

Bison Bulletin

October 2018

Clear Sky Elementary

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Clear Sky PTO



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Well there has definitely been a shift in the weather this week! The cool mornings have been a shock after record breaking heat for so much of September! Personally I am looking forward to sweaters and football games! Thank you so much for your support during our Boosterthon Fun Run. We had a record breaking year raising over \$37,000! We are so grateful to be part of such a generous, supportive community.

Being a parent is hard work! When my kids were at home the pervasive parenting label was the "helicopter parent" now it is the "Lawnmower parent". While I don't necessarily prescribe to labels, I do think there are some things we can learn as we go through this difficult journey of parenting. A Lawnmower Parent is a parent that mows down all of their children's challenges, discomforts and struggles. I think that everyone has been a Lawnmower Parent at one time. It's a natural tendency to want to help our kids. The problem arises from a parent's repeated effort to eliminate any and all struggle causing their children to be ill-equipped when they grow up and discover that life is full of struggles! Professor Karen Fancher argues that, "Lawnmower parenting of younger children leads to college students who can't make decisions. Fancher writes that as adults or just on the precipice of adulthood, these students have communication difficulties, lack a sense of personal motivation and believe they're not good enough to accomplish things on their own because lawnmower parents have cleared and charted paths and removed obstacles." I know as an educator and a parent myself, that parents are always trying to do the very best for their kids. We don't want to see them fail, we want to set them up for success. This may mean considering your child's future. An anonymous writer says, "We are creating a generation that has no idea what to do when they actually encounter a struggle. A generation who panics or shuts down at the mere idea of failure. A generation for whom failure is far too painful leaving them with coping mechanisms like addiction, blame and internalization."

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Message from the Principal

I tell parents all the time that elementary school is the perfect time to fail. This is a safe place where adults care about your child and will use every failure as an opportunity to learn and grow. As parents we have to avoid the temptation to not let them fail. If we want our children to be successful, healthy adults, we must teach them how to process through their own challenges, respond to adversity, and advocate for themselves.

Your children are amazing and we love them! I am so glad we can work as a team to help them see failure and adversity as learning opportunities!

Sincerely,
Kellie Roe



(Lunch with Mrs Roe is a popular Bison Bravo reward)



Important Dates to Remember:

October

October 8-12th	NO SCHOOL Fall Break
Monday, October 15th	School resumes
Friday, October 19th	Donuts with Dudes (PTO)
Monday, October 22nd	General PTO Meeting
October 23rd - 30th	Red Ribbon Week
Tuesday, October 23rd	Papa Johns Family Dinner Night (PTO)
Wednesday, October 24th	District Vision/Hearing Screening
Wednesday, October 31st	CSE Annual Halloween Parade

November

Monday, November 5th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, November 6th	NO SCHOOL (Professional Development)
Thursday, November 8th	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Tuesday, November 13th	MAC Daddy of a Dodgeball game (PTO)
Monday, November 26th – Friday, November 30th	Holiday Shop (PTO)



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**

Berry's Bits

Happy Fall Clear Sky Families,

We have had a wonderful school year so far and I know that will continue. The learning and PBL projects that the students are doing are amazing!

As the weather gets cooler, please make sure that your students are coming to school dressed for the weather. The students will be outside for recess as long as the temperature is above 20 degrees. We want to make sure that the children are warm enough to go out and enjoy the fresh Colorado air!

I would also like to send a friendly reminder that there is no supervision on the playground in the morning. With the rolling start, the doors are open at 8:55 for students to come into the school. We have recently seen an increase in students arriving at Clear Sky closer to 8:30. Please make sure that you talk with your student, especially if they walk or ride their bike by themselves, that they should not be at school before 8:55.

Thank you for all you do for our students!

Mrs. Berry



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4th Grade News

Fourth Graders are quite amazing! The students worked incredibly hard learning about Colorado symbols. They took notes and made informational books. Super, creative Colorado flags were made by the terrific students.



Art News

Happy fall from the Art Room!

Have you signed on to Artsonia yet? With this cool website you can see and create a fan club for your child's artwork. You can order fun products featuring your child's artwork which helps me continue to provide fun and engaging projects for our Clear Sky students. Check it out!

September 15th-October 15th is National Hispanic Heritage Month and we are celebrating and learning about traditional Hispanic artwork.

2nd Graders are creating Folk Art Mirrors.

4th Graders are creating beautiful sugar skulls with metal tooling.

5th Graders are looking at traditional Cuna Mola fiber art from Panama and creating their own versions with paper.

6th Graders are creating pinata-inspired photo frames.

Our **3rd graders** will be putting on a Veteran's Day program on Friday, November 9th. In art this rotation, we are creating artwork to celebrate our veterans. All their artwork will be on display during the program.

1st Graders are viewing the work of Vincent Van Gogh and creating "Starry Night Pumpkin Patch" paintings. They will be on display in the upstairs hallway between the 1st grade classrooms.

Kinders are taking 2D lines and turning them into funky, fun 3D sculptures. Full day classes will also be creating spider webs based on "The Very Busy Spider" by Eric Carle.



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Artisans, Games & Rides

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Innovation Lab

We are in our second round of rotations for the Innovation Lab and it's a Harry Potter invasion! During their time in both Innovation and Science this round, students will be learning within the theme of Harry Potter. Continuing our work with the LAUNCH Cycle, students are focusing on circuits. Each of the grade levels have had the opportunity to explore the concepts of basic circuitry using either Snap Circuits or "Squishy Circuits". Below are the design challenges that each grade level will be working on during our circuit unit:

Kindergarten: *How might you design a Harry Potter creation that includes a complete circuit?*

1st Grade: *How might you create your own special Wizard's Wand using a complete circuit?*

2nd Grade: *How might you bring paper to life creating a Harry Potter inspired card, invitation or sign that contains a complete circuit?*

3rd Grade: *How might you create a Harry Potter inspired instrument that includes some type of circuit component?*

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

5th Grade: *Help the kids at Hogwarts get ready for a party...*

How might you design and create a unique piece of electronic clothing for a Harry Potter character? OR How might we create our own Harry Potter inspired circuit game?

6th Grade: *How might you design and construct a circuit creation inspired by the Harry Potter book and movie series? IE: spell, favorite scene, magical creature, enchanted tool, trunk item, or holiday decor.*

Want to learn more about Design Thinking or LAUNCH?

Visit these two resources:

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

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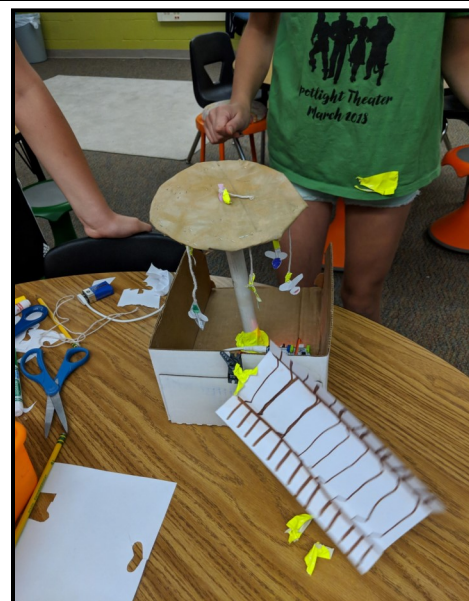
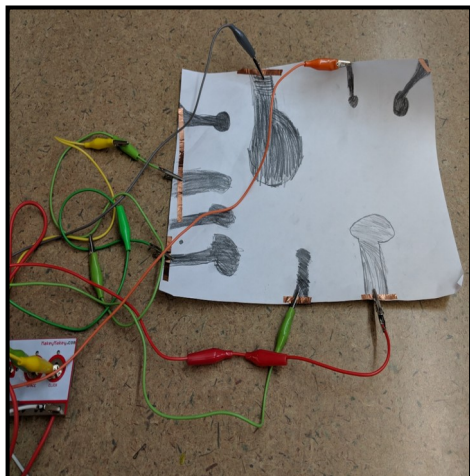
We are currently looking for the following items: Clorox Wipes, Rechargeable AA or AAA Batteries, an old Operation game...we need it for dissection, LEGOS, Snap Circuits, and board games (even if they are missing pieces we can use them).

Visit our updated Google Doc

(<https://goo.gl/3RIMpJ>) 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.

Jennifer

Innovation Lab Specialist @ CSE
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Learning Commons

The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming!

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Our first Book Fair is scheduled for the week of November 5th.

Please watch for more detailed information coming home with your student soon!

If you'd like to volunteer at the Book Fair, please contact carolynn.kranse@dcsdk12.org

Happy Reading!

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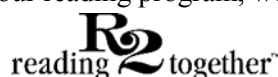
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Dear Families,

We hope you will enjoy a restful Fall Break!

First thing on the agenda, is our reading program, working on the tremendous things for our ELL students and families beginning with our



program which will begin the middle of October.

Parents letters will be sent home soon, we will start with Phase I where tutors will mentor as reading partners with students within our program to enrich and develop reading strategies through mentor text. We are so excited that our ELL students both tutors and tutees develop reading skills and strategies that will help them access the content learned in the classroom. [Read more...](#)



This month is also Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15). Here are some [activities](#) that you can share with your family.

As the year goes by, we will have much to share with you. Please do not hesitate to call or email us with any questions or concerns.

Aurora Green and Abeer Sawaged



School Psychologist

Dear Clear Sky Families,

For the 2018-2019 school year, I will be working to share portions of the Student Wellness & Prevention Framework with our students and families. Douglas County School District values the safety and well-being of each student. In fact, we know before we can create an environment conducive to learning, our students must feel safe, secure and supported. We hope to build our students' tool box so they can easily recognize when they or a friend need help and they know just where to go to get the help they seek.

Each quarter resources will be shared with our school staff and will focus on a new topic and/or set of skills. This quarter we are introducing Anonymous Reporting and Healthy Relationships to our students. We are ensuring that students and parents have access to a wide range of supports and resources in the community. These resources are the first step in teaching students "when they need help and where to get help" and how to anonymously report should they see or hear something that might jeopardize a student's individual safety or the safety of others. Based on students' development levels, teachers will have the opportunity to explore Safe2Tell, a program to help students learn what to look for, listen for and what to report within their classrooms. Older students will also have the opportunity to explore Text-A-Tip, which is available 24/7 so they always have an anonymous way to report concerns. Additionally, teachers will have the opportunity to explore what healthy friendships look like using various tools/activities. Older students may discuss setting limits and how teen dating violence can present itself.

We encourage you to support our efforts by discussing these topics with your child(ren) Please consider the resources listed below for use in your home.

Should you have questions, concerns or would like to request further resources addressing these topics, please don't hesitate to reach out to Lauren Bennett at lebennett@dcsdk12.org.

In Partnership,
Lauren Bennett, Ed.S., NCSP School Psychologist

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Photo Club news

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Dates:

7-9 yr olds: October 8-9th

10-12 yr olds: October 10-11th

Time:

8:30am - 4:00pm

Cost:

\$175

To Register:

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/DouglasCountySchoolDistrictRe1?season=2523403>

For More Information:

Contact Alicia Gerber, argerber@dcsdk12.org, 303-387-0725



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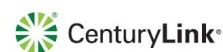
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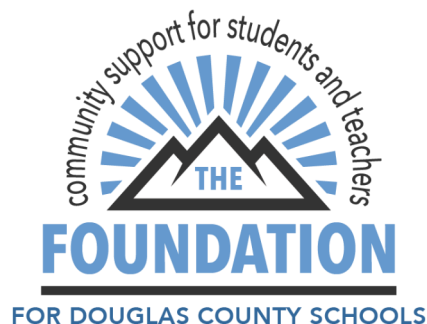
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Other Important Information



DCEF Discounted Events

Special pricing for DCSD families for Nuggets & Rapids games along with special incentives for schools with the largest ticket sales. (A portion of the proceeds is also shared with your school)

Discounts available for other events such as Denver Performing Arts as well.

Nuggets vs. Utah Jazz on Nov 3rd: Students from Top Selling Schools will get the opportunity to participate in exciting experiences including: Fan Tunnels where they get to high five the Nuggets and Jazz as they enter the court for warm-ups; Red, White and Blue Crew where they get to hold the American Flag on the court during the National Anthem; Court Time where they will have the opportunity to shoot hoops on the Nuggets court, and more!

Rapids vs. LAFC on Oct 6: *Remember: the students from any school (8th grade and under) that sell 30+ tickets can participate in the half-time High 5 squad and receive a FREE Rapids t-shirt! Any school that sells 25+ tickets can participate in on-field warm up watchers!*

You can always find the latest info on any DCEF community event and links to purchase tickets on our [website](#).



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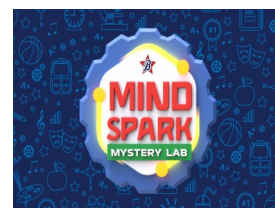
CLEAR SKY PTO

PTO Update | October 2018

It seems like we just started back to school, yet here we are with Fall Break upon us already. Time sure flies! We hope it has been a great start to the school year for you and your students.

We want to start off by saying a huge **THANK YOU** to our wonderful Clear Sky community! We have been amazed and genuinely grateful for your support of our PTO events so far this year. We have had many of you volunteer and help with handing water out to our students during the Fun Run, running carnival games and helping to set up/tear down for our Fall Festival. We can't do any of this without you, so **THANK YOU** again!

This year's Baxter Stampede Fun Run event was a **HUGE, RECORD-BREAKING** success! The students had a blast during the actual run on September 20th, and they had lots of supporters there to cheer them on. Through your efforts and support, we have surpassed our goal, and have raised nearly **\$37,000!!** We can't say thank you enough. These funds will go towards resources to support the understanding and teaching of social/emotional needs, teacher grants and scooter storage.



We had a great time treating our families to the Fall Festival on September 28th. We hope you had a chance to come play games and win prizes, jump in the bounce houses, watch Mrs. Berry get dunked in the dunk tank, eat some yummy food, and visit some great vendors. It was fun to see so many of our Clear Sky students and families there and we hope you had as much fun as we did!

Coming up after fall break, we have our first family appreciation breakfast – Donuts with Dudes. It will be held on Friday, October 19th, before school at 8:15am. We hope to be able to meet up at Bison Park, but if the weather doesn't cooperate, we will be in the Bistro that morning. Have your student grab their favorite "dude" (grandfather, uncle, dad, neighbor, etc.) and bring them to school that morning for FREE donuts, breakfast sandwiches, fruit and drinks.



To help us better estimate our food and drink needs, please RSVP by Tuesday, October 16th at www.csepto.com



Our next General PTO meeting will be held on **Monday, October 22nd, at 6:00pm** in the Learning Commons (library). We hope to see you there!

Save The Date!

Upcoming PTO events:

Friday, October 19th – Donuts with Dudes
Monday, October 22nd – General PTO Meeting
Tuesday, October 23rd – Papa Johns Family Dinner Night
Tuesday, November 13th – MAC Daddy of a Dodgeball game
Monday, November 26th – Friday, November 30th – Holiday Shop

We encourage you to follow our CSE PTO in these ways:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ClearSkyElementaryPTO/>

Website: <http://www.csepto.com/>

Email blasts: Sent out each week by Susan Snider in the front office, these email blasts will contain information about upcoming PTO needs and planned activities



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together we can do so much.

— Helen Keller



Lunch Menu

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