

Bison Bulletin

November 2018

Clear Sky Elementary

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9:10am - 4:00pm
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8:30am-4:30pm

Clear Sky PTO



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We just finished our Halloween parade and what a great community event! Thanks to everyone who came out to see our amazing students. It was so fun to see the kids in their costumes! I am still holding out hope that one of these years we will be able to do it outside!!

As you may remember some of the money that we raised with our Boosterthon Fun Run is to go to Social/Emotional support for our students. I wanted to give you a little background about what that means and why it is so important. Social and emotional learning (sometimes called SEL) involves processes through which children develop fundamental emotional and social competencies. Students need these competencies in order to understand and manage their emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and to make responsible decisions. Unfortunately, we are finding that many students are coming to school without these fundamentals.

The good news is, these skills can be learned!! With direct instruction in the areas of self-awareness, social awareness, self-management, relationship skills and decision making skills we can help our students be successful, productive members of society. One study shows that SEL is linked to improved; attitudes about self, others and school, improved classroom behavior and and 11 point gain on standardized achievement tests! SEL also reduces conduct problems and emotional distress.

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Message from the Principal

We are hoping to buy a social/emotional curriculum that we can use with all of our students to teach them these important skills. We are currently in the research stage and are looking at resources that are available to us. I will let you know soon when we decide, and what you can expect from the new curriculum. If you have any thoughts or questions about this topic I would love to visit with you about them!

In this season of Thanksgiving, I want you to know how thankful I am to get to work in such a wonderful community. I truly feel blessed to have your amazing children in my life. They make me smile every day! I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family!

Sincerely,

Kellie Roe

Berry's Bits

Hello Clear Sky Families,

November is the time of giving. With Thanksgiving right around the corner, it is a good time to reflect on all of the things that we are thankful for. I have an amazing list of things to be thankful for, including my wonderful family and an amazing school to work at each day! I try and find the time with my own children to talk about what it means to be thankful and how we can show thanks.

During this season, do your best to make the time to reflect with your family about the importance of giving during the current and upcoming holiday season. There are some many ways to give thanks. Random acts of kindness or donating food, clothes or toys are all ways to give during this season. Also, sitting together with the family to eat dinner or play a game helps students (and adults) realize what we have and what we are thankful for.

It is so easy during this busy time of year for memories to fly by and not leave a mark. Slow down during this time of year and remember what is important and create memories!!!

Also a quick reminder that Student Council is doing a food drive to benefit Douglas County Task Force. We will be collecting non perishable item until the day of the Thanksgiving Feast. Come enjoy lunch with your student and donate items to brighten the day of another family.

Thank you for all you do for our students,
Mrs. Berry



Important Dates to Remember:

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)
Wednesday, November 14th	Thanksgiving Feast (see special lunch times below)
Monday, November 19th -23rd	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 26th – Friday, November 30th	Holiday Shop (PTO)

December

Thursday, December 13th- Friday, December 14th	CSE Musical Performances- Elf Jr.
Friday, December 21st-Jan 6th	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

January

Monday, January 7th	School resumes
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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**

Learning Commons

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.

We are open during Parent/Teacher conferences!
Please visit us while you're here!



Book Fair dates:

November 2, 8:30am-4:30pm

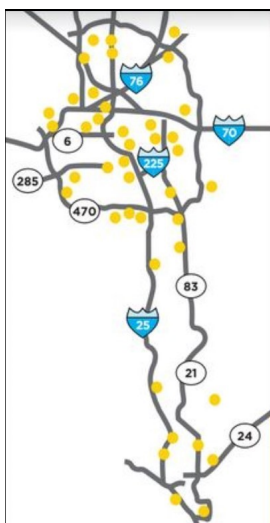
November 5, 8:30am-7:45pm

November 6, **CLOSED**

November 7, 8:30am-4:30pm

November 8, 8:30am-7:45pm

November 9, 8:30am-NOON (no sales after this time)



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Music

First grade had an amazing turn out for their Dance Night before fall break. Congratulations on a job well done first graders.

VETERANS PROGRAM

This years' program will be presented by our third grade students. All currently serving and Veterans are asked to come. Please contact Mrs. Dome for a reserved seat. This is a day performance **only at 2pm**. All third grade parents are invited. **Save the date: Friday November 9th** (bldome@csdk12.org)

Grade levels:

All grade levels are currently working on Orff instruments and creating multiple levels of play. Students are gaining so much information and play time using this concept. Ask your students how they feel they are doing in music.

Clear Sky Singers invites you:

Elf, Jr

**Dec. 13 and 14, 2019 at 6pm
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Innovation Lab

November brings an end to our fun Harry Potter inspired circuit unit. The kids did an amazing job with their creative circuit creations. It also brings the third rotation and a new topic to the Innovation Lab: Computer Science/Computational Thinking. This unit will have students, at all grade levels, learning various computational concepts and using various computational thinking tools. We will be continuing our work with the LAUNCH Cycle throughout this unit. Below are the design challenges that each grade level will be working on during our computer science/computational thinking unit:

Kindergarten: How might we complete activities as a robot?

1st Grade: How might you complete activities as a robot and then use coding to write your own story?

2nd Grade: How might you complete activities as a robot and then use coding to write your own "Choose Your Own Adventure" story?

3rd Grade: How might you create an "All About Me" puzzle powered by code?

4th Grade: How might you create a computer-based game using one of our superhero challenges?

5th Grade: How might you create an Operation game that is powered by code?

6th Grade: How might you create an animated story using code and a micro:bit?

Want to learn more about Design Thinking or LAUNCH?

Visit these two resources:

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

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

Want to donate?

We are always looking for materials, expertise, and extra hands!

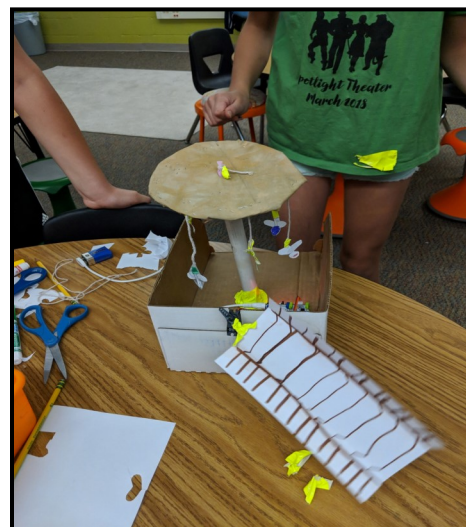
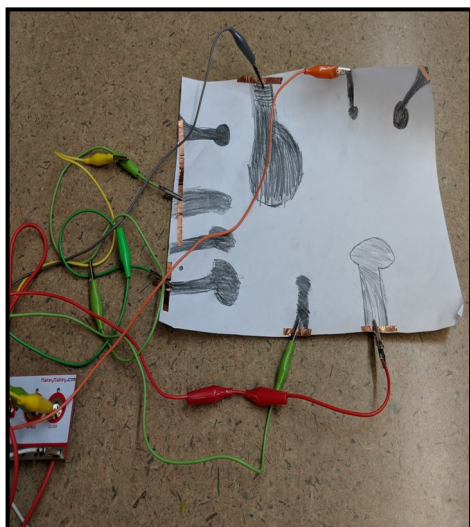
We are currently looking for the following items: Clorox Wipes, Rechargeable AA or AAA Batteries, an old Operation game...we need it for dissection, LEGOS, Snap Circuits, and board games (even if they are missing pieces we can use them).

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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BrainPOP Jr. Technology Advisor
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English Language Learner (ELL) Update

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Dear Families,

Our Reading Together program has started and students are so excited to be in the program! Parents letters were sent home and based on the sufficient response received, 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 students both tutors and tutees develop reading skills and strategies that will help them access the content learned in the classroom.

Ms. Green and I encourage you to download the [TalkingPoints](#) app on your phone as a way to communicate with us and the school. Talking Points offers a great opportunity for families and teachers to communicate in whichever language they feel comfortable with.

Please don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions or concerns.

Queridas familias,

¡Nuestro programa Reading Together ha comenzado y los estudiantes están muy emocionados de estar en el programa! Las cartas de los padres se enviaron a casa y, de acuerdo con la respuesta suficiente recibida, comenzaremos con la Fase I, donde los tutores serán mentores como socios de lectura con los estudiantes de nuestro programa para enriquecer y desarrollar estrategias de lectura a través del texto del mentor. Estamos tan entusiasmados que nuestros estudiantes, tutores y tutelados, desarrollan habilidades y estrategias de lectura que les ayudarán

La Sra. Green y yo lo alentamos a que descargue la aplicación [TalkingPoints](#) en su teléfono como una forma de comunicarse con nosotros y con la escuela. Las temas de conversación ofrecen una gran oportunidad para que las familias y los maestros se comuniquen en cualquier idioma con el que se sientan cómodos.

No dude en llamarnos o enviarnos un correo electrónico con cualquier pregunta o inquietud.



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CSE Food Drive

Student Council is sponsoring a non-perishable food drive (canned & boxed) for donation to the DC Task Force to benefit families in our local community this holiday season. Collection bins will be in the main hallway through November 14th. Thank you for your support.

Thanksgiving Feast



You're invited to Clear Sky Elementary
Annual Thanksgiving Feast!
Wednesday, November 15th

Please join us for a Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 14th. The meal will include Roasted Turkey Breast, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Herb Stuffing, Green Beans, The Harvest Bar and a Yummy Dessert. (Includes milk or water)

Please fill out the reservation form below and send it in by Wednesday, November 7th.

Please DO NOT send money now.....You can pay the day of the feast.
Please have exact change if possible.

Cost: \$4.25 for adults and non-students

\$2.85 for students

10:45 am – 6th grade

11:15 am – 1st grade

11:45 am – 2nd grade

12:15 pm - Kindie

12:45 pm – 5th grade

1:15 pm – 3rd grade

1:45 pm – 4th grade

Questions? Please email Hannah.Grat@dcsdk12.org

Clear Sky Elementary Thanksgiving Reservation

Students Name: _____

Students Grade: _____

attending (DO NOT include your CSE students): _____

Please return bottom portion by Wednesday, November 7th

Important Information

Adopters needed for CSE's Holiday Adoption Program!

It is time for our annual Holiday Adoption Program at CSE. Through this program, CSE families that are experiencing hardship receive extra support during the holiday season in the form of needed items, small gifts, and gift cards for groceries. If you are interested in adopting a family, please use the link below to submit your information. This has been a successful program in the past thanks to our generous community and we look forward to another successful holiday season!

[Click here](#) for the CSE Adopters Form

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, Lauren Bennett: lebennett@dcsdk12.org or 303-387-5934.

Notes from the Registrar

Open enrollment tours -
Nov. 7th and Nov. 26th 10am-11am

Kindie enrollment for 2019/20 -
Jan. 15th 2pm-5pm

Lost & Found

Parents: Please stop by our Lost & Found area in the main hallway. Our bins and cabinets are overflowing with jackets, water bottles and lunch boxes. All items remaining in our Lost & Found will be donated after Winter Break.

Student Fees

Please go to www.clearskyelementary.com and choose Online Payments (at bottom of page) to pay all or a portion of outstanding school fees.

Also, if your student is on Free/Reduced Lunch, send a copy of your letter into the office to have fees waived. Letters from previous years may also be sent in. Letters can also be emailed to Susan.Snider@dcsdk12.org.

Please email Susan (Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant) at the above email for any questions or concerns.

Residential Speeding

We have received multiple reports of excessive speed and unsafe driving in the neighborhood surrounding CSE before and after school.

We ask everyone to please be mindful of the children & parents walking to and from school by following traffic rules and slowing down in the school zone. We have had near-misses in crosswalks and community members reporting cars speeding through adjacent streets. We are a large school with many students who arrive on foot or bike, by car and by bus. One of the goals of instituting our soft start to the day which allows students to begin entering the building at 9:55 am was to give additional time for arrival.

Our safety officer Todd West may be seen monitoring these times more often in the coming weeks to help us keep all families safe.

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Health & Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week!

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6th Grade

6th Grade has been busy studying the importance of water to our lives and our planet. We are investigating the water cycle and doing experiments/ demonstrations. In addition, we are also working on our nonfiction reading & vocabulary by way of Greek & Latin roots. We took a long walk to gather water down at the creek in Paintbrush Park last week... twice! Through the walk, the kids are beginning to develop a deeper understanding of the importance of clean water and how lucky we are to live where we do. This walk also ties back into our global interconnectedness and how we are all dependent upon one another.





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Student Michaela Bantau noticed that the lines at the microwave at lunch were long. But instead of just complaining she decided to do something about it. She solicited the help of her brother Conner and friend Cassidy Cheldelin who helped her gather over 125 signatures in support of their concern.

They presented their concern and the signatures to Mrs. Roe who agreed to purchase 2 new microwaves for the Bistro. Proceeds from the newsletter will be used to purchase the microwaves.

Thank you Michael, Conner & Cassidy for being activists to make Clear Sky better for kids!

CSE USB Drivers Are HERE!!!



Yes! Our own personalized CSE USBs are in and we have some extras if you want one or two. **They are \$10.**

Our office staff will have the USB drives (916GB) in the front office if you want to stop by and purchase. We accept exact cash or check made payable to CSE.

For those of you who pre-ordered, we thank you so much for supporting our club.



CLEAR SKY PTO

PTO Update | November 2018

November already? Wow! We hope that you had a chance to enjoy the beautiful weather and some of the fun events around school. We had an amazing turnout for our Donuts with Dudes breakfast. We saw almost 400 smiling faces! A special thanks to Crowfoot Valley Coffee for donating the delicious coffee for this event.



Papa John's Pizza Night was a great success!

Thank you to all who placed orders. We appreciate your support very much! Congratulations to Mrs. Klein's fifth grade class. They placed the most orders and will enjoy a pizza party later this month!

It's a MAC Daddy of a Dodgeball game! Our annual Dodgeball with Dads event is coming up on **Tuesday, November 13th**. Come any time between 7:00pm and 8:30 pm to the Miller Activity Complex (MAC), located at 1375 Plum Creek Parkway. This is always a fun event. We hope to see you there!



A new Box Tops contest has begun! As you collect the Box Tops, please put them in a zip lock bag, or use a collection sheet, and turn them into the school. Be sure to include your teacher's name so your class gets credit! The class with the most Box Tops will get a cookie party. Contest ends December 17th.



Please help us plan our 2019 Spring Event!

Did you miss the first meeting? No problem! We need your fabulous ideas and help! Please email CSEPTORewards@gmail.com for more information!

Meeting Date - TBD (End of November)



CLEAR SKY PTO

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The Holiday Shop is coming soon!
Dates this year are November 26th-November 30th

This program makes it possible for children to experience the joy of choosing their own special holiday gifts for family and friends.

The Holiday Shop will be set up at the school and supervised by our parent volunteers. The Holiday Shop will be open from 9-4 November 26th-29th and from 8-3 on November 30th.

We believe this program can create wonderful memories for the children while teaching them to budget their money and make their own decisions. There will be a large variety of gifts in different price ranges to choose from. We will be sending home a "money control" envelope, that you can use to help your child decide who they should buy gifts for, and how much they should spend. You can even suggest ways that your child can earn extra shopping money!

Be on the lookout for the flyers and envelopes to come home in Thursday folders. And as always, we can't do this without your help. A signup will be sent out soon with time slots for parents to come and help.

Thank you in advance for helping to make the Holiday Shop a positive experience for our students!

Save The Date!

Upcoming PTO events:

Tuesday, November 13th – MAC Daddy of a Dodgeball game

Monday, November 26th – Friday, November 30th– Holiday Shop

Monday, December 10th– Chick Fil A Family Dinner Night

Monday, January 28th– PTO Meeting

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



[The Bison Blog](#)

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Alone we can do so little;

together we can do so much.

– Helen Keller



Lunch Menu

[Click here](#) to access the lunch menu.

October Memories



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