



Bulldog Community Beat

April 2011

Elbert School District 200

Volunteers needed to read with Elementary Students!

8:30-10:00 am Tues-Fri

2:00-3:00 pm Thurs

Contact Anne Green at the school 303-648-3030 x202 or agreen@elbertschool.org

Help a child learn to love reading!



Character First quality of the month:

SINCERITY

(vs. hypocrisy)

Eagerly doing what is right with transparent motives.

1. honesty of mind or intention.
2. freedom from simulation or hypocrisy.
3. genuineness.

"No man can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself."

~ James Russell Lowell



Book Club NEWS

Current Book:

Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim

By David Sedaris

Happenings in the Hallway



Spring Concert

On March 17, much green was worn throughout Elbert School to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Hopefully this meant pinching was kept to a minimum! In addition, the annual spring concert was held that evening, directed by music teacher Mr. Andy Goodger. Elementary classes performed an amusing play about a firefly's search for the meaning of life, with the third graders in costume as various musical insects. Solo selections were performed by Jessica Cook and Isabelle Dunham. Fourth graders played several songs on recorders, and the fifth and sixth grade bands also impressed the audience with their musical progress this year. Junior high band entertained everyone with some very well done pieces, and the evening was concluded with the high school jazz band performing various traditional numbers, including some very impressive solo performances! The effort and hard work of the musicians was obvious, and the show was enjoyed by all those in attendance.

CSAP Free Day

Elbert School students have been working hard this month while taking the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) tests. Grades 3 through 11 participate in this standardized achievement test that provides annual measurement of student performance in reading, writing, science and math.

Classrooms are unusually quiet during this time as optimal conditions are set for those testing. This year secondary Student Council will sponsor "CSAP Free Day," to be held on April 22. Students will be rewarded for trying their best on the tests with an afternoon of movies, outdoor games on the football field, or other activities of their choice.

Spirit Battle

The war is on! Elbert JH/HS is once again participating in a variety of fun competitions as they are challenged to work together as a class to win "spirit" points. Some of the activities so far have been a talent show, attendance at the Kiowa basketball game at home, and an aluminum can collection. Mrs. Shelly Gould, Elbert School librarian and "War Organizer" has a talent for coming up with imaginative games for the students.

A favorite this year was "Guess Who?" Teachers were asked to bring in photos of themselves as a baby and from high school graduation. Mrs. Gould created a huge poster that still hangs in the concession area (it's so much fun!). Each class submitted a final list that matched teenager to baby photos as well as identified the teacher. The entire school has had a great time with this activity. More Spirit Battles to come! Stay tuned!



Community Teamwork



Up Coming Events

- 4/11 JH Matchwits @ Legacy 5:00
- 4/15 BFL Band Clinic @ Colorado Springs School
- 4/18 JH Matchwits @ Edison 4:00
- 4/20 1st-3rd grade Denver Aquarium
- 4/21 9th-12th grade Kiowa Mock Car Crash
- 4/23 Prom 8-11 p.m.
- 4/25 JH Matchwits @ Kiowa 5:00
- 4/26 PS/K Child Find 8:00-12:30
- 4/26 Board Meeting
- 4/27 ACT Testing 8:00 a.m.
- 4/29 Greeley Jazz Festival
- 4/29 Elementary Field Day 1:00 at football field

5/7 Alumni Dinner

5/15 Graduation 2:00 in gym

Silent but...WOW!!!

And what a community we have!!! Enormous "Thank You's" are in order to the businesses in our area that donated to the Elbert Booster Club's silent auction last month. The event, held prior to the Spring Concert on March 17, was a rousing success! Over \$1800 was raised, with bidders competing for an amazing array of items including handmade soaps and lotions, jewelry, tools, plants and western wear. Gift certificates for restaurants, personal care, massages, photography sessions, organic groceries, airfare and music lessons were some of the items available too. Local merchants from Elbert, Kiowa, Elizabeth, as well as Parker, Franktown and beyond generously provided their products and services to the cause.

Proceeds will be used to pay for Family Fun Night on April 1 and a field trip for the 6th grade, whose gift baskets brought the highest bids of all the elementary classes.

Once again, sincere thanks to all the businesses and individuals that participated in this successful fundraiser.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

- 4/2 Burlington Invitational 8:00
4/9 Terror Invite @ Garry Berry Stadium 9:00
4/16 Byers Invitational 8:00
4/20 Stratton Invitational (rescheduled date) 1:30
4/23 Kiowa Invite @ Elizabeth HS 8:00
4/27 CSDB Invite @ ManitouSprings HS 2:00
4/30 Strasburg Invitational TBA
5/7 Elbert Invitational 8:00
5/14 BFL Championships @ Elbert 8:00
May 19-21 State @ Jeffco Stadium TBA

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK SCHEDULE

- 3/31 Byers Invitational @ Byers 2:00
4/5 Limon Invitational @ Limon 2:00
4/14 Kiowa Invitational @ Elizabeth 1:00
4/21 Elbert Invitational @ Elbert 2:00
5/4 CSDB Invitational @ Manitou HS 2:00
5/14 BFL Championships @ Elbert 8:00

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

- 3/19 Deer Trail 1:00
3/28 @ Rocky Mtn. Lutheran School 4:00
3/30 @ Denver Jewish Day School 4:00
4/1 @ Community Christian (JV) 4:00
4/4 Cornerstone Christian Academy (JV) 5:00
4/6 Denver Jewish Day School (JV) 4:30
4/8 @ Pikes Peak Christian (JV) 4:00
4/11 Rocky Mountain Lutheran School 5:00
4/14 Community Christian (JV) 5:00
4/18 @ Cornerstone Christian Academy (JV) 4:00
4/19 Pikes Peak Christian (JV) 5:00
4/22 @ Simla 5:00

2010-11 Basketball Honors

Boys: ALL Conference

- Senior Taylor Younger
Sophomore Blake Nicholas
Honorable Mention
Junior Dymond Braun
Sophomore Roger Carlson
Sophomore Justin Hood

ALL State - Coaches Honorable Mention

- Senior Taylor Younger

Girls: ALL Conference

- Senior Shelby Loflin
Junior Mikayla Franek
Sophomore Logan Franek
Honorable Mention

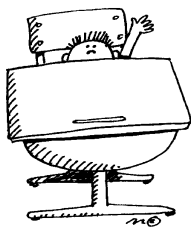
- Freshman Taylor Upchurch

ALL State—Coaches

- Senior Shelby Loflin

ALL State Honorable Mention/Denver Post

- Sophomore Logan Franek



Notes from the Editor's Desk

The first order of business in this issue is a big THANK YOU to everyone (and there's a lot of you!) who has helped get the "Bulldog Community Beat" off the ground. From those that are contributing ideas and articles, handling layout, editing and proofing, making hundreds of copies for distribution by mail or hand out, you are all making this project work. And believe me, it is! We know this by the comments we are getting from the community, and we hope to hear more. Complimentary or critical – your opinion is very important and only helps us get better with every issue. Please be assured that we strive to present the public with truthful, up-to-date information about our school. If we are unknowingly incorrect, please bring it to our attention so we may address the matter. With this in mind, I would like to refer to an article in last month's issue of BCB about the students at Elbert who have benefitted from the Colorado PSEO program. At the time of writing, the most current information posted on the CDE website was for the 2008-2009 school year and those figures were used for the article. Since then, the statistics have been updated to include 2009-2010 data. We ask you to consider this when reading our Dual Credit article. Once again, please contact us with any comments, or email addresses for alumni or interested family members. **We'd love for the Bulldog Community Beat to go nationwide!**

Where Are They Now ?

Kim (Wills) Nickerson '87, this month's featured alumni, is a busy woman. When she stopped by Elbert School a few weeks ago, she came mainly to discuss the activities of the "new and improved" Elbert Alumni Association. She is the current president and has many great ideas to rejuvenate the group. Her biggest goal is to encourage the graduates from the last twenty years to become more active in the association. She has gathered other alumnus to help in this endeavor and their target is the 2011 Alumni dinner, scheduled for Saturday, May 7.

Kim is looking to make this gathering an all day event, in conjunction with the Elbert Invitational Track Meet and the Booster Club Mother's Day Plant Sale. The planning committee hopes to offer outdoor activities like horseshoes and softball during the day, with basketball and volleyball inside at the school. In the evening, the catered dinner will include a local live band for dancing. Working with her on this project is Lori Bolejack '82, Valerie (Royston) Rauber '84, Jennifer (Lehman) Lemke '86, Tom Gresham '88, Joey Kerns '02, Kate Gresham '06, Gabe Kitzman '08. They have put a tremendous amount of work into revitalizing the association and the annual dinner. Their hope is that it can be a special event that the students, graduates, and the community can look forward to each year.



Student Government

Elbert Elementary Student Council is sponsored by Mrs. Pursell and Mrs. Hinshaw. The council has twelve members and meets every Wednesday during lunch recess:

President: Courtney Bonine—6th grade

Vice-President: Juan Gomez—5th grade

Secretary: Sedona Levy-5th grade

Treasurer: Catie Brown-4th grade

Representatives: 3rd graders Carolyn Maben, Jessica Cook, and Dylan Nicholas, 4th graders Isabella Boleng and Aubri Strachan, 5th grader Emily Cue, and sixth graders Abbie Maben and Jena Hood.

Elementary student council sponsors holiday parties, food drives, garage sale, and the school store. The school store stocks erasers, mechanical pencils, and yoyo's, a favorite item.

They also arrange for Pajama Day, Crazy Hat day and everyone's favorite Purple and Gold Day. Next sponsored event will be the Easter Egg Hunt at the end of April. All the kids love this one!

REMEMBER to bring in your soup labels and box tops by April 29, 2011.

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 fundraisers."

Upcoming Events

Academic Awards Friday 5/6 @ 11:30 in the gym

Mothers Day Plant Sale Saturday

5/7/11 at the track.

Next MEETING: 5/5 @ 6:00

In concessions area

Email:

elbertboosters@hotmail.com

or go to school website:

Click on: "BOOSTER CLUB"



Exploration Library

STORY TIME!

Monday's @ 10:30 a.m.

Come and listen to a story and music. Have a snack and be creative working on a special craft project.

Gardener's Gathering

Monday's @ 1:00

Many gardeners meet to exchange ideas, seeds, catalogs, and a great deal of enthusiasm!

Friends of the Library

1st Tuesday of the Month @ 4:30

Volunteer group that meets once a month.

- Help with raising funds
- Sponsor Programs
- Provide Supplies
- Promote the Library

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

Beginning to advanced genealogy enthusiasts are invited!

"A book is the most effective weapon against intolerance and ignorance."

~ Lyndon Baines Johnson

Hooray for 100 Day!

First graders at Elbert School are very experienced counters. By 2's, by 5's, by 10's, evens & odds – they KNOW their numbers. Even up to 100 and more! From the first day of school, Mrs. Becky Crabbs' first grade class keeps track of how many days they are at school and by the time they reach Day 100, it's time for a celebration! Activities include making a tasty snack where each student contributes 100 of pieces of a delicious treat (raisins, popcorn, chocolate chips, etc.) to create a special 100 Day trail mix. They also make collages with materials counted out in groups of 100 (paper clips, beads, ribbon, pompoms, etc.) to decorate the classroom. A favorite activity is to count and sort candy using "The M&M Counting Book" with Mrs. Carolyn Hinshaw's third grade helpers. Of course when the last page is turned, everyone gets to munch their favorite color M&M's! Says Mrs. Crabbs, "I've always celebrated 100 Day in my classroom and from day one it is eagerly anticipated by the first graders. It's a fun way to keep the students excited about numbers every day."

By Jackie Zion

F My mission this month was to interview two students about their favorite teacher. Jenna Hinshaw, an 8th grader, said her favorite teacher is Mrs. Gould. Mrs. Gould is a paraprofessional who has worked with Jenna for four years. Along with academics, she also helps Jenna with physical therapy. Watching them work together on the ramp is an amazing sight. Jenna likes Mrs. Gould because, "She's nice and helpful and gives me sugar."

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R Chance Hendrix, a 10th grader, was asked about his favorite teacher. His response was Mr. Gilbert. This is Mr. Gilbert's first year at Elbert. "He encourages me to do better. Whether in geometry or playing sports, Mr. Gilbert gives me good advice."

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T Chance enjoyed playing JV basketball this year and looks forward to playing basketball again next year with Mr. Gilbert and his great encouragement and advice.

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Governor's Award

Recently, Mr. Bob Beebe, Elbert JH/HS Principal, received congratulations from Robert K. Hammond, Commissioner of the Colorado Department of Education. In his letter, Mr. Hammond stated that "Elbert Junior-Senior High School has been selected to receive a 'Governor's Distinguished Improvement Award' for the 2009-2010 school year." This award for outstanding academic performance is granted annually to schools with the highest rate of student growth on the state assessments. Kudos to the students and staff of our school for this noteworthy achievement!

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Current Resident

Mark your calendars
SENIOR GRADUATION
Sunday, May 15—2:00pm
Elbert School Gymnasium



Places to GO, People to See...FREE

National Parks WEEK

Many National Parks are free all year, the week of April 16th-24th ALL National Parks are free admission

Many great parks are right here in beautiful Colorado

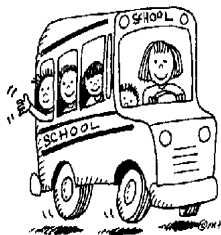
Rocky Mountain—Estes Park

Mesa Verde—Near Alamosa

Great Sand Dunes—
Mosca

Black Canyon—Gunnison

Smith Fork Ranch—
Crawford



In the SPOTLIGHT By Jackie Zion

Minot, North Dakota is far way from Elbert, Colorado. So how did teacher and coach Andy Schafer end up here? Four years ago Andy and his wife Connie, Elbert's preschool teacher, moved their three boys here to Colorado after meeting Ms. Loflin and Mr. Beebe at a job fair. At the job fair they really hit it off and decided to make the big move to Colorado. They are glad that they did, and so are we!

Andy was hired as the Business/Computer teacher as well as taking on numerous coaching responsibilities. He added to his responsibilities this year taking on the position of Head Coach of the high school track team. He is assistant coach at the Varsity level of football and girls basketball as well.

When asked about his goals for the track team, he said, "We have some really, really, good athletes." With this talent Andy has state titles as a main goal in the newly created state 1A track competition this year. He feels Logan Franek, Mariah Brown, Shelby Loflin, Blake Nicholas, and Lance Bickel have a strong possibility of winning their individual events at the state level, and our team events show strong promise as well.

I asked Coach Schafer what he liked about Elbert School. He said, "I like the smallness, and that no kids are able to hide, we keep track of our students."