

Bison Bulletin

December 2018

Clear Sky Elementary

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Clear Sky PTO



A Message from the Principals

'Twas the week before Winter and all through the school
Not a student was silent, no matter the rule.
The children were busy with all of their work;
Finishing the project, no homework, A perk!

The teachers excited and working so hard,
Had just settled down to write a holiday card,
When out in the hall they heard such a clatter,
up sprang the kids to see what was the matter!

Away to the door they all flew like a flash;
The one who was leading went down with a crash.
Then what to their wondering eyes did appear
But students and teachers all filled with cheer.

The students all cheered as they shared their collaboration
With programs and Field trips and so many celebrations!
They knew that the break was nearing and soon,
As they still worked and worked but dreaming of June

As the first semester comes to an end,
Clear Sky wouldn't be the same without the kids that you send!
With parents and staff that go the extra mile,
We know that everyone here will leave with a smile.

Thank you for all you do, and the memories we have made
Because of each of you, Clear Sky is something that we will never trade!!!
Have fun the next weeks with all of the memories you will make,
Happy Holidays to all and a safe winter break,

Happy Holidays from Mrs. Roe and Mrs. Berry

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Important Dates to Remember:

December

Monday Dec 10	CSE Chick Fil-A Day – mention CSE all day!
Tuesday Dec 11	SAC Meeting: 9:15 am in the Bungalow
Thursday Dec 13	Elf Jr. Musical Performance-6pm in the Gym
Friday Dec 14	Elf Jr. Musical Performance-6pm in the Gym
Monday Dec 17	Ugly Holiday Sweater Spirit Day
Tuesday Dec 18	Red/Green Twin Tuesday Spirit Day
Wednesday Dec 19	Flannels & Fuzzy Socks Spirit Day
Thursday Dec 20	Long Winter's Nap PJ Spirit Day
Dec 21 – Jan 6th	NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK!!

January

Monday Jan 7th	SCHOOL RESUMES
Wednesday Jan 15	2019-20 Kindergarten Registration begins 2-5pm in the front office
Friday Jan 18	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development Day
Monday Jan 21	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday



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**

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Music News



Tickets are now on sale for Elf, jr.

Please see Mrs. McBee or Mrs. Dome before school on Tuesday and Thursday's at 9am Or Wednesdays after school at 4pm in the music room.

Thursday Dec. 13 has about 75 seats

Friday Dec. 14 is **SOLD OUT**

We will have a very limited amount of tickets at the door.

Adults: \$10

DCSD Students: \$5

Clear Sky Singers look forward in you joining us for this wonderful event.

Junior Singers

Concert: Dec. 5th at 6pm

All are invited to join us for a night of music.

Regular music classes:

All classrooms are working on fun projects based around what they have learned or had the voice and choice to create.

Please listen for excitement through December on these wonderful events.

Art News

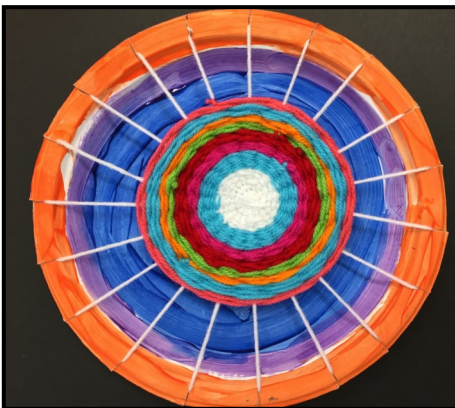
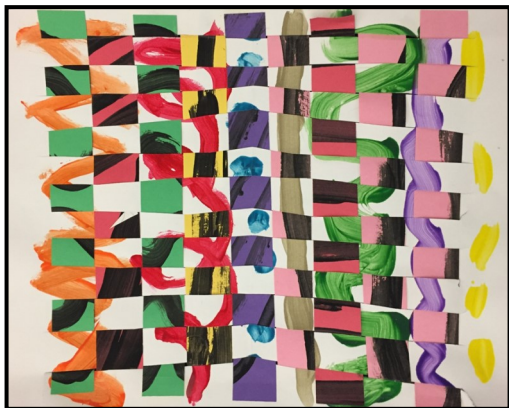
The art room has been super zen the past few weeks with all the weaving that's been happening. We learned that people in cultures all over the world create their own style of weaving.

5th graders have been weaving on cardboard looms. If your child enjoyed it, you can find cardboard looms on Amazon!

4th graders are weaving in burlap fabric. **3rd graders** are cup weaving. **2nd graders** are weaving on plates based on work by Kandinsky. **1st graders** learned about Kente cloth created in Ghana, Africa and are paper weaving some gorgeous designs.

6th graders are learning about Pop Art and the artists Warhol and Lichtenstein. They are creating pop art onomatopoeia. Their projects truly pop!

Lastly our **kinders** are learning about primary colors and how to mix them to create new colors.



Innovation Lab

December will bring the end of our current unit: Computer Science & Computational Thinking. All of the classes did a great job with their coding activities. Students in grades 3-5 all created Scratch accounts. These accounts can be logged into at anytime from home. Have them show you their great creations. Students in grades K-2 worked with the Scratch Jr. application. This is a free app that can be installed on both Mac and Android devices. The 6th grade students got to work with some of our newest additions to the Innovation Lab, our micro:Bits. The BBC micro:Bit is a pocket-sized codeable computer with motion detection, a build-in compass and Bluetooth technology.

December also brings the fourth rotation and a new topic to the Innovation Lab: Robotics. This unit will have students, at all grade levels, applying their new computer science and computational thinking skills, while using various types of robots. 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 robotics unit:

Kindergarten: How might we retell some of our favorite stories using robots?

1st Grade: How might we retell some of our favorite stories using robots?

2nd Grade: How might you create a story using a robot?

3rd Grade: How might you create a "Superhero" float for a LEGO robot parade?

4th Grade: How might you create a robotic vehicle for a superhero?

5th Grade: How might you program the Ozobot to run a mini golf course?

6th Grade: How might we redesign _____ (name of game) to include an Ozobot?

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).

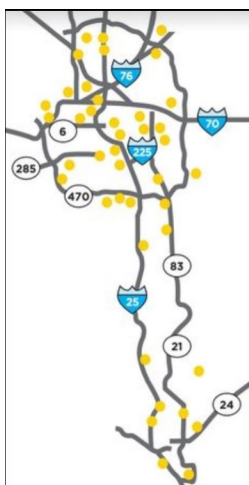
Visit our updated Google Doc

(<https://goo.gl/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.

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STAR Discovery Educator & LC Member
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Building Resiliency

Dear Clear Sky Families,

As we work towards promoting student wellness in all areas, we want to ensure that every student in Douglas County is given tools to recognize risky behaviors and ultimately develop their own resiliency. As adults, we may recall childhood as a carefree time, however, children today are growing up in a world with many more stressors than ever before. Resiliency, the ability to recover from adversity, trauma, tragedy, illness, or even significant sources of stress, can help children manage so they're better equipped to handle the bumps on the road of life. When our students are resilient, the frequency of bullying, school violence, substance abuse and suicidal ideation reduces.

Based on students' development levels, some classes may explore these topics with students:

- Accepting self and others
- Acceptance vs. agreement
- Building resilience
- General warning signs of mental illness
- Breaking the mental illness stigma
- Coping skills

We encourage you to support our efforts by discussing this month's topic of Building Resiliency and Awareness Around Risky Behavior with your student.

Remember that if your child shares thoughts or behaviors that concern you there are many resources available to you at your student's school (counselor, mental health provider, teacher) and in the community. Your child's safety is of the utmost importance, and we at Clear Sky will do all we can to support every student's well-being.

In Partnership,

Lauren Bennett
School Psychologist

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Happy Holidays and Thanks to ALL our ELL families,

We are so thankful for the ELL students and families that we serve at Clear Sky. You are what makes our program what it is. Every year we welcome new families from all parts of the world who have other languages other than English which allow us to embrace the culture and diversity of the students.



WE began our Reading Together Phase 1 program in October.

WE will begin our ACCESS 2.0 testing between January, 2018 - February 12, 2019.

To you and your family
From Your Clear Sky ELL Staff:
Aurora Green and Abeer Sawaged



Felices fiestas y agradecimientos a TODAS nuestras familias de ELL,

Estamos muy agradecidos por los estudiantes de ELL y las familias que servimos en Clear Sky. Eres lo que hace que nuestro programa sea lo que es. Cada año damos la bienvenida a nuevas familias de todas partes del mundo que tienen otros idiomas además del inglés que nos permiten abrazar el multiculturalismo de los estudiantes.



Empezamos nuestro programa Reading Together Phase 1 en octubre.



Comenzaremos nuestras pruebas ACCESS 2.0 entre el 12 de enero y el 12 de febrero de 2018.

Para ti y tu familia
Departa de su Clear Sky ELL Staff:
Aurora Green y Abeer Sawaged



PreK - 12 Colorado Teachers!

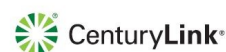
Apply for a Teachers and Technology Grant for the 2018 - 19 school year for your school

Clear Sky Elementary School

Grants range from \$500 to \$5000 and are available to full-time classroom teachers in public or private school. The CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation's Teachers and Technology grants are designed to help fund projects that advance student success through the innovative use of technology in the classroom.

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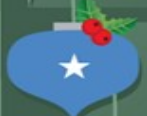
HOW DO I WISH MY FRIEND **HAPPY HOLIDAYS** IN...



French:
"Joyeuses Fêtes"
 say "jwa-YUHZ FAY-te"



Spanish:
"Felices Fiestas"
 say "feh-LEES-ehs fee-ES-tas"



Swahili:
"Turahe Likizo"
 say "foo-RAH-ha lee-KEE-zo"



Hebrew:
"Chag Sameach"
 say "hahg sah-MAY-ah"



Ukrainian:
"Shchaslyvykh Svyat"
 say "sh-TCHA-slih-vyh svee-at"



German:
"Frohe Feiertage"
 say "FROO-eh FYER-tahg-eh"



Dutch:
"Prettige Feestdagen"
 say "PREH-teh-huh FACE-da-hun"



Portuguese:
"Boas Festas"
 say "BOW-as FES-tas"



Albanian:
"Gëzuar Festat"
 say "ge-ZOO-are FES-taht"



Italian:
"Buone Feste"
 say "BWO-neh FEHS-teh"



Hindi:
"Chuttiyo Ki Shubh Kamanayein"
 say "choo-tee-YO kee shuhb KAM-nah-yay"



Romanian:
"Sărbători Fericite"
 say "sar-ba-TOR fe-ree-CHEE-tah"



Turkish:
"Mutlu Bayramlar"
 say "MOOT-loo bye-ram-LASH"



Irish:
"Laethanta saoire sona"
 say "lay-HAN-tuh SEE-ra SHO-na"



Health

Thank you everyone for participating in the monthly challenges.

Congrats to Mrs Kirchoff's class for having the most participation for the October "Walktober" challenge. December's challenge is Random acts of kindness and went home in Thursday folders on November 29th. If you still need one I have them outside of my office (acrossed from Mrs. Z's room) on the wall.



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2nd grade

A huge thank you to **Fransen Pittman General Contractors** for donating all of the materials and Tim Taylor for building a compost for our 2nd grade garden project.



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thankyou

News from the Registrar

First Round Open Enrollment for 2019-2020

First Round Open Enrollment is now open for families that do not live in our attendance area until December 3rd. Schools will extend offers of open enrollment based on space and availability by December 7th. Parents can see offers in the [Engaged Parent Portal](#) after December 10th and have until December 17th at 4:00 pm, to log back in and accept any open enrollment offers. In the event you did not receive any offers during First Round, you will remain on a waitlist for Second Round of Open Enrollment, which opens on January 22nd at 8:00 am.

Below is the link for open enrollment.
<https://www.dcsdk12.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=220484&pageId=5755186>

Tour dates for new or prospective families: 10am-11am No reservation needed

Tuesday Dec. 18th
Thursday Jan. 10th
Tuesday Feb. 5th
Thursday Mar. 14th

Kindie enrollment:

Starts Thursday January 15th at 2pm. Full day is first come first serve and is tuition based. Kindie enrollment packets will be available on our website mid December.

Please direct questions regarding enrollment to kanoi.oili@dcsdk12.org

Lost & Found

Parents: Student Council has taken on the task of keeping up with our lost and found and they will be donating any remaining items after Winter Break. Please stop by and take a look if you are missing a jacket, lunch box or water bottle. Thank you!

APPLE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2019 Apple Awards are now open! This is your chance to let an exceptional DCSD teacher or staff member know they're making a difference!

[Find your school and make a nomination here](#)

[Find out what is different about this year's Apple Awards](#)

The deadline for nominations is Friday, January 11.

Help Wanted!

*Substitute EA's (EAI -Lunch/Recess/Classroom) and (EAIV's -SSN) – if you are interested in subbing on an as-needed basis for either a lunch/recess/classroom EA or EA in our SSN learning lab, please look for the job posting at

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How you can find out if there is a snow delay or closure this winter?

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1. Email notification
2. Text notification (you must opt-in by texting "Yes" to 68453)
3. Notice posted on **dcsdk12.org**
4. Posts on DCSD's Facebook and Twitter pages
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Thanksgiving Food Drive



Our Thanksgiving Food Drive sponsored by Student Council was a great success.

We were able to provide nearly 500 pounds of non-perishable food to the Douglas County Task Force. Thank you!

Next project: Holiday Toy Drive!!





CLEAR SKY PTO

PTO Update | November 2018

As we come to the end of this calendar year, we hope you and your family get a chance to enjoy the holidays and reflect on all that is important and meaningful to you. As members of the PTO, one thing that is important to us is providing fun, meaningful, memory-filled activities for our students and school community. We enjoy what we do, and hope that you have had a chance to participate in some of the fun activities that your Clear Sky PTO has planned this school year.

In addition to the activities and events outside of school, the PTO works hard to make sure that our students and teachers have great experiences during school. Due to the success of our various fundraisers (thanks to YOU!), the PTO has already been able to distribute funds back to the students and classrooms this year.

None of this is possible without all of you. We are so thankful to you for your support of the PTO fundraisers and activities! We wish you all the merriest of holidays and look forward to seeing you all in the new year!



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