

Bulldog Community Beat



Elbert School District 200

Happenings in the Hallway

May 2011

Character First quality of the month:

VIRTUE

(vs. impurity)

Demonstrating honesty and integrity in my life by doing what is right.

1. General moral goodness; right acting and thinking; morality.
2. A particular moral quality regarded as good or meritorious.
3. Effective power of force; the ability to heal or strengthen (as the virtue of a medicine).
4. Chastity.

"Moderation in temper is always a virtue; but moderation in principle is always a vice."

~ Thomas Paine (1737-1809)



First through third graders visited Denver's Downtown Aquarium on April 20. It was an exciting day with scuba divers, jellyfish, sharks, tigers and even mermaids! The group took an interactive class about coral where some students acted as parts of the reef. They also learned about prey/predator relationships in the ocean as well as partnerships, such as sea anemones and clownfish. "My favorite part was feeding the sting rays. They feel smooth and rubbery!" said one enthusiastic first grader. Teachers Mrs. Hinshaw, Mrs. Pursell, Mrs. Crabbs and many parent helpers toured the aquarium, ate a picnic lunch and strolled along the Platte River with the elementary students. Colorado may not have its own shoreline, but here in Elbert we can still learn about life under the sea!



NOT Just for Recess ANYMORE!

Mrs. Crabbs first grade students using exercise balls for balance and concentration.



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Mock Car Crash



High School students from Elbert, Kiowa, Simla, and Agate gathered at the fairgrounds last week to experience a simulated single car crash involving local teen "actors." This 2 hour event was presented by various Elbert County agencies including the Sheriff's Department, Coroner's Office, Victim's Advocate Department, as well as the Colorado State Patrol, Flight for Life and local fire departments. The scenario was a drunk driving rollover accident with several fatalities and other victims with severe injuries. The teenaged driver, a survivor, was given a sobriety test, handcuffed and taken away by the sheriff. Those injured were cut out of the car with the "jaws of life." Casualties were covered with blankets and loaded into the coroner's vehicle. Elbert superintendent Kelli Loflin was impressed with the great effort put forth by the organizing agencies and was pleased that the discussions afterward included questions about job opportunities. Principal Bob Beebe hopes the event made an impact on all the students and commented that observing as an adult is different than as a teenager. Wayne Hinshaw, Elbert School employee and his daughter Ashlynn, were both a part of the show, so he easily stepped into the part of the devastated parent. Ashlynn's only complaint was how long it took to remove the "fake blood" from her skin. Freshmen Jake Vanderlinden and Nick Rohleder both felt it was very realistic and made them think. The mock car crash story will continue next year at this time in a courtroom with the driver being prosecuted.

Spirit Battle Champions

Congratulations to the sophomore class for winning the third annual Spirit Battle! It was a close race between 10th and 11th grades but in the end the sophomores defeated the juniors in the final battle of Pictionary. Tenth grade earns a spot on the Spirit Wall in concessions and also gets a field trip of their choice on May 5, 2011.

Community Teamwork

HEADS UP!

What is a mentor? John Reardon, executive director of Heads-Up Colorado can tell you. Simply put, a mentor is an interested adult and John is an expert at gathering them in Elbert County. You may be familiar with the Spiritsong Wellness Center and Ninja Acrobats, but the HUC program is the newest brainchild of Reardon, so pay attention!! "Our vision is to provide a safe learning environment with opportunities for youth to identify and practice possibilities for their future." he says. "Heads Up Colorado's ultimate goal is to provide a mentor for all Elbert County students entering high school." And that's a tall order for sure! The program has three phases - Shazam Mentoring, Rite of Passage Experience (ROPE) and finally, the Senior Project. Volunteer mentors must complete an intensive 40-hour training course to learn to relate with teenagers and build a foundation of trust. In the last year, students from Elbert, Kiowa, Falcon and Highlands Ranch have participated. One mentee commented "I didn't think of myself as anything. Now I stand up and speak my mind and people actually listen. WOW!" Visit headsuplicolorado.org or call 303-648-9866 if you're interested in taking part or contributing to this exciting, important program. Colorado Youth - Mastering the Unimaginable!

Boosters Family Fun



On Friday, April 1st, many families of Elbert enjoyed a night of dancing, hula-hooping, food, and fun. A great time was had by all and the kids left the Elbert School cafeteria sweaty and smiling. Music was provided by KOOL 105 for the Hawaiian/Beach themed night. Hot dogs, chips, candy, and Gotcha Yogurt filled the bellies of young and old. It was rewarding hearing the positive comments from the kids and families with many wondering when the next Booster Family Fun Night would occur.

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK SCHEDULE

5/7 Elbert Invitational 8:00
 5/14 BFL Championships @ Elbert 8:00
 May 19-21 State @ Jeffco Stadium TBA

JUNIOR HIGH TRACK SCHEDULE

5/14 BFL Championships @ Elbert 8:00

BASEBALL RESULTS

3/19	vs. Deertrail	L 18-5
3/28	vs. Rocky Mtn. Lutheran	W 9-6
3/30	vs. Denver Jewish	L 14-0
4/1	vs. Community Christian	L 13-2
4/4	vs. Cornerstone Christian	W 14-4
4/6	vs. Denver Jewish	L 11-8
4/8	vs. PPC	W 14-4
4/11	vs. Rocky Mtn. Lutheran	L 10-5
4/18	vs. Cornerstone Christian	W 15-5
4/19	vs. PPC	W 14-6
4/22	vs. Simla	L 16-6

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK Team/Stats

Boys

100m dash-Chapman Croskell	0:13.95m
200m dash-Blake Nicholas	0:25.92m
400m dash-Blake Nicholas	0:55.40m
800m run-Caleb Brown	2:30.45m
1600m run-Jake Vanderlinden	5:17.96m
3200m run-Jake Vanderlinden	11:29.99m
110m h. hurdles- Blake Nicholas	0:17.70m
300m h. hurdles-Blake Nicholas	0:45.33m
High Jump-Blake Nicholas	5'10.00"
Long Jump-Blake Nicholas	17'5.00"
Triple Jump-Blake Nicholas	37'10.25"
Shot Put-Lance Bickel	38'9.50"
Discus-Lance Bickel	92'7.00"

Girls

100m dash-Logan Franek	0:13.95m
200m dash-Logan Franek	0:27.26m
400m dash-Mariah Brown	1:05.61m
800m run-Alex Truitt	3:43.00m
1600m run- Mariah Brown	6:44.56m
100m h. hurdles- Logan Franek	0:16.25m
300m h. hurdles-Logan Franek	0:51.01m
Long Jump-Mikayla Franek	13'4.00"
Triple Jump-Taylor Upchurch	27'5.25"
800 Sprint Medley	2:02.28m
M. Brown, L. Franek, M. Franek, T. Upchurch	
4X200m Relay	2:00.32m
M. Brown, L. Franek, M. Franek, T. Upchurch	



Notes from the Editor's Desk

I've been contemplating this month's column for a few weeks now, feeling the pressure to share meaningful opinions and observations in this very small space. And though I believe all our newsletter stories are important, my words here should be thoughtful and worth your time. I reflected on the rapidly approaching "end of the school year" which is significant to all at Elbert school – a beginning for kindergartners anticipating the move to the "big school", an ending for seniors leaving the

safety of this small town to head out into the world, a relief to teachers and staff who love their jobs but need the well-deserved break for the three "R's - replenish, rejuvenate and rest. I considered the 2011 Junior-Senior prom that I attended for the first time this past weekend. These beautiful young women and men, wanting so much to be adults when all I want to do is tell them to *be patient* - that you will spend most of your life being a grown up and it's not always what it's cracked up to be. And then I thought about our servicemen and women – one is featured in our alumni column and another, also close to my heart, escaped injury and death when his unit was hit recently, although others were not so fortunate. These are our children and I know we want them all to be safe, successful and happy. Look at their faces and keep them in your prayers because no matter how many ways it's said, they are our future.

Math Busters!!!

WHO YA GONNA CALL? Seniors Colten Rohleder and Taylor Younger came to the rescue of the JH Pre-Algebra class one morning when the teacher was called away. The young men did an excellent job helping students with slope and y-intercept confusion. The class loved it. A huge thank you to these Math Busters for saving the day!

Inquiring MINDS

By Jackie Zion

What is your favorite extracurricular activity, favorite subject, and why?

I stopped Freshman Brett Meredith in the hallway and asked him what his favorite extracurricular activity was and why. Baseball is his favorite sport and he plays shortstop. His favorite subject is English and he likes it because "the teacher is cool." Way to go Mr. Culotta! Brett has been at Elbert School since third grade. His family is no stranger to Elbert. He follows in his grandparents (Ardrey), parents (Steve and Marci), and older brother Matt's footsteps. Brett's advice to new freshman is to be sure of yourself BUT don't be too overconfident!



Student Government

Elbert High School Student Council sponsored two important events in the month of April; the Earth Day Town Clean Up and Secondary CSAP fun day. This is the 3rd year for the town clean up, and it's a tradition we hope will carry on for many more. This event, usually held on or around Earth Day, involves all Elbert School students K-12. Each age group is given an area around the school or town to clean, along with a number of empty trash bags. Our goal is to clean up the school grounds and beautify the town, while teaching kids something about protecting the environment. This year was definitely a success, as the school and its surroundings looks great. The CSAP fun day is something awarded to 7-12 students at Elbert for doing their best on CSAP tests held in March. Teachers were asked to "catch" students trying their best during the tests, and all the students who were "caught" were permitted to participate. Our hardworking students had a number of activities to choose from, including movies, basketball, and tug-of-war down at the field. This was a great opportunity for students to let off a little steam, and got them motivated to try hard on CSAP testing. Due to their excellent effort, nearly every secondary student got to participate in the fun this year.

Elementary Student Council recently raised \$100 for the Japanese tsunami victims! These compassionate, industrious students held a bake sale during lunch, offering cookies and other tasty treats. Items sold for 25 to 50 cents and the sale sold out! What a great idea to help our world-wide community!

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."

Boosters 7th Annual Mother's Day Plant Sale

by Vikki Gould

What could be better than putting on an event that is fun and involves something you love? I love to garden and I love beautiful flowers. Seven years ago that idea became a reality with J.C.'s Greenhouse providing the plants. Now we also use Best Buds (Debbi Hood and Melinda Heizenrader) and will offer hanging plants, small pots of flowers, geraniums and flats. So come and buy your Mother's Day gift on Saturday, May 7 at the Elbert Invitational Track Meet.

Next MEETING: 5/5 @ 6:00

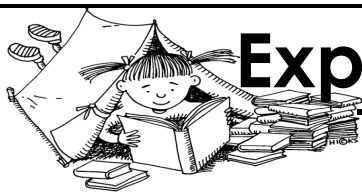
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Exploration Library

STORY TIME!

Monday's @ 10:30 a.m.

Gardener's Gathering

Monday's @ 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

Summer Reading Program

The Elbert County Library District summer reading program will start May 31st. The theme this year is travel and exploring other places. The program for children up through 5th grade is "One World, Many Stories". Kids can read or be read to for a total of 8 hours and receive prizes along the way. Everyone who completes and turns in their log will be entered in a drawing for Elitch tickets. The program for kids in 6th through 12th grade is "The Amazing Read". Readers follow the log around the world reading a variety of materials and earn prizes as they go. There is also a drawing for Elitch tickets for everyone who completes their log. The adult program is "Novel Destinations" and adults who read 4 books over the summer will receive a fun prize. In addition to the reading logs and prizes we will have fun activities at the library every week. Favorite performers from the past including Birgitta De Pree and Beth Epley will be visiting as well as a variety of story and craft activities. Early registration will start on our website on May 2nd and logs can be picked up starting on May 31st. Watch for the district newsletter which will have a complete schedule of activities. For more information visit our website at www.elbertcountylibrary.org.

Happy Reading!

Where Are They Now ?



Captain Morgan (Stewart) Musser '02 and her husband Captain Matt Musser are presently deployed by the USAF to Joint Base Balad, Iraq. They fly C-130's, nicknamed "Hercules" because they are able to carry large cargo such as fire engines or up to 90 paratroopers and their gear. The crew consists of a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, engineer, and a loadmaster. At this time Morgan's crew is transporting military personnel, dropping needed supplies, or providing radio communication with ground troops and convoys. This is Morgan's second deployment to Iraq and she is in charge of scheduling and readiness. Thankfully they will soon be flying the C-130s home to Little Rock, AR where they are currently stationed.

Morgan has great memories of Elbert School. When she was in 5th grade her class went on a field trip to the USAF Academy where she saw a wall commemorating the 36 astronauts that attended. At that time she told Allen Gresham, the bus driver, that she was going to go to the Academy. Morgan believes that her experiences at Elbert led to her acceptance into the Academy. She learned leadership skills, was a successful athlete and graduated from Elbert High School as co-valedictorian. Because of these accomplishments she received a nomination to the USAFA from a congressman and graduated from the Academy in 2006. Once when going through all her 6th grade papers Morgan commented, "Everything I ever needed to know I learned in Mr. R's class."

The Bulldog Community Beat would like to express sincere thanks to Elbert alumni like Morgan who are currently serving or who have served in the armed forces.



Buffalo or Bison?



A tradition continued this year with Pam Batton from the School of Mines in Golden coming to help the students learn about our native bison. Pam led a class the evening before to teach the elementary staff what they needed to know in order to run the various stations. The next day was spent with grades one through six rotating through stations to learn about body parts and function, population, predators and defense, size, interaction with the Native Americans, and making usable items from bison. One of the highlights of the morning was watching Mr. R blow up a bison bladder to make a water container! Afterwards, the students were eager to share the knowledge they gained from the morning's activities.

After lunch, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades visited a local bison herd owned by Rob and LeeAnn Trynoski. The Trynoskis came from Aurora with bison cake to entice the bison close enough to be seen and smelled. The students got to observe interaction between the dominant and weaker members of the herd when the cake was put out. There was a lot of pushing and shoving observed and we are not talking about the kids! So the next time you see the bison jerky wagon at E. Ponderosa Drive and Highway 83, be sure to stop by and say thanks for helping educate our kids about something wonderful in our community.



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



Summer Driver Education



Kiowa School
June 6, 7, 8, and 9th
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

RESERVATIONS FOR THE CLASS CAN
BE MADE BY CONTACTING RICK KOLM
@ 303-621-2696 or by email to
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Up Coming Events

- 5/6 Secondary Academic Awards 11:00 in the gym
- 5/7 Alumni Dinner
- 5/12 Preschool/Kindergarten End of Year Program
10:00 am in the gym
- 5/13 Last Day Seniors & Elementary
- 5/13 Grades 4-6 Spelling Bee @ 1:00 in the gym
- 5/13 Elementary Awards
4th-6th grade @ 2:30
1st-3rd grade @
3:00
- 5/15 Graduation 2:00 in Gym
- 5/16-5/18 Secondary Finals
- 5/18 8th Grade Promotion @ 6:00 pm in the gym
- 5/18 Last Day Secondary
- 5/25 Spring Sports Awards @ 7:00 pm in the gym

See website and click on:
*Monthly Administrative
Master Calendar* for more
detailed information!

In the SPOTLIGHT By Jackie Zion

Ms. Tama Peck has been at Elbert High School for 23 years. She teaches art to K – 12th grade students and is the 8th grade sponsor. This is also her 23rd year as Elbert Yearbook Sponsor. Fifteen years ago came the inspiration to participate in an art show from her credit union newsletter. This year marks the 15th year that Elbert students have taken part in this amazing program through the Air Academy Federal Credit Union.

Ms. Peck has brought a lot of notice to the art department. This year the yearbook staff entered a National Design Competition and this is the first year they have competed. Her art students design art for “Real Life Clients” -some are designing lapel pins, some are designing logos for a client. The students are getting a real experience in the art world and what employment opportunities their talent could afford them. Elbert art students have placed in the Colorado Junior Duck Stamp Competition, and the 18th Judicial District Attorney’s Crime Prevention Calendar. 10th grader Madison Millard is competing in the 6th Congressional District Art Competition.

Besides art, Ms. Peck enjoys running, riding her motorcycle on nice days, and participating in two bands, her church band and The Jaded Traveler. When I asked Ms. Peck her advice to students she said, “Love life and believe in yourself.”

