learner (ELL) Update

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Dear Families,
Where has the time gone?!! We cannot believe we're already in September!

We started the school year by getting to know our new students and welcoming back our returning ones! CSE's ESL population of new ESL students is growing each year, and we are thrilled and anxious to provide them with the support they need! All of our new students were given a screener assessment to properly place them for their language proficiency. Parents' notifications were mailed to parents and the district to notify them about students' new placements. Interviews with parents were encouraged as they were part of students' qualifications for our program. Speaking a second language is a gift, so let's all work together to nourish this gift! All of our EL families bring in so much wealth and pride to our diverse community!

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns you may have!

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Queridas familias,

¿Dónde se ha ido el tiempo? ¡No podemos creer que ya estamos en septiembre!

¡Comenzamos el año escolar conociendo a nuestros nuevos estudiantes y dando la bienvenida a los que regresan! La población de ESL de CSE de nuevos estudiantes de ESL crece cada año, ¡y estamos emocionados y ansiosos por brindarles el apoyo que necesitan! Todos nuestros nuevos estudiantes recibieron una evaluación de selección para ubicarlos adecuadamente en su dominio del idioma. Las notificaciones de los padres se enviaron por correo a los padres y al distrito para notificarles sobre las nuevas ubicaciones de los estudiantes. Se alentaron las entrevistas con los padres ya que eran parte de las calificaciones de los estudiantes para nuestro programa. Hablar un segundo idioma es un regalo, así que ¡trabajemos todos juntos para nutrir este regalo! ¡Todas nuestras familias EL traen tanta riqueza y orgullo a nuestra diversa comunidad!

¡No dude en comunicarse con cualquier pregunta o inquietud que pueda tener!

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News from the Innovation Lab

Hello CSE families! Fall is in the air and circuit work is underway. Each grade level will have the opportunity to explore the concepts of basic circuitry and electricity within a unique design challenge. Here are the specific challenges for each grade.

Kindergarten: *How might you design a Minion, fall, Halloween or book-inspired creation that includes a complete circuit?*

1st Grade: *How might you design a Minion, fall, Halloween or book-inspired creation that includes a complete circuit?*

2nd Grade: *How might you design a Minion, fall, Halloween or book-inspired creation that includes a complete circuit?*

3rd Grade: *How might you create a Minion, fall or Halloween inspired instrument that includes some type of circuit component?*

4th Grade: *How might you create _____ (name of obstacle) for a theme inspired miniature golf course using littleBits and other materials?*

5th Grade: *After you learn about and create the basic "Scrappy Circuit" bricks, how might you create other game-based circuits?*

6th Grade: *How might you design and construct a unique game that integrates a littleBits circuit and recycled materials?*

Be sure to check out some of the photos on the following pages. They include work from our first rotation, as well as the current rotation.

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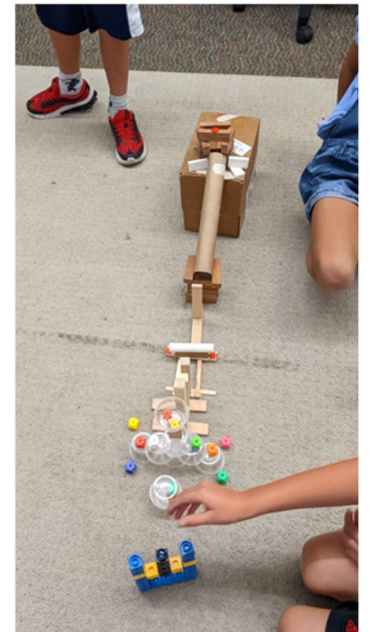
We are always looking for materials, expertise, and extra hands! We are currently looking for the following items: Clorox Wipes, Rechargeable AA or AAA Batteries, Snap Circuits, and board games (even if they are missing pieces we can use them). Visit our updated Google Doc (<https://goo.gl/3RlMpJ>) to 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.

Photos from the Innovation Lab

(Photos from our first unit, Minion Challenges.)



Kindergarten students had the following challenge during our first unit: Kevin used his "oversized overalls" to float back to earth. How might you design and build a special Minion parachute? Here they are testing out their creations.

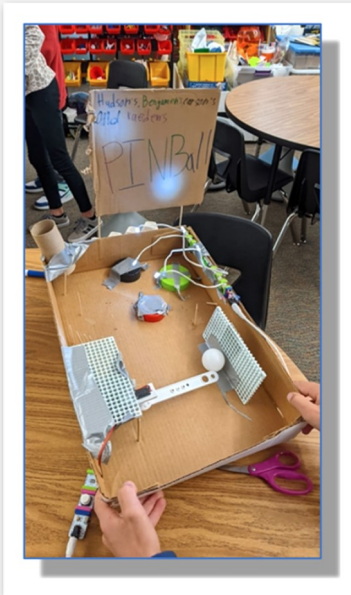


Fourth grade students had the following challenge during our first unit: In his effort to get the pacifier back, Binki created a "chain reaction." How might you design and create your own chain reaction to complete a "task?" Here are a few of their designs.

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Photos from the Innovation Lab, continued...

The 6th grade students created some amazing interactive cardboard games.



Students in Mrs. Aversa's 2nd grade class took a break from their circuit work and helped indi celebrate his 1st Birthday!



The 5th grade students worked with "Scrappy Circuits" creating a variety of bricks.

There were a number of great creations in 3rd grade as they used the Makeymakey system.



Art

We are off to a creative start in the art room! The first week of school every student created a mini abstract portrait of themselves to create a fun mural outside the art room. Come check it out when you're in the building!

This month in art :

Kindergarten art students are creating sculptures by manipulating paper strips. They are also creating fun pumpkins out of paper shapes.

1st Graders are learning about the artist Vincent van Gogh and creating their very own "Starry Night" pumpkin patch.

2nd graders are learning about the artist Yayoi Kusama. She is a Japanese artist who is known as the "princess of polka dots". They will be inspired by Kusama's pumpkin art.

3rd graders are learning about the artist Laurel Burch and creating their own folk art dogs or cats inspired by her work.

4th graders are learning about the celebration of Dia de los Muertos. They are creating their own sugar skulls in metal tooling.

5th graders are learning to weave on a loom.

6th graders are learning how to shade objects to look 3-D. They will be creating drawings of pumpkins in pencil and colored pencil.



Do you enjoy being creative? Would you like to see your artwork on the side of a fire truck for an entire year? 3rd through 6th graders are invited to create a poster for the Castle Rock Fire Department poster contest. For more information, see Ms. Eye!

Music

Congratulations 1st and 2nd grades on your dance programs. We enjoyed your songs and dancing. Congratulations!

- All grades 3rd - 6th are now starting their recorders.
- Recorders and books should have been purchased through My School Bucks. If your student still needs them, please purchase and bring a receipt to music.
- Students should be practicing nightly in preparation for the next day of class.



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