

# Bison Bulletin

February 2019

Clear Sky Elementary

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Office Hours:  
8:30am-4:30pm

Clear Sky PTO



## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

We have had a great start to the year! It seems like it has been years since we have actually had a winter, and boy are we getting one this year! Many of us were surprised that a late start was not called on Monday. The forecast did not predict that much snow and I think it was a surprise to everyone. I am glad I don't have to make late start/school closure decisions! Please know that you always have the right to keep your kids at home if you feel like the conditions are too dangerous. We want everyone to be safe!

Professional Development is important for our teachers and I appreciate your support while our teachers take these days to learn. On January 18th our teachers spent the day analyzing student writing. We are in the process of adopting a new writing rubric and wanted to use the rubric to score real writing done by our students. Teachers had great conversations and have begun the process of ensuring inter-rater reliability with the rubrics. We are still making tweaks but are planning on using the rubrics next school year and will be able to share them with you at that time.

We have also been spending some of our professional development time doing a book study on Better than Carrots or Sticks. The premise of the book is that positive behavior results are longer lasting and more wide reaching when educators empower students to address and correct misbehavior among themselves.

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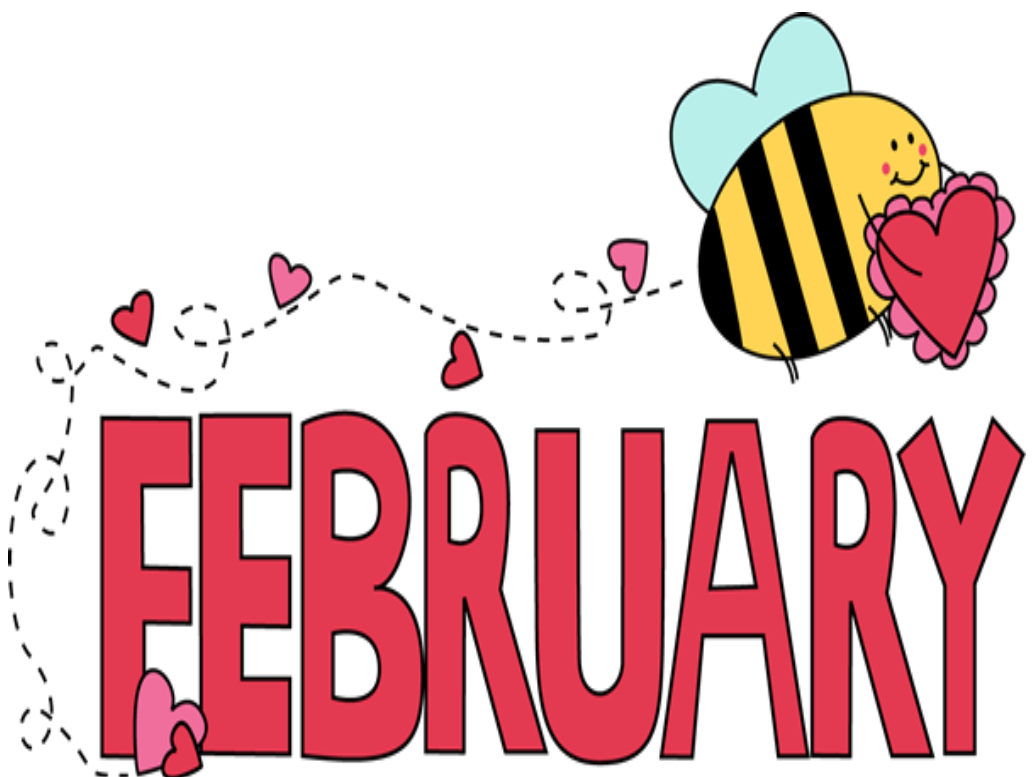
## A Message from the Principal

The book provides strategies for creating a cooperative and respectful classroom climate in which students and teachers work through behavioral issues together. We started the book at the beginning of the school year and are hoping to wrap it up soon. There are some great strategies in the book that you, as a parent, may benefit from. If you would like to borrow a copy please stop by!

We are going to be finishing the year providing our teachers with professional development opportunities in the Colorado Academic Standards. The standards have changed and full implementation is expected in the 2020-2021 school year. We will be sending more information regarding the new standards as we get closer to the implementation date.

I wanted to thank all of you that nominated one of our teachers for the Apple Awards. It really means a lot to our teachers to be recognized! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Sincerely,  
Kellie Roe, Principal

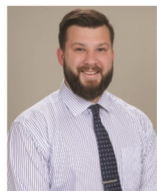




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## Important Dates to Remember:

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| Mon Feb 4  | Candy Gram sales begin before/after school   |
| Tue Feb 5  | SAC Meeting – 9:15 am in the Bungalow<br>(date change- from Feb 12)  |
| Wed Feb 6  | CSE Night at Rita's – Mention CSE and our PTO<br>will get a portion of the proceeds! 12-9 pm   |
| Fri Feb 8  | Last day for Candy Gram sales before/after school  |
| Thu Feb 14 | Valentines Day Spirit Day: <b>Wear Red and Pink</b>  |
| Thu Feb 14 | K.I.S.S. Lunch in the Bistro: see details below  |
| Fri Feb 15 | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Professional Development Day  |
| Sat Feb 16 | DCSD Community Night at the Mammoth!<br>Tickets start at \$10 and a portion returns to our<br>school.<br>( <a href="https://mammoth.teamkse.com/dcsd2019/">https://mammoth.teamkse.com/dcsd2019/</a> )           |
| Mon Feb 18 | <b>NO SCHOOL</b> – President's Day Holiday   |
| Sat Mar 9  | DCSD Community Day at the Avalanche<br>Tickets start at \$25 and a portion returns to our<br>school<br>( <a href="http://avalanche.teamkse.com/DouglasCounty/">http://avalanche.teamkse.com/DouglasCounty/</a> ) |

**Spring Break will be the week of March 18 – 22nd!!**



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



When students fill up their sticker chart with Bison Bravo stickers they can come to the office and choose an item from the treasure box or from the menu of reward options: Lunch with Mrs. Roe or Mrs. Berry is a very popular choice on the Bison menu.



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## Valentines Day

**Student Council-Candy Grams:** Student Council will be selling Candy Grams to be delivered to students on Feb 14th.

They will be sold before and after school from February 4th – 8th and will cost \$1 each.

All proceeds will be donated to CVHS to be part of their Mad Week to benefit Sox Place a local charity in Denver that provides assistance to homeless and at-risk teens and young adults.

Each year Castle View holds a MAD week (Make a Difference) to raise money for a selected charity.



## K.I.S.S. Lunch

(Kids Invite Someone Special Lunch)

Love is in the air! On **Thursday, February 14th** we will be holding our annual **K.I.S.S. Lunch** in honor of Valentine's Day. Make plans to have lunch with your child during his/her standard lunch period. Bring your own lunch, or purchase Italian Bosco Sticks or Chicken Curry in the cafeteria. Student lunches are \$2.85 and adult lunches are \$3.50.



### Lunch

#### Times

11:20 am: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

11:45 am: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

12:08 pm: Kindergarten (full day) and 1<sup>st</sup> grade

12:30 pm: 6<sup>th</sup> grade

12:53 pm: 5<sup>th</sup> grade

1:15 pm: 4<sup>th</sup> grade

## Apple Awards

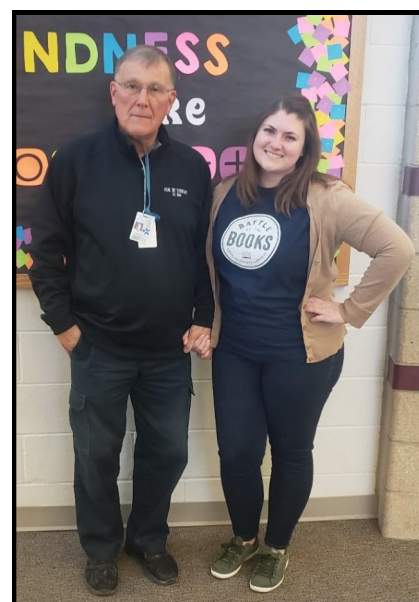
The votes are in and we are excited to announce this year's Apple Award nominees for Clear Sky:

Classified Staff: **Rich Sabey**, custodian

Certified Staff: **Angie Kelsall**, 3rd grade teacher

The district will honor the nominees district-wide at a celebration in April.

**Congratulations to Rich & Angie!**





## Music Notes



Music for guitar and ukulele are in full swing. Everyone is joining in on our fun time. We are currently learning musical rhythms through strumming at all levels. Some of our younger grades are even venturing out to learn sixth grade strumming. We are making it fun by using silly sayings to accomplish this. Ask about the Pie, Alligator, Piglets and see what your child has to say.

Fifth and Sixth graders will be moving quickly into more contemporary songs, as well as composing their own pieces for class.

Hope you are excited to hear how these sound.





### Clear Sky Singers – grades 3 – 6

Meet on Tues/Thurs mornings

From

8am – 9am.

There is still time to join as we start our new music.

### Clear Sky Jr. Singers – grades 1 and 2

Meet on Friday mornings

From

8:15 – 9:00

There is also still time to join as we start our new music.

If your child is interested in joining any of these two groups, please follow the link provided below and join us at our next rehearsal time.

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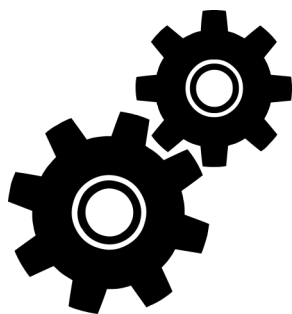
February has brought the beginning of our Game Based Learning unit. While exploring a variety of games (board, digital, breakout, etc.), students will be learning about the various components of games including: achievement, triumph, collaboration, exploration, design/creativity, collecting, problem solving/strategy, role playing/imagination, and surprise. Working together they will identify the games that involve the specific elements.

This will obviously look different at each of the grade levels, with the same goal being students analyzing and evaluating games.

Continuing our work with the LAUNCH Cycle, students will eventually develop, create, build, test, and play their own, unique game.

**LOOKING FOR MORE GAMES & PIECES!** For our current unit, we could use games for all grade levels that might be missing pieces, as well as games that just aren't being played anymore. If you have any games for us, please drop them off in the front office or at the Lab.

Thank you in advance!



### 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

Innovation Lab Specialist @ CSE  
STAR Discovery Educator & LC Member  
BrainPOP Jr. Technology Advisor  
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### THE DETAILS:



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

Base price for the camp is \$240 with early registration and returning camper discounts are available!

Register and find current promotions at [invent.org/camp](http://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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**Your local Camp Invention site information:**

**Who:** For children entering grades 1-6  
**Location:** Clear Sky Elementary  
 1470 Clear Sky Way, Castle Rock, CO 80109  
**Date & Time:** June 3 - 7, 2019 from 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM  
**Price:** \$240 (before discount)  
**Director:** Jennifer Jensen  
[jennifer.jensen@dcsc12.org](mailto:jennifer.jensen@dcsc12.org) | (303) 387-5900

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp) for other locations near you.

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## English Language Learner (ELL) Update

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Dear ELL Families,

Our second half of the school year has started off great! First, as many of you know, our students are taking the ACCESS 2.0 testing; which is the state's summative assessment that measures our English language Learners' language proficiency. We would like to thank you for making sure students are getting to school in a timely manner ready to take the test! Results will arrive in late April.

Second, we are approaching the end of Phase I in Reading Together. Tutors and tutees have been coming to school every Thursday, and Friday morning at 8:00 am. Tutors have been preparing lessons for tutees that come to school 15 minutes earlier. This is a very challenging task for students and we commend them for their continuous commitment! Thanks for supporting us and for supporting your children's education! We couldn't have done it without you!



**Great News!** We will be having a Cinco de mayo Celebration in MAY. Date to be announced soon. Be ready to celebrate cultural diversity.



As always, please don't hesitate to call or email us with any questions or concerns.

## English Language Learner (ELL) Update

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Estimadas familias de ELL,

Nuestra segunda mitad del año escolar ha comenzado muy bien! Primero, como muchos de ustedes, saben, nuestros estudiantes están tomando las pruebas de ACCESS 2.0; que es la evaluación sumativa del estado que mide la competencia lingüística de nuestros estudiantes del idioma inglés. ¡Nos gustaría agradecerle por asegurarse de que los estudiantes lleguen a la escuela de manera oportuna y estén listos para rendir el examen! Los resultados llegarán a finales de abril.

Segundo, nos acercamos al final de la Fase I en Lectura juntos. Los tutores y tutelados han venido a la escuela todos los jueves y el viernes por la mañana a las 8:00 am. Los tutores han estado preparando lecciones para tuteos que vienen a la escuela 15 minutos antes. ¡Esta es una tarea muy desafiante para los estudiantes y los felicitamos por su compromiso! ¡Gracias por apoyarnos y por apoyar la educación de sus hijos! ¡No podríamos haberlo hecho sin ti!

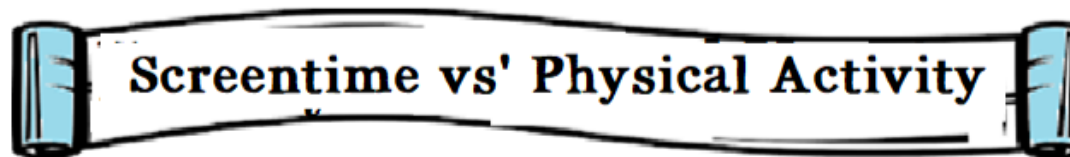


**¡Una gran noticia!** Tendremos una celebración del **Cinco de mayo en mayo**. Fecha a anunciar pronto. Prepárate para celebrar la diversidad cultural.





## Health



## Screentime vs' Physical Activity

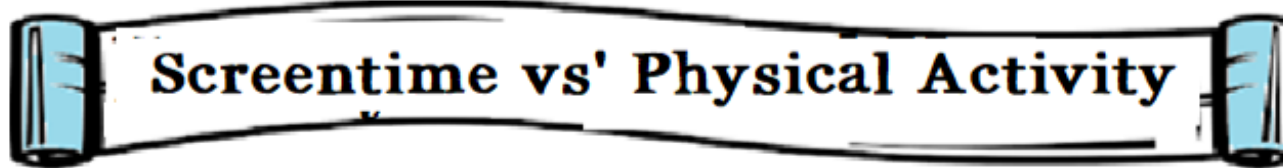
### Challenge for the Month of February: Swap Screen time for Physical Activity

Did you know that kids should spend no more than two hours in front of a screen each day? Screen time can be habit-forming: Research shows that the more time children engage with screens, the harder it is for them to turn off the screen as they get older. Plus, screen time has been linked to eating more, having trouble sleeping and poor performance in school. Encourage activity over screen time. Go play outside, go to the MAC or go bowling as a family. Less Screen, Less Scream

This month lets swap screen time for Physical Activity. Start off slow if that's easier by using 15mins less screen time and work your way up. Track your Physical Activity below that you swapped for screen time. Turn this form in by March 6<sup>th</sup> and the class with the most participation earns the Health Trophy for the month.

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_



## Screentime vs' Physical Activity

### Take Action

Nowadays it seems hard to escape from screens, and kids are especially targeted to participate and spend time in front of screens. Challenge students and families to limit their screen time using these strategies:

#### Strategies for Home:

- Make bedrooms “no screen zones”. Kids who have TVs in their rooms tend to watch about 1.5 hours more TV per day than those who don’t. Move all televisions, computers, tablets, etc. into the family room.
- Designate one or more days per week as “screen-free” days, where physical activity, reading and spending quality time together are prioritized.
- Set firm limits for using screens. For example, no video games on school nights or no electronic devices an hour before bedtime.
- Turn off electronic devices during dinner. Make use of the time together to talk about the day.
- Get active when you do spend time in front of the TV screen. Stretch, practice yoga, walk on a treadmill or lift weights. Challenge everyone to see who can do the most knee bends or leg lifts during commercial breaks.
- Create a TV viewing guide with your children and teach them to schedule out the shows they would like to watch during the week. If you have TiVo or a DVR, record your child's favorite shows and allow him or her to view them at specific times during the week.
- When your children's friends gather at your house, limit the amount of time they play video games. After 20-30 minutes of playing, suggest that the children move on to something else that does not involve a screen, like playing a board game, starting a game of hide and seek, or playing outside.
- Be a good role model and limit your time in front of a screen to no more than two hours per day, too. If your kids see you following your own rules and being active, then they’ll be more likely to follow your example.
- Make it a game! Place activity ideas in a jar. Whenever the family would typically watch a screen, pull an idea out of the jar instead and do it together. Find activity ideas in the **Family Activity Points** Game On Activity.

<http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/game-on/find-challenges/at-home-challenges/1216-family-activity-points>

## Important Information

### Elementary Progress Reports

Elementary Progress Reports (EPR's) for the fall semester are currently available for Clear Sky students on the Engage Ed parent portal.

You may access them directly at: <https://engaged.dcsdk12.org> using your IC Parent Portal username and password. Please log on to view your student's progress.

More information about EPR's may be found at the district website at: <https://www.dcsdk12.org/cms/one.aspx?portalId=220484&pageId=5760554>

If you are in need of technical support, please email [parenthelp@dcsdk12.org](mailto:parenthelp@dcsdk12.org) or call the DCSD IT Support Center at 303-387-0001

### Kindie Enrollment

Kindergarten enrollment begins Tuesday January 15th at 2pm. Packets will be accepted in the front office from 2pm-5pm **ONLY** on January 15th.

After January 15th packets will be accepted during office hours from 8:30am-4:15pm on school days.

Questions about registration may be directed to [kanoi.oili@dcsdk12.org](mailto:kanoi.oili@dcsdk12.org)

Enrollment packets are available in the front office or on our school website [www.clearskyelementary.com](http://www.clearskyelementary.com)



### School Psychologist

Dear Clear Sky Families,

As we work towards promoting student wellness in all areas, we want to ensure that every student in Douglas County gains understanding of the difference of bullying and harassment behavior versus normal conflict. In recognizing a bullying situation, students need to be able to effectively identify and communicate their feelings. Included below are resources for students, families and staff for addressing these concepts.

Students may examine Bullying vs. Normal Conflict and will explore Cyber Bullying reporting through the video "How to Be an Upstander to Cyberbullying."

Parents are encouraged read information about Internet Safety from the Douglas County Sheriff's Office.

Parents and staff are also encouraged to view The Power of Empathy, a short film that explains the difference between empathy and sympathy.

We encourage you to support our efforts by discussing this month's topic of Awareness Around Bullying and Harassment.

In Partnership,  
Lauren Bennett, School Psychologist

### Health Room News

It's that time of the year for coughing, sneezing, stuffy noses, and tummy aches...yuck!

Parents please remember to keep children home if they are feeling under the weather.





# 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](mailto:Ann.Walton1@dcsdk12.org)



[www.dcsdk12.org/teamup](http://www.dcsdk12.org/teamup)

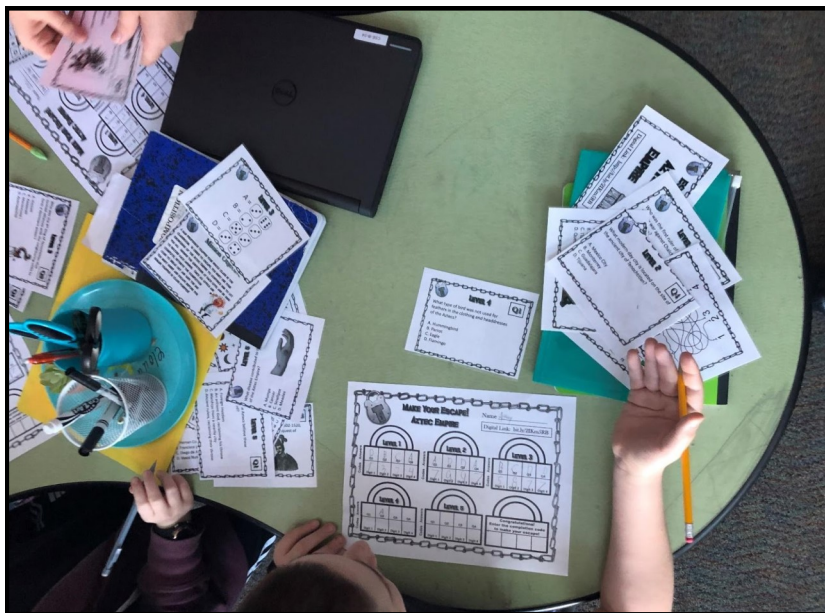
## Classroom Happenings

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



Mrs. Aversa's class practicing their ukuleles in Music.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Architecture, technological advances and sacrifices, OH MY! Sixth Grade has been busy learning about the Aztec, Inca, & Maya civilizations.

We have also been learning about board games and what it takes to create a successful board game.

All of this is in preparation for creating our own games based on these civilizations. We will be hosting a game board day for the 6th graders from Soaring Hawk to get feedback on our games.

### Outdoor Ed. is fast approaching for 6th graders!

This is one of the major highlights of 6th grade. Parents can sign their child up using this link: <https://www.stonecanyonedge.org/outdoored/registration>. This link is to fill out all of the forms to attend outdoor ed. Payments are made in My School Bucks.

Be sure to register your child for the correct session! Session 1 is Rolfson & Rosenblatt. Session 2 is HessTilton, Hunt, & Mandrioli.





# CLEAR SKY PTO

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**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 6th for Rita's Spirit day!**



Stop by between 12pm-9pm.

Rita's Italian Ice  
3990 Limelight Ave., Unit D  
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## It's time for another rewards collection contest!

Box Tops are a simple way to help earn free money for Clear Sky.

**So far this year we have earned over \$1000, thanks to you!**

When you turn in your Box Tops, be sure to include your child's name and teacher's name.

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PTO Update | February 2019



## 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>

**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



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Alone we can do so little;

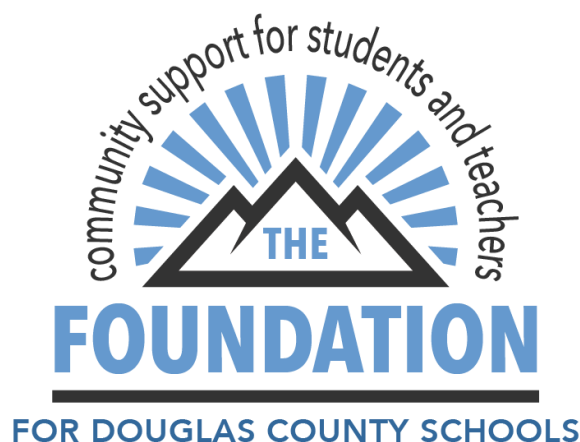
together we can do so much.

– Helen Keller

## DCSD Community Events presented by The Foundation for Douglas County Schools

- DCSD Community Night with the Colorado Mammoth: Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> Tickets starting at \$10/No taxes or fees
- DCSD Community Day with the Colorado Avalanche: Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Tickets starting at \$25/No taxes or fees.

For more information about Foundation Sponsored Community Events please go to:  
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