

Bulldog Community Beat

Elbert School District 200



August 2011



FAMILY FUN AT ELBERT DAY!

Bagpipers in kilts, a stick horse rodeo, old time gunfights, homemade ice cream, vintage cars on parade, live music and a tractor pull competition – where do you get to see (or eat!) these sights all in one day? At Elbert Day, of course! Held this year on Saturday July 9, this much anticipated event attracted folks from all over the area. Fun and games were available for the kids, including free snow cones courtesy of the Elbert Sheriff's Department. Vendors were in attendance selling handmade items, art, tools, Bulldog merchandise, food and more. Local 4-H'ers and the Women's Club provided delicious concessions



throughout the day. Luckily the weather was even (mostly) cooperative! Thanks to event organizers Jeanine Ertl, Margie Ashura and all the hardworking volunteers for putting on a most enjoyable celebration for the Elbert community.

FAVORITE PART OF ELBERT DAY?

Hannah Phillips 6th Grade

We were in the parade on a float for the Majestic Valley Church. I helped Mrs. Pursell set up the kids' games & got to play too. I had a cherry snow cone from the sheriff's department but my favorite part of the day was the old cars in the parade.

Shea Schmidt 1st Grade

I was at Elbert Day with the Boy Scouts. I played with my friends at the (Best Buds) flower shop and filled up water balloons. I was in the parade & got to throw candy. My favorite part was eating all the extra candy after the parade! I love sugar straws!

CONGRATUALTIONS ELBERT SCHOOL DISTRICT!!

Elbert School 1 of 11 Selected Out of 46 Projects Statewide

The Elbert School District #200 proudly announces their recommendation for a **Building Excellent Schools Today (BEST) Grant!** On June 30th, 2011, the State BEST Board committee selected Elbert to be one of eleven Colorado schools to receive money to build a new school at our current site, contingent upon passing a matching money bond in November. The BEST board members recognized the significant needs of our building as well as the tax burden to our patrons. Because of this, the State approved a contribution of **a half a million dollars** by the District to lessen the load to Elbert taxpayers who will now pay only 16 cents on the dollar for this project. This will allow our community to build a new PK-12 school for a fraction of the total cost.

The BEST program was established to help the neediest Colorado school districts with aging facilities that have substantial health and safety issues, and that are unable to raise enough funds to remedy the problems. This year the BEST board received almost \$540 million in grant requests, of which they approved \$172 million. The Board also designated five alternate projects, should any of the 11 approved projects fail to raise matching funds as stated in EdNewsColorado.org. Last year the BEST Board designated only one alternate, Akron, where voters pre-approved a bond issue in November 2010 despite not knowing if they would even receive state money. Akron did win an award after voters in three districts – Elbert, Florence, and Peyton – rejected bond issues, which caused them to forfeit their 2010 BEST grant. To view the full news report go to:

www.ednewscolorado.org/2011/06/29/20926-survivors-bask-in-best-success.

Also exciting to report is that two neighboring districts, Simla and Peyton, could also benefit from the BEST program as their schools were among those on the approved list. Congratulations! This means our area could receive considerable money to upgrade local educational facilities! ***The Elbert School Board of Education will host a meeting in the board room (upstairs in the library) the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 pm to provide updates and answer questions about our BEST Grant.***

Carissa Rhoades 6th Grade

My favorite part was helping with kids' games like the bean bag toss, hula hoops & lacrosse. I was in charge of prizes. We had jump ropes, Frisbees, bubbles & cool pens. I got my face painted with a skull!

Trevor VanderLinden 4th Grade

I was there with the Boy Scouts. My favorite was throwing candy with Landon, Hunter, Tanner, Colten & Tristan. Kids' games were fun & the tractor pull was cool!

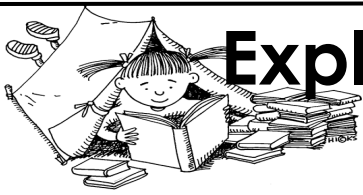
Katie Dickinson 7th Grade

Maddie & Kaylee at the flower shop painted my face like a zebra. That was my favorite part of Elbert Day! I played games with Mrs. Pursell and won prizes, and also rode on a float in the parade.

Nycci Dickinson 8th Grade

The best part was seeing my friends. I also got attacked by water balloons!





Exploration Library

STORY TIME! Mondays @ 10:30 a.m.

Gardener's Gathering Mondays @ 1:00

Friends of the Library 1st Tuesday of the Month @ 4:30

Craft Time 4th Tuesday of the Month @ 4:30

Game Night

3rd Thursday of the Month @ 5:00

Genealogy Fun!

2nd Saturday of the Month @ 1:00

Public Library Hours

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Tues-Thurs 4:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

303-648-3533



Elbert's Volunteers

**"We Serve the People...
We Are the People"**



A quote by Susan J. Ellis states Paul Revere earned his living as a silversmith. But what do we remember him for?

His *volunteer work*... Revere and our local fire department have a lot in common with their dedication to community. The Elbert Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1952 and twenty-six years later came the formation of the Elbert Fire Protection District (EFPD). EFPD covers 183 square miles and serves about 1,500 people. Fire Chief (2001) John Gresham, Fire Marshal Mike Harrower (volunteer since 1985), and the crew of SEVENTEEN Elbert residents are dedicated to the service and protection of our community. EFPD currently operates and maintains a single fire station with four bush trucks, three engines, and one 3500 gallon tender.

Chief Gresham has been a volunteer since his graduation from Elbert High School in 1978. The experience of our volunteers ranges from 2 years to 32 years, with ten volunteers being certified as EMT's. All of these volunteers hold full time jobs as well being dedicated to serving their community. Each member is responsible for their own training and use s personal time to maintain their credentials. Many take vacation time from their full time jobs the first week in October during fire prevention week to educate our community about fire safety. This week includes visits to the station from Elbert Elementary students and important lessons on fire safety. Our volunteer firefighters also offer CPR/First Aid classes for all ages, fire safety inspections, demonstrations, and station tours throughout the year. Please see next month issue of the Bulldog Beat to hear about the exciting future of the EFD and the role the community can take to help EFD reach these goals.

Where Are They Now?!!



Byers, Colorado is where you'll find Jeremy Kerns '99 and his family, including wife Candra (Mosby) Kerns '99 and their 3 children, ages 9, 7 and 4. Jeremy, a teacher and coach at Byers Junior High School, is just returning from a 5 day/4 night trip to Jamestown/Williamsburg, VA and Washington DC with 34 history students. "We arrange our summer trips through World Strides and take along 4 sponsors. I hope to go to New York City next since I've never been there." Summer is a busy time for him, between these trips and basketball camps. Besides history, Jeremy has also taught HS Spanish, weight lifting, and PE at Byers. "You know how small schools are. You end up doing a little of everything." He is the head HS basketball coach, but also assists with JH football, basketball, and track. Memories of EHS? Playing sports. Going to state basketball as a freshman. Leadership class with Mrs. Bishop. Traveling to Puerto Rico with Sr. Rivera. Mr. Anderson and Mr. R ("I run into them every so often.")

Football and science with Mr. Beebe. Jeremy graduated from UNC and received his masters from University of Nebraska-Kearney. Candra is a busy mom and runs a daycare program in Byers. Other Kerns siblings include Justin '00, Joey '03 and Jamie '06. "Good memories. I loved going to school in Elbert." he says.

A HUGE ELBERT THANK YOU to the

Phillips Family

for planting flowers & painting a pre-school sign this summer!



**YOU ARE AWESOME
& MUCH APPRECIATED!!**

CRAFTERS NEEDED!!!

EWC Annual
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday, November 12
For information contact
Barbara Sjaastad
303-648-3118



Elbert's Women's
Club

Pancake Breakfast

TREAT yourself!

Sun., August 28th
Mercantile Building

SPORTS

High School FOOTBALL

Saturday, Aug. 27 10:00

@ Elbert—Scrimmage

Saturday, Sept. 3 1:00

@ Dove Creek—AWAY (Sargent Field)

Teams meeting in Sargent

Friday, Sept 9 7:00

vs. Simla - HOME

HOMECOMING

Friday, Sept. 16 7:00

vs. Stratton- HOME

Friday, Sept. 23 7:00

vs. Cheyenne Wells -HOME

Friday, Sept. 30 7:00

vs. Genoa-Hugo—AWAY

VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Sept. 3 1:00

Kiowa—AWAY

Tuesday, Sept. 6 4:30

Edison—HOME

Wednesday, Sept. 7 4:30

Denver Waldorf—HOME

Saturday, Sept. 10 8:00 AM

ECA Tourney—AWAY VARSITY

HOMECOMING

Friday, Sept. 16 4:30

Stratton—Varsity ONLY—HOME

More Volleyball September dates to follow in Septembers Bulldog Beat

Junior High FOOTBALL

Thursday, Sept. 8 4:00

Hanover—AWAY

Thursday, Sept. 15 4:30

RMCA—HOME

Thursday, Sept. 22 4:00

Miami-Yoder-AWAY

Thursday, Sept. 29 4:00

Kiowa-HOME



A Word from your Elected School Board

We would like to graciously thank our patrons who responded with feedback in the last year about making the new school project a success. If you are not aware, your school board members and the Elbert School staff worked diligently since January and SUCCESSFULLY resubmitted an amended BEST Grant application! By listening to your requests and implementing your ideas to strengthen our project, we will now show the State BEST Board that Elbert voters will overwhelmingly support a new school for our students and the community! On November 1, 2011, the District will have a bond question on the ballot asking for support for this project and we feel we have made it an even more financially sound deal for our patrons. We have committed **a half a million dollars of District savings** towards the matching money obligation as well as hundreds of investigative hours to ensure the plan presented is in the absolute best interest of our voters. Over the next few months we will make every effort to visit all district patrons to answer questions or concerns so that each voter can make an informed decision about the bond issue. We place great value on our community and truly believe this is a worthy cause that deserves strong consideration. Please feel free to contact the school at 303-648-3030 with your questions or call your elected school board members listed below. We're excited that we've been given another chance at this great opportunity and look forward to speaking to you about our new school!

Del Olkjer 303-475-1885 Chris Williams 303-726-4837 Mike Franek 720-273-8252

Phil Brown 303-803-3327

Wendy Rohleder 303-243-1308

Too "Cool" for School

"Summer" and "school" might not sound like a happy combination, but in Elbert it just might be! Elementary summer school combined learning and fun for four weeks in June, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm Tuesdays through Fridays. Kindergarten teacher Mary Anderson instructed students going into 1st through 3rd grades, and 4th grade teacher Micky Simpson took care of the upcoming 4th through 6th graders. Students revisited math skills learned the prior year, and had reading and comprehension practice as well. Smaller classes allow more one on one time with a teacher, which helped with the reinforcement exercises in these subjects. About 15 were enrolled this year and the curriculum also included science, arts & crafts, and computer lab time. On the last day, a field trip to a local park for hiking and a picnic wrapped up summer school. Mrs. Anderson commented "Summer school was a big hit with all who attended!"

Summer Activities in Elbert

BOOSTER CLUB CORNER

"The Elbert Booster Club strives to encourage school spirit by supporting the school and community through a variety of athletic, academic, artistic and social events, and social events, and fundraisers."

NEW Spirit Pride Merchandise!!!

COOL NEW BULLDOG CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES!

Please look for order forms

coming home the first week of school

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Suggestions or Comments

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or

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If you are an Elbert resident and did not receive this by mail but would like to, please contact us!

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www.elbertschool.org

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In the SPOTLIGHT

Not only an expert in US & World History, but also in Elbert School history would be high school teacher and "Voice of the Bulldogs" Don Anderson. An icon in our hallways for over 30 years, Mr. Anderson was hired for his first (and only!) teaching job in 1979 and has been here ever since. Back when he was originally offered the social studies position in Elbert, Mr. Anderson learned that his new boss, George Cuckro, had also been his elementary school principal in Broomfield. Talk about taking advantage of connections made when you're 8 years old! And forget about the long wait to find out if you got the job! Called on a Thursday, interviewed on Friday, started work that Monday – this job was definitely meant to be for our district and for Mr. Anderson. Originally planning to pursue psychology and be a HS counselor, he learned that classroom experience was a prerequisite. Choosing social studies because it was a personal favorite, Mr. Anderson graduated from UNC and set out to fulfill the necessary teaching requirement - and has been in an Elbert classroom ever since. And lucky for us too that he is a "Jack of All Trades"! Besides teacher (French & math too!) and coach (basketball & football), also included are bus driver, librarian, athletic director, senior class sponsor, sports announcer and summer maintenance. Born in Wahoo, NE, Mr. Anderson moved to Colorado at age three because of his father's job. He has one brother, Fred, who is a professor of history at CU Boulder. He met and married the love of his life, Mary (Pierce) Anderson, Elbert kindergarten teacher, in the early years of teaching and raised two children in Elbert. Best memories of his Elbert career? Being the AD when HS boys basketball won the state championship against Peetz in 1988. Watching his daughter and the 2004 HS Cheer Squad become 2A state champions. Helping build the football field and putting up the "Friday Night Lights". A sports nut? You bet! He'll watch any game or match on TV too – especially the Broncos and Rockies. Says Anderson about his job "The people make it. If I didn't enjoying teaching in Elbert, I wouldn't have done it for 32 years. It's been a good ride." One that's not quite over. You'll find Mr. Anderson in our hallways for a few more years. Retirement plans? Move to a warmer climate and play with his grandkids.



Upcoming Events in Elbert

August 2-5	Registration 9:00-3:00	
August 10	All Staff Reports	
August 10	Special Board Meeting Building/Grant Meeting	7:00
August 13	Free School Supplies Elbert Christian Church	8:00-1:00
August 15	1st day Mandatory Practice ALL Sports	
August 15	Water Rights Workshop Carlson Building—Elizabeth	7:00
August 16	RSVP: Jill Duvall 303-646-3202 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!	
August 23	Back to School Night	5:00-7:00
August 23	School Board Meeting	7:00
August 26	Water Rights Workshop Carlson Building—Elizabeth	7:00
August 28	RSVP: Jill Duvall 303-646-3202 Pancake Breakfast—EWC Russell Gates Mercantile Bldg	