

Points of Pride

The Buffalo Ridge Elementary community is proud of our wonderful students.

Our students are kind, considerate and perseverant and are critical thinkers who are intellectual, responsible citizens. We have the type of students who show great empathy for each other. They work their little fingers to the bone and go home exhausted, yet enriched every day. Our world is and will continue to be a better place because of the students of Buffalo Ridge Elementary.

The Buffalo Ridge Elementary community is proud of our hard working staff.

Every decision made at BRE is based upon what is best for kids. Our staff embodies passion, compassion, creativity and the highest expectations for our students, community and each other. Our staff ensures that every child is successful every day at Buffalo Ridge Elementary.

The Buffalo Ridge Elementary community is proud of our dedicated parents, community partners and volunteers. Our parents and community support BRE with their time, efforts and resources. We have logged over 10,000 hours of volunteer service in the past year. In October, the Chamber of Commerce teamed up with Junior Achievement to provide 'JA in a Day' which was wildly successful. Our School Accountability Council actively participates in reviewing school data and monitoring progress in order to thoughtfully construct our school improvement goals. Our parent alliance (BREA) has raised tens of thousands of dollars to support technology and reading in our building. Thanks to fund raising efforts, Buffalo Ridge has two full computer labs, one mini lab and three laptop carts. The BREA joined financial forces with the SAC to provide document cameras and LCD projectors for every classroom.

The Community of Buffalo Ridge Elementary is a prime example of providing and expecting *Excellence for All*.

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!

Buffalo Ridge Character Pledge

I will treat everyone the way I want to be treated. No one should ever feel left out, unwanted or defeated. I will always be thoughtful, I will always be true, and I will stand up for myself and also for you.

Buffalo Ridge Elementary School



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Principal's Perspective

Time to celebrate. Look to the right and let the data speak for itself. How does BRE rank among the 50 elementary schools in the District?

- 5th Grade: three-way tie for first in reading
- 5th Grade: third in writing and math
- 5th Grade: fourth in science
- 3rd Grade: top 25% in reading
- 3rd Grade: top 25% in math
- 97% of 5th grade students made one year's growth or more in reading

Our goal is to have all students make at least one year's growth in all subject areas. The data shows we are well on our way to reaching this goal. Of course the data also illustrates that we have room to grow.

First and foremost, the Buffalo Ridge Community is dedicated to providing excellence for all. All decisions made at Buffalo Ridge are data driven and based on what is best for kids. For example, our data over the years has shown that an area of improvement for Buffalo Ridge is writing. As a response to this, we have implemented a writing initiative to actively and effectively monitor our students' progress in writing.

Did you know that Buffalo Ridge Elementary is a showcase inclusive school? All means all at BRE. This year we restructured our school-wide schedule to allow for imbedded time during the day for staff to discuss data, interventions, and to participate in staff development activities. What the data does not directly show is "everything else." Our Dream Team is in their second year of publishing the *Ridgeline*, an online magazine that has received national attention from a journalism professor from North Carolina. She uses our *Ridgeline* as an example of the future of journalism. We inaugurated our first Safety Patrol this year. Yet another example of our students exemplifying acts of responsible citizenship.

Great things are happening at Buffalo Ridge Elementary. We thank you for your continued support for our school and community.

Yours truly,

Ally Berggren

Principal

Goals and Measures

2007-2008 CSAP Measures

Percent of Students Scoring At or Above Proficient

	5th grade	4th grade	3rd grade
Reading	96	84	88
Writing	89	64	68
Math	93	80	89
Science	74		

Student Growth

Percent of Students making one or more years growth

	5th grade	4th grade
Reading	97	70
Writing	83	71
Math	88	80

School Improvement Goals/Progress

While the CSAP scores indicate excellence in some areas, they also show room for improvement in other areas. It is the goal of Buffalo Ridge Elementary to review data provided by CSAP as well as other assessment data on a regular basis and adjust instructional practices to meet the needs of all students.

In reviewing the 2007-2008 CSAP results, it is the goal of Buffalo Ridge Elementary that all students will show at least one-year's growth in the area of Writing based on the individual student's baseline. This growth is monitored using District standards and checkpoints, writing assessments, Elementary Progress Reports, teacher observations and the Colorado Students Assessment Program (CSAP).