

Bison Bulletin

March 2018

Clear Sky Elementary

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Kellie Roe
Principal

Katie Berry
Asst. Principal

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303-387-5902

School Day:
9:10am - 4:00pm
Office Hours:
8:30am-4:30pm

Clear Sky PTO



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I am sure you share my sadness regarding the recent school shooting in Florida. As a principal, it is my greatest job to keep our students safe and I take that responsibility very seriously. We work hard to maintain a safe and caring school through clear behavior expectations, positive behavior and interventions and supports and crisis planning and preparedness. It is crucial that we create a caring school community in which adults and students respect and trust each other and all students feel connected, understand expectations, and receive the behavioral and mental health support they need.

Every year our staff participates in a "Standard Response Protocol" training. During this training we learn about the best ways to react to emergency situations. We work hard to prepare our students for any emergency that may occur. We conduct 2 safety weeks a year where students practice what to do in different situations. Our most recent safety week was the week of Valentines Day and the Florida shooting. We were scheduled to practice our lock down drill the day after Valentines Day but in light of the shooting decided it would be better to wait a couple of weeks. I am always impressed with how well our students do and how seriously they take all of these drills.

We keep our doors locked at all times and visitors must be buzzed in at the front to be let in. We are so grateful to have so many loyal volunteers and our secretaries quickly learn who the parents are and who the visitors are! We also have an armed school marshall who visits our building many times a day. There are cameras throughout the school that we can monitor in the front office. We ask that you as parents help us. If you see anything suspicious in the neighborhood or around the school, please let us know.

If your child asks you questions it is important to talk with them and validate their feelings. Let their questions guide what and how much information to provide, be open to opportunities to talk when they are ready, be honest about your own feelings related to violence, and emphasize the positive things that child/family/school can do to stay safe. Be patient. Children and youth do not always talk about their feelings readily. Watch for clues that they may want to talk, such as hovering around while you do the dishes or yard work. Some children prefer writing, playing music, or doing an art project as an outlet. Young children may need concrete activities (such as drawing, looking at picture books, or imaginative play) to help them identify and express their feelings.

Keeping my students safe is something I lose sleep over at night, but I know that together we can create the safest school possible for our students. If you have any ideas or suggestions please let me know!!

Sincerely,

Kellie Roe



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Berry's Bits

Hello Clear Sky Families!

As the weather is getting nicer and we have more students walking to school, I want to remind people of how important it is to drive safely around the school. We have experienced cars speeding through the crosswalks and through the parking lot. As a Clear Sky Family, it is important that we are aware of our surroundings and make sure that we are taking care of each other. Please pay attention when you are in the school zone so that we can provide a safe environment for every student at school.

Remember, we "SPRING" ahead for Day Light Savings on Sunday, March 13th! When we return from Spring Break we will begin CMAS testing for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students. Please make sure that during testing, students get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast to give them the most brain power. We want the students to show us their best effort!!

Enjoy your Spring Break,
Mrs. Berry

Standardized Testing 2018

CSE Testing Schedule

3rd grade Testing Schedule:

April 10th: 9:30 am to 11 am; 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 11th: 9:30 am to 11 am; 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 12th: 9:30 am to 11 am; 1:15 pm to 3:15 pm (ELA & Math)

4th grade Testing Schedule:

April 10th: 11:15 am to 12:30 pm; 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 11th: 11:15 am to 12:30 pm; 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 12th: 11:15 am to 12:30 pm; 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)

5th grade Testing Schedule:

April 10th: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm; 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 11th: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm; 2:45 pm to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 12th: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm; 2:45 PM to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 17th: 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm (Science)
 April 18th: 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm (Science)
 April 19th: 1:45 pm to 3:45 pm (Science)

6th grade Testing Schedule:

April 3rd: 9:15 am to 11:00 am; 1:30 pm to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 4th: 9:15 am to 11:00 am; 1:30 pm to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)
 April 5th: 9:15 am to 11:00 am; 1:30 pm to 3:45 pm (ELA & Math)



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Letter from Feeder Area Principals regarding testing:

Greetings to our Sabercat K12 Community,

We hope that this year is off to a prosperous start and your children are loving being a part of the K12 Sabercat family. We love our feeder and take great pride in the growth, accomplishments, and talents of our amazing students. We are reaching out to you today regarding an important matter. Standardized testing season is approaching. This brings up many emotions for all of our stakeholders. Many students feel anxious about taking a formal assessment, but we also know our parents often feel strongly about this topic as well. Currently, school leadership is facing two competing agendas. State law mandates that schools administer standardized assessments to all students. In a seemingly competing agenda, law also allows parents to opt out of assessments. Regardless of the number of students that take the assessment, a school is evaluated based on student performance. When all students do not take the assessment, the data is not an accurate reflection of our schools' performance.

Our feeder acknowledges that we currently live in a world where our students are under assessment overload. The Sabercat community believes in offering your children amazing learning opportunities and a variety of ways in order for them to demonstrate growth and understanding. We believe in our feeder philosophy: we must prepare our students for the world as it exists right now and we must prepare our students for the world that does not exist. We take great pride that our learning models are producing creative problem solvers, empathetic human beings, and students who will be competitive on the world stage, but it is also imperative that our students are able to meet the measures that they are held accountable for right now. These are also the measures to which we hold ourselves accountable. We want all of our Sabercats to be college ready, whether they choose to attend college or not. The reality is one of those college ready indicators is standardized assessments.

We are asking that all Sabercats (present and future) engage in the standardized testing process this year and moving forward. We are asking this for several reasons.

1. As a feeder, we are working collaboratively to create an articulation plan for your children as they move kindergarten through twelfth grade in our feeder pattern and we believe that *all* data (including PARCC/CMAS and the College Board suite of assessments) will help us develop systems of support, intervention, challenge and enrichment.
2. As a feeder, we rely heavily on this data to build our master schedules, offer appropriate coursework, and meet the needs of all students, particularly as they transition from one school to the next.
3. Engaging in the testing process will help students prepare for future tests that have incredible power in determining our students' pathways. Whether your child will take the SAT, ACT, AP tests, or even the potential graduate competency tests, the reality is that this is a genre that students still have to perform in and we believe that their best effort on these assessments now will help them be successful on the assessments down the road that are pivotal for their college and career trajectories.

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Continued Letter from Feeder Area Principals :

Last, but not least, we want the Sabercat feeder to continue to be a destination feeder in Douglas County. When realtors refer their clients to sites such as SchoolGrades.org and our prospective parents and students are assessing the quality of our schools by these assessments, we believe that they are misunderstanding what this feeder produces in our kids. Due to prior opt outs, that data only represents a small portion of our Sabercat students. Did you know that last year our sabercat community had two Boettcher scholars, two National Merit semi-finalists, two appointments to the US Air Force Academy and administered 604 Advanced Placement exams? The caliber of our students and our community is exceptional.

This year, we ask that all of our #Sabercatsoptin! Please encourage your child to not only take the standardized assessments, but to show the world and our community what it means to be a Sabercat! Let's show the world that we are producing the best, the brightest, the kindest, and the most innovative students in Douglas County. We, the Principals of the Sabercat community, already know this to be true. Help us show everyone else.

If you are considering excusing your child from this testing season, we are asking that parents please engage with school administration regarding your questions or concerns.

Yours in Education,

Kellie Roe, Principal of Clear Sky Elementary

Chris Neville, Principal of Soaring Hawk Elementary

Jeff Johnson, Principal of Sedalia Elementary

Lacey Dahl, Principal of Meadowview Elementary

Jen Oldham, Principal of Larkspur Elementary

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Important Dates to Remember:

MARCH

Monday –Friday	March 5th – 9th	6th grade Leave a Legacy Spirit Week fundraiser The 6th Graders are raising money to fund a tree and bench in honor of Gunner Riley. Bring a \$1 to dress up! Monday - Pajama/Comfy Clothes Day Tuesday - Dress like the 80s Wednesday - Twin Day Thursday - Sports Day Friday - Hat Day
Friday	March 9th	CVHS Free Tennis Camp at Bison Park (see flyer at end of newsletter)
Sunday	March 11th	Spring ahead to Daylight Savings Time
Monday-Friday	March 12th - 16th	Spring Book Fair
Thursday	March 15th	NO SCHOOL 4pm-8pm Conferences (please check with your child's teacher for sign-up)
Friday	March 16th	NO SCHOOL 8am – 4pm Conferences (please check with your child's teacher for sign-up)
Monday –Friday	March 19th - 30th	No School - Spring Break

APRIL

Monday	April 2nd	Welcome Back!!
	April 9th-11th	6th grade Outdoor Ed
	April 11th-13th	
	April 18th-19th	Spring Lifetouch photos
	April 20th	NO SCHOOL
	April 26th – 28th	Spring Musical

Don't forget – Spirit Day is every Friday – wear your blue, white or gray/silver!

**some dates and times may change - notifications will be made by Thursday folders, emails or phone blasts

Kindergarten Enrollment

Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2018/19 school year has begun. If you will have a student in kindergarten next year we encourage you to enroll them today. Registration packets are available in the front office or at the Clear Sky website for download. Registration may be returned to the front office during office hours. We have both full and part time options available; however, the full time classes are filling up quickly so don't delay! Questions may be directed to kanoi.oili@dcsdk12.org.

Front Office Tid Bits

Attendance: If your child is going to be absent, their absence should be reported to the attendance line at 303-387-5902. Attendance calls and emails are sent after attendance is taken by teachers for all unverified absences. We update attendance records with late arrivals who sign in at the office.

End of Day Messages: Please call the office before 3:45 pm. End of day messages are delivered at 3:45 pm. Please try to keep your end of day messages to a minimum - they should be used for last minute changes only.

Early Leaves: We are experiencing a large number of students being signed out early in the afternoons, many within the last 15 minutes of school. We recognize that afternoon appointments are sometimes unavoidable but please keep in mind that students signing out early are a disruption to their classroom's routine and the learning environment.

Kiss N Go: Please do not park in the Kiss N Go Lane. Remember that parents are dropping off and picking up in that lane. We appreciate you parking in the parking lot to walk your child in to school.

Visitors: We welcome you to come and visit your student at lunch or volunteer in the classroom or to come look for missing items in our lost and found. If you come during school hours you will be asked to sign in on our visitor log and wear a badge so that staff throughout the building may see that you have checked in at the office. It is a simple way to help keep our kids safe.

Illness: When can your student return to school?

After 24 hours of medication for the following conditions: strep throat, conjunctivitis, infected skin eruptions and other conditions requiring antibiotics (Exception: If being treated for Pertussis, student must be on antibiotics for 5 days)

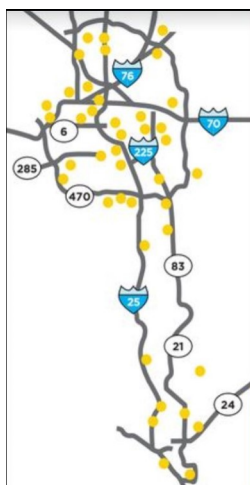
The student has been free of the following conditions for at least 24 hours:

- fever, eye drainage, vomiting

The student has been free of the following conditions for at least 48 hours:

- diarrhea, vomiting (if related to a stomach virus such as Norovirus)

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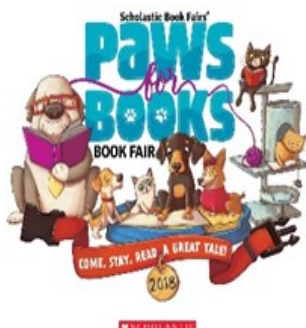
Registration for Spring Clubs Is now open. Please take a look at our exciting club offerings for the spring.

Spring Clubs

If your child is interested in participating in one or several clubs please complete the registration form for each club by February 28. Some clubs have a limit to the number of participants so registration is on a "first come, first serve" basis. If a fee is required, please send a check made out to Clear Sky Elementary.

Library

The CSE Spring Scholastic Book Fair is coming! Please come shop for new and exciting books and support our library!



Shopping dates are:

March 12, 8:39am -4:30pm
 March 13, 8:30am-4:30pm
 March 14, 8:30am-4:30pm
 March 14, 4:00pm-7:45pm
 March 15, 8:00am-3:45pm

DCSD Community Night

**Douglas County School District Community Night
 with the Colorado Rapids
 Saturday, April 14th at 1:00pm vs Toronto FC
 (defending MLS Cup Champions)**

We will also be offering Sunday April 29th vs. Orlando City SC for the backup game,

We will be holding a ticket sales competition between schools and the top 3 schools who sell the most tickets will get to watch warm-ups from the field prior to the match.

As an added bonus: once a school hits 100 tickets, Edson, our mascot, will visit your school – he can come during an assembly, make a classroom visit, etc.

I will update everyone on their school's numbers along the way. If your school has requested hard copies of the attached flyer, you can expect those in the next 2-3 weeks.

To purchase tickets, please visit: www.rapidstix.com/dcsd



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Innovation Lab

February marked the beginning of our fifth rotation in the Innovation Lab. While students continued to practice the LAUNCH Cycle, a kid-friendly approach to the Design Thinking process, this unit has looked very different than other rotations. During this round in the lab, all grade levels focused on nearly an identical design challenge: How might I write a design challenge statement for my own passion project? (Grades 3-6) and How might I plan my own passion project? (Grades K-2) This round in the lab had students preparing to create and execute their own Design Challenge during the last couple months of school. They had the opportunity to explore some of the tools that they have already worked with a little deeper, while also being introduced to several new tools. One of these tools was Bloxels. Using the app and Bloxels gameboard, students are able to create their own video games including both the game environment and characters. The photo shows student working with the Bloxels.



Want to donate?

We are always looking for materials, expertise, and extra hands! We are currently looking for the following items:

Clorox Wipes, Duct Tape, Rechargeable AA Batteries, an old Operation game...we need it for dissection :) 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.

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Want to learn more?

Visit these two resources to learn more about: Design Thinking - <https://www.ideou.com/pages/design-thinking>

Jennifer
Innovation Lab Specialist @ CSESTAR

Art Hi from the art room!

The kiln has been worked hard the past month as students are building and glazing their clay projects.

During the month of March we will be completing the same projects that we were doing in February.

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ELL News

This Month's News

ACCESS 2.0....We Made It!!!

Great Job! ELL students have successfully completed ACCESS 2.0 Here is what comes next: Scores will arrive on or before April 28th. We will keep parents informed.

Notes and Reminders

Reading Together Dates

March 2nd, 8th and 8th
April 5th and 6th

Spring Break

March 16th-April 2nd



Noticias de este mes

ACCESO 2.0 ... ¡Lo Hicimos !!!

¡Gran trabajo! Los estudiantes de ELL han completado satisfactoriamente ACCESS 2.0. Esto es lo que viene a continuación: Las puntuaciones llegarán antes del 28 de abril. Mantendremos informados a los padres.

Notas y recordatorios

Fechas de Reading Together

2,8,9 de marzo
5,6 de abril

Vacaciones de primavera

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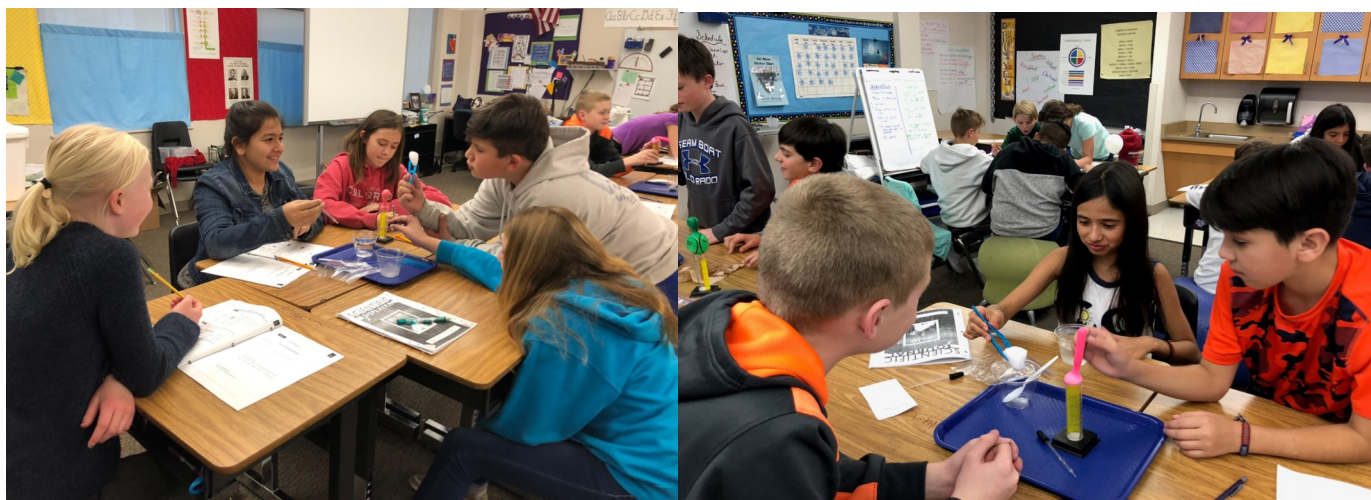
1st grade

Over the past few weeks, all of the first grade students have been using the writing process to plan, draft, revise, edit and publish a story about a favorite memory. On March 21st and 22nd, the first grade classes went on a Field Trip to Pine Trails Retirement Community to share some of their favorite memories with elders. It was a great experience, and the students came back with some very meaningful things to say. We were so proud of them!



6th grade

Sixth grade had a fabulous scientific inquiry project around matter. As scientists, we were investigating the properties of dry ice. Students created their own experiment with dry ice to test their own theories. We have wrapped up our inquiry and are delving into History's Mysteries. We will be studying the Ancient Civilizations of Aztec, Incan, and Mayan. Students will be creating their own museum pieces to demonstrate their inquiry into History's Mysteries.



Waste Free Wednesdays

Congratulations to last month's Waste Free Wednesday winners: **Kaylee, Caroline, Gabby, Clara, Cassie and Apollo!** Remember to bring a Waste Free lunch and you can enter our Wednesday raffle for great prizes!



K.I.S.S Lunch

What a great turn out for our annual KISS lunch (kids invite someone special) here's a few pictures from the day. Thanks everyone that turned out for the lovely day. If you took any pictures share them with #csekisslunch2018



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PTO BOARD NOMINATIONS

We need you! It takes all of us together to make our school successful, and we want you to be part of this rewarding experience. Please consider volunteering as a PTO Board Member for the 2018-2019 school year. You can nominate yourself or someone else for any of the positions. Board Members get the opportunity to decide how funds are raised, and how funds are spent, to best benefit our amazing Clear Sky students and families. There are also opportunities to serve as a Committee Chair, and help plan and execute the fun activities and events that PTO offers throughout the year.

All candidates for board positions must be registered by March 31st. Please complete the online nominations form at: www.CSEPTO.com/board-nominations

Elections will be held at the PTO General Meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018, at 6:30pm in the Learning Commons.

If you have any questions, please contact the Nominations Chair at cseptovpf@gmail.com

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Monday, March 12, at 6:00pm

In conjunction with our next General PTO Meeting, please come join us as we say **THANK YOU** to all of you who have helped the PTO with various events and activities this year. If you didn't get a chance to volunteer with the PTO this year, but have a desire to, please come! We will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about how you can be involved with the PTO going forward, including as a Board Member for the 2018-2019 school year.

****This is the last opportunity to attend a meeting to meet the by-laws requirement to be able to vote at the elections in April.****





CLEAR SKY PTO



CSE PTO Spring Event, "A Clear Sky Night"

Event Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018

Time: 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm

Where: Lone Tree Golf Club

Tickets: \$40 per person

<https://events.handbid.com/auctions/a-clear-sky-night-2018>

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— Helen Keller



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