

Points of Pride

- ♦ Excellent state rating and high academic growth for 2008.
- ♦ Excellent state rating and winner of a John Irwin School of Excellence for 2007.
- ♦ Commitment to a safe, caring climate enables all children to succeed.
- ♦ Positive Behavior Support, a school-wide behavior management program, focuses on rewarding positive behavior. Last school year, our 'Pawsitive' Panthers earned 31, 964 positive recognition 'Paws'.
- ♦ Integration of Information Science equips our students with the knowledge and skills needed for the 21st century.
- ♦ Expansive school website reflects our philosophies and provides a forum for communication and academic starting points.
- ♦ Reading Recovery and Early Literacy Intervention programs assist struggling readers in Kindergarten through 3rd grade.
- ♦ Parent Teacher Organization supports our school by pursuing fundraising opportunities, sponsoring school events, and awarding grants to staff members to fund valuable resources for our students.
- ♦ Discovery Program offers self-contained 2nd through 6th grade classrooms for children who are identified as academically gifted. Chinese is taught as a World Language to these students
- ♦ English as a Second Language (ESL) program provides embedded language acquisition skills for non-English speaking students.
- ♦ BASE (before and after school enrichment) is available, as well as a half-day childcare program for our kindergarten students.
- ♦ Acres "Green" student council works hard to make our school a green environment.

About Our District

Douglas County School District is the third largest school district in Colorado and we remain one of the highest achieving and fastest growing districts in Colorado.

Superintendent Jim Christensen and the Board of Education attribute this continued success to a focus on students. Engaged parents, outstanding teachers and staff contribute greatly to student learning in our District. Our Vision is to help students acquire the knowledge and abilities to become responsible citizens who contribute to society.

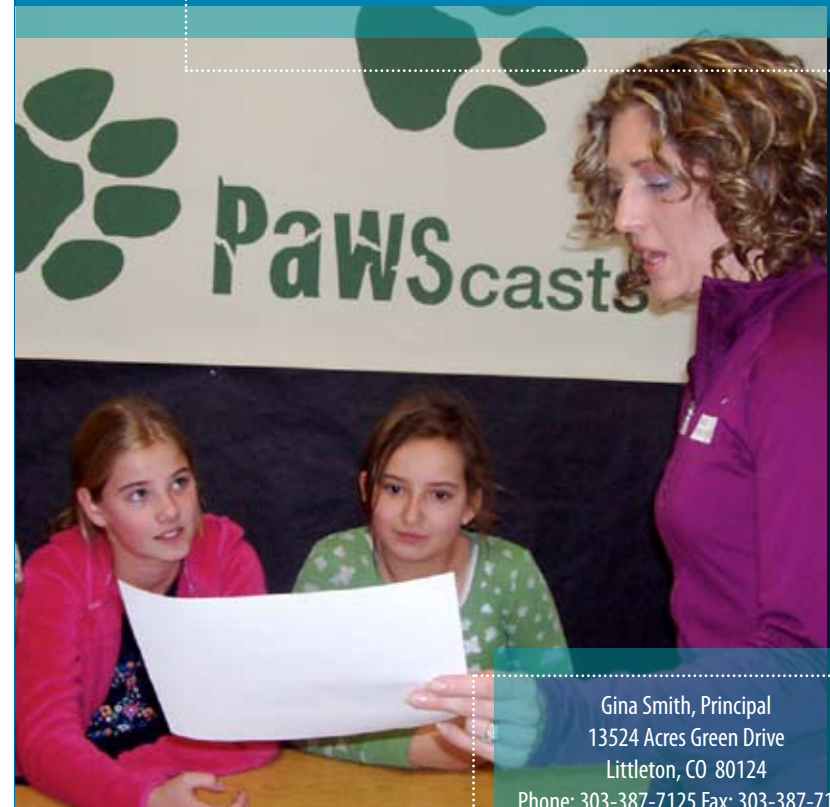
In addition to the information found in this school report, state-required accountability and accreditation information is also available in the Colorado Department of Education's "ONE REPORT," linked to the District web site at www.dcsdk12.org. Or, send an email to communications@dcsdk12.org for additional information.

We have outstanding students in our District who go far beyond what required reports can tell us. We celebrate their successes daily. Thank you for being part of our school community!

School Mission Statement

Acres Green Elementary School provides a positive, safe environment where best teaching practices are used to educate the whole child, while honoring individuality and creativity.

Acres Green Elementary School



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Principal's Perspective



Acres Green is a school of quality with a focus on continuous improvement where we provide challenging, engaging and safe experiences for our students. Our goal is to remove obstacles to continued success for our community of learners, and to provide quality instruction and a challenging curriculum so that all children may be successful. Our entire community continues to work hard to support and inspire our young learners to reach their highest academic potential.

Our staff has defined our core values as: positive attitude, high expectations, connectedness and communication. These values are evident as you walk through our hallways and visit with our students and staff members. We believe holding each other accountable to these values will not only increase our success as an academic institution, but will also foster the positive, safe environment we promote.

Endless opportunities exist for our students and families to become engaged and involved in our community. As we position ourselves in today's information and technology rich world, we are committed to preparing our students with essential 21st century skills, as well as communicating to our entire community in an effective and timely manner. Visit our website and watch our "Pawscasts" to get an idea of how we engage students and communicate with our community. What a fun time for all of us to be involved in education!

We continue to strive for excellence at Acres Green Elementary, and we are proud that our students continue to rank among the highest performing students in the state. I invite you to stop by and visit our "pawsitive" school.

Sincerely,

Gina Smith

Principal

Goals and Measures

School Improvement Plan Goals

Literacy: 100% of students will make at least one year's growth in reading as measured by one or more of the following assessments: CSAP, DRA2, AIMSweb, and DIBELS. 100% of students will make at least one year's growth in writing as measured by CSAP and DCSD anchor assessments and/or the ECAW rubric.

Positive Behavior Support: During the 2008-2009 school year, we will move to a level 2 (as defined in PBS) in our implementation of PBS as measured by SWIS data by identifying and providing positive interactions for targeted students.

Information Science: During the 2008-2009 school year, all teachers will create and/or implement at least two lessons integrating Information Science standards into grade level curriculum, and students will use technology to acquire and organize information, demonstrate higher levels of comprehension, and express their ideas in a creative and innovative manner.

Critical Thinking: By the end of the 2008-2009 school year at AGE, every staff member will be informed about the district expectations around Critical Thinking and have an understanding about critical thinking through the use of the Highlands Ranch Feeder "Looking at Opportunities" rubric. This will be measured by observation data and teacher surveys.

CSAP – Spring 2008 Results

Percentage of Students Proficient or Advanced

	Reading	Writing	Math	Science
3rd Grade	77%	61%	75%	
4th Grade	79%	69%	84%	
5th Grade	89%	80%	88%	62%
6th Grade	91%	78%	79%	