

Bison Bulletin

March 2019

Clear Sky Elementary

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Kellie Roe
Principal

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303-387-5902

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

Clear Sky PTO



A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that it is March and spring break is only a few weeks away! The year is flying by. Thank you for your support of Castle View's Mad Week. It was nice to come together as a feeder to support Sox Place. This is an organization that I hold dear to my heart and that my husband and I have been donating to for years. They help homeless teens, often forgotten by society, by providing them a safe space, food and friendship. It was great to see our kids in pajamas and crazy socks to help those less fortunate than themselves!

In honor of March and more specifically March Madness we are going to be holding a "Multiplication Madness" event at Clear Sky. In an article I was recently reading I learned the importance of doing well in algebra for later academic success. According to NCTM, "Algebra has often been referred to as a "gatekeeper" to higher learning—both in mathematics and in other fields. Research shows that students who complete a mathematics course beyond the level of algebra 2 are more than twice as likely to pursue and complete a postsecondary degree. Students who don't do well in algebra compromise their career options, especially in STEM fields."

Obviously we won't be teaching Algebra I in elementary school but it is very important that we build a strong foundation so that students will experience success later in mathematics. We have found that one of the best indicators of success in algebra is how well students know their multiplication facts. Students will struggle with reducing fractions, finding equivalent fractions and factoring trinomials if they don't know their facts! While speed isn't as important automaticity is!

We are going to encourage students to practice their multiplication facts by having a Multiplication Madness tournament! Students in grades 3-6 will participate in the tournament. We will begin the tournament on March 8 with a one minute test. The top 64 students in each grade level will be put on our Multiplication bracket. We will then have additional tests over the next several weeks to determine our final four and finally our tournament winner.

We are hoping that this event will encourage students to practice their multiplication facts, but we are also hoping to use this opportunity to work on sportsmanship, perseverance and growth mindset. Please help your students at home by encouraging them to practice their math facts.

Thank you for your continued support. We are so glad to be on this educational journey with you! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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 safe 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.



Time to Spring Ahead

Remember, we "SPRING" ahead for Day Light Savings on Sunday, March 10th!

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!! We would also love to have the students here and on time each day so they are able to complete the tests. If possible, we would also love to have students not pulled out during testing. The date for testing are on the CSE website under the State Mandated Testing tab.

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

Happy Spring Break



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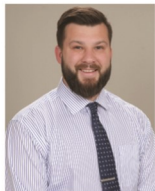




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Important Dates to Remember:

Mon Mar 4 – Fri Mar 8	National School Breakfast Week
Tue Mar 5	CSE Chipotle Night
Sat Mar 9	DCSD Community Night at the Avalanche
Mon Mar 11	PTO Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: 5:30 pm
Tue Mar 12	CSE Choir Concert at 6pm
Thu Mar 14	Incoming Kindie Tours - 10 am in the front office

*** Spring Break is the week of March 18-22**



Mon Apr 1	CSE Science Fair
Mon Apr 1	Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences
Thu Apr 4	Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences
Sat Apr 14	CSE Spring Event - A Clear Sky Night
April 17-18	Lifetouch Spring Pictures

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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*

Important Information

Kindie Enrollment

Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2019/20 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.



Health Room News

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)

Questions about health room may be directed to linh.barger@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 3:30 pm**. End of day messages are delivered by 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.

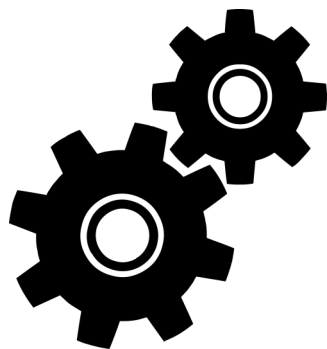
Kiss N Go: Please do not park in the Kiss N Go Lane. Remember that parents are dropping off and picking up in that lane. We appreciate you parking in the parking lot to walk your child in to school.

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 using the Raptor Visitor Management System that has been implemented district-wide. This will require a driver's license to sign in so please remember to bring your identification. Thank you for helping us keep all kids safe.

Tech in the Classroom

During the month of March, we will be continuing our Game Based Learning unit. Students have wrapped up their exploration of different games (board, digital, breakout, etc.), along with learning about the various components of games including: achievement, triumph, collaboration, exploration, design/creativity, collecting, problem solving/strategy, role playing/ imagination, and surprise.

Continuing our work with the LAUNCH Cycle, students are now in the process of designing their own, unique games. As students design their games, the following options will be available to them: boardgame, escape room, breakout (physical & virtual), Scratch, circuits, Bloxels, and any of our robots. During this design process, students will also be getting feedback from their peers regarding their game. Students will eventually build, test, and play their games.



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.

Jennifer

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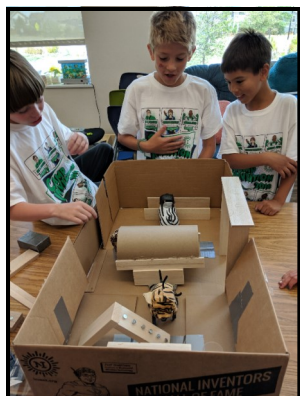
CAMP INVENTION Returning to Clear Sky!

Introducing our NEW 2019 program, SUPERCHARGED!

Camp Invention is a high-energy, hands-on STEM camp. Unmask your child's creativity this summer in the all-new Camp Invention® program, Supercharged, where children build confidence, learn to collaborate and transform their wild imaginations into epic creations. Campers in 1st-6th grades will learn creative problem-solving skills while coding and programming futuristic robots, uncovering ancient fossils, designing high-tech superhero gadgets and exploring radio frequencies. CSE educators will lead this action-packed program featuring exhilarating, hands-on STEM activities teaching children to question, explore, break through obstacles and embrace failure!



Your child will *love what's in store this year:*



CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVING - Children team up to rebuild ships and design underwater equipment in **Deep Sea Mystery™**.

STEM APPLICATION - In **DIY Orbot™**, participants explore circuit boards, motors and gears as they design a remote-control bot to take on obstacles from sports to dance.

INNOVATION - Children collaborate with inventor superheroes and take on the role of engineers, fabricators and innovators to conquer villains in **Innovation Force™**.

CONFIDENCE - Kids become successful entrepreneurs in **Farm Tech™**, as they code bots to turn a polluted wasteland into a money-making machine and create devices to save animals.

THE DETAILS:

**Camp Invention will run
June 3rd-7th, 9:00AM-3:30PM.**

Base price for the camp is \$240, with returning camper and early registration discounts available. (The code for an early registration discount of \$25 is INNOVATE25). Register and find current promotions at invent.org/camp or call 800.968.4332. You can also contact Mrs. Jensen, the Innovation Lab teacher here at CSE. We are looking forward to another fun week!



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For more information and to register!



English Language Learner (ELL) Update

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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, 1,7,8,14,15,28,29

April, 4,5,11,12,18,25,26



Spring Break March 18-March 25

DCSD was honored as our English Language Learners showed the most growth amongst Colorado's ELLs. Our district was one out of 4 districts that received this honorable award!





English Language Learner (ELL) Update

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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

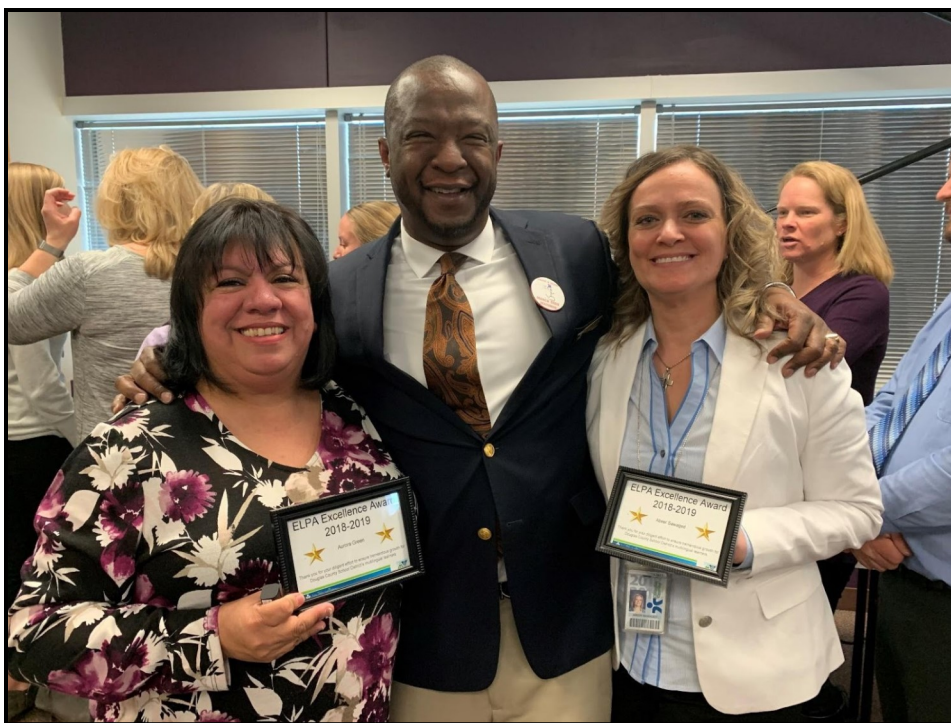
Fechas de Reading Together

1,7,8,14,15,28,29 de marzo
4,5,11,12,18,25,26 de abril



Vacaciones de primavera del 18 de marzo hasta al 25 de marzo

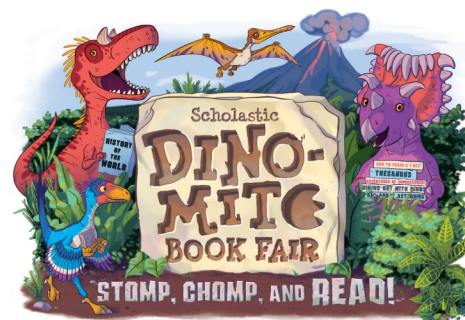
El DCSD fue honrado ya que nuestros estudiantes del idioma inglés mostraron el mayor crecimiento entre los estudiantes ELL de Colorado. ¡Nuestro distrito fue uno de 4 distritos que recibió este honorable premio!



Library

The Scholastic Dinomite Book Fair is coming to Clear Sky! We'll be setting up in the Learning Commons from April 1st through April 5th for you to purchase your favorite selections for reading! The book fair promises lots of new titles. We'll be open during parent/teacher conferences on April 1st and 4th, so your family can shop together! Please watch for more information coming home regarding times for shopping and for volunteering! Can't wait to see you there!

Carolynn Kranse
CSE Librarian
303-387-5945



Science



The science fair is coming on April 1st from 4:30-5:15 PM.

All CSE students are welcome to participate.

Please visit Mrs. Andereggs class website for more information and to sign-up. Students who are interested in participating need to sign-up by March 8th.

Please contact Mrs. Andereggs with any questions: Christy.Anderegg@dcsdk12.org.

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DCSD Community Nights

Bring the whole family and get in on the excitement as the **Avalanche** take on the Buffalo Sabres at the Pepsi Center! Tickets starting at \$25 No taxes or fees. **Saturday, March 9th at 1pm.** Special game day experiences awarded to top selling schools. Buy early, pricing is subject to change. Can't make this game? Back up game Fri, March 29th at 7pm.



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Community Day with the Colorado Avalanche



Colorado Avalanche

VS



Buffalo Sabres

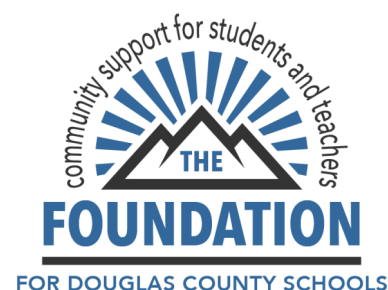
Saturday, March 9th • 1:00PM • Pepsi Center

[Buy Tickets Here](#)

Take advantage of these exciting opportunities to enjoy fun experiences with friends and family while supporting your local community! Some tickets are heavily discounted, others are available at market rates. Regardless, for each ticket sold through the Foundation, a portion of the ticket cost is donated back to Douglas County Schools!

Access DCSD Community Nights Information [Here](#)

April 13 – Rapids game







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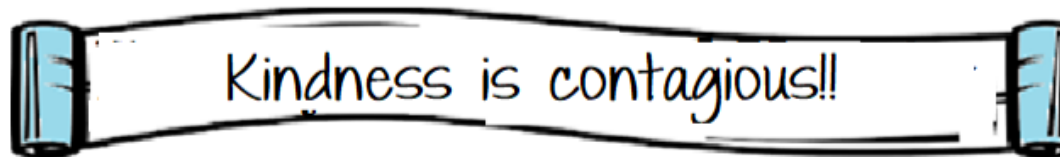
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Health



Challenge for the Month of March: Spreading Kindness, it is Contagious!!

Spring is in the air so let's welcome it with some Kindness. KINDNESS IS TEACHABLE "It's kind of like weight training, we found that people can actually build up their compassion 'muscle' and respond to others' suffering with care and a desire to help." Dr. Ritchie Davidson, University of Wisconsin

KINDNESS IS CONTAGIOUS The positive effects of kindness are experienced in the brain of everyone who witnessed the act, improving their mood and making them significantly more likely to "pay it forward." This means one good deed in a crowded area can create a domino effect and improve the day of dozens of people!

Track your Kindness Activity and turn this form in by April 3rd and the class with the most forms returned earns the Health Trophy for the month.

March 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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Name: _____ Class: _____

Health

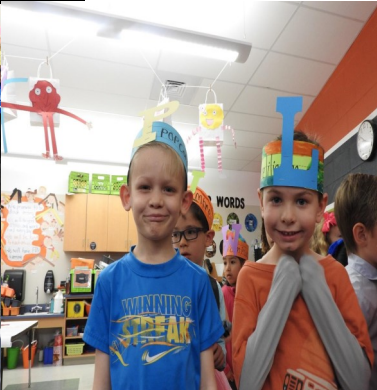
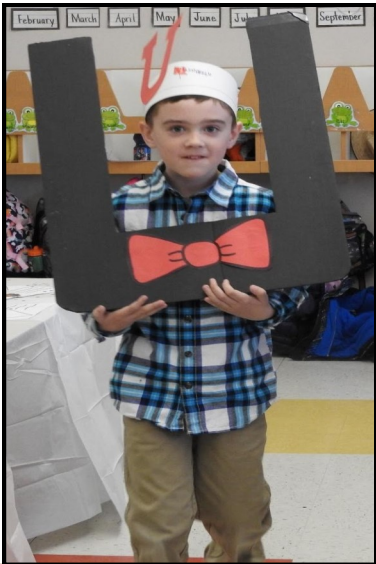
30 Acts of Kindness Challenge

Being Kind Counts

- 1) Give three compliments to strangers
- 2) Give three compliments to people you know
- 3) Donate an item to someone in need
- 4) Leave your favorite book somewhere with a note for someone to enjoy it
- 5) Leave flowers or a note on someone's car telling them to have a nice day
- 6) Pay for the car behind you in a drive through
- 7) Thank a soldier, police officer, firefighter
- 8) Smile at everyone you see
- 9) Make dinner for a friend for no reason
- 10) Write a letter to someone important to you and thank them
- 11) Take someone's shopping cart inside the store for them
- 12) Donate food to the food bank
- 13) Write a letter to someone serving in the military (find address)
- 14) Volunteer doing something
- 15) Go through your closet and find things to donate
- 16) Do something nice for your neighbor
- 17) Bake cookies and drop them off at friends or local police or fire station
- 18) Spend all day only saying kind things
- 19) When you are going on an errand ask a friend if they need you to pick up anything
- 20) Spend all day having kind thoughts
- 21) Offer to watch a friend's kid or pet
- 22) Hold open a door for someone else
- 23) Donate to your favorite charity
- 24) Leave coupons you won't need at the store.
- 25) Do a random act of kindness
- 26) Take a minute to tell someone's boss they are doing a great job
- 27) Flush a toilet that is full of poo in a retail store, (not sure about this one)
- 28) Smile, just because and make sure you are looking at a person.
- 29) Place .25 in a purse you are looking at in a store, it will be a treasure to the next person
- 30) Give a gift card to the church donation basket

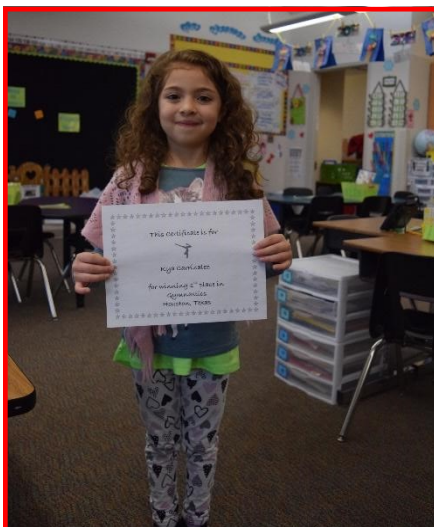


Kindergarten – Q & U Wedding



1st grade

All 1st grade classes went on a field trip to DCHS to see their spring performance of The Little Mermaid.



Congratulations from our very own
Kya Carrizales for winning 1st place
In her Gymnastics tournament in Houston, Texas.

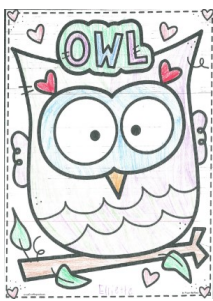
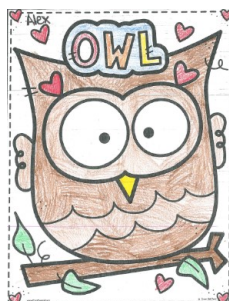
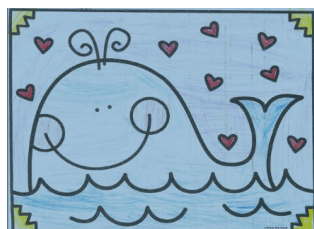
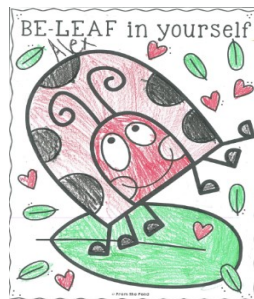
Kya is a first grader in Ms. Sweeney's classroom.

CSE is very proud of her accomplishment

Spring Clubs

Coloring Book Club
This February awards go out to the following:

Most Neatest:



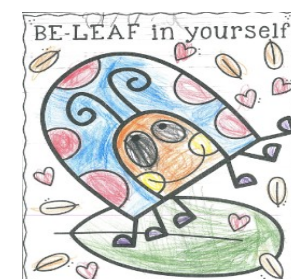
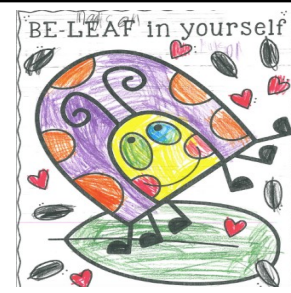
Most Colorful:



Most Enthusiastic:



Most Genuine:



Most Unique:



Article written by Sarah

Coloring is important, both in the lives of children, and in the lives of adults. Why is coloring so important? Here are just a few of the one reason that comes to my mind right off hand:

(she corrected the spelling,

Color recognition - many children receive their first (and sometimes their only) exposure to the color wheel and art, through the use of crayons, markers, and colored pencils. Learning how to tell the difference between red, pink, green, yellow, and so forth, might not seem like a big deal, but children who color with crayons or markers early on, have an easier time of understanding colors

K.I.S.S Lunch





CLEAR SKY PTO

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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 2019-2020 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 April 1st. Please complete the online nominations form at: www.CSEPTO.com/board-nominations

Elections will be held at the PTO General Meeting on Monday, April 22nd, 2019, at 6:00pm in the Learning Commons.

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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER - Monday, March 11th, at 5:30 pm

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 2019-2020 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.**



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CSE PTO Spring Event "A Clear Sky Night"

Event Date: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Time: 7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

Where: The Grange

Tickets: \$30 per person

<https://events.handbid.com/auctions/a-clear-sky-night-2019>

Our **4th Annual Spring Event - A Clear Sky Night** is coming up on **Saturday, April 13th, 2019** from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM. This year's event will be held at the Grange, right here in the Meadows! We will have a silent auction, balloon pop, buffet, cash bar (*wine, beer, signature drinks*), DJ, door prizes, and so much more! Tickets are \$30/each. Tickets are limited so get your tickets now!

Can you help us with a donation for our silent auction or balloon pop? Please sign up using the link !!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094EA5AE2BAAF85-spring1>

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

Parent Chat:

M E N T A L H E A L T H H Y G I E N E

Please join us for an informative afternoon to learn more about the **Sources of Strength** program, a peer led suicide prevention program, which is in several of our Douglas County middle and high schools.

Our featured presenter is **Dr. Jenna Glover**, Children's Hospital Director of Psychology Training. Dr Glover will present on Mental Health Hygiene and how parents can help promote positive mental health with our children.

**Wednesday,
March 13th, 2019
1:00-2:30 p.m.**

Lone Tree Library
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Dr. Jenna Glover,
Children's Hospital
Director of
Psychology Training

To R.S.V.P by March 6, 2019 or for additional information, email: Ann.Walton1@dcsdk12.org



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