

## Points of Pride

- ♦ **Back to School, literacy and numeracy parent education nights** provide opportunities for families to learn skills that their students are using in the classroom.
- ♦ **Reading Recovery** meets the needs of 1st, 2nd and 3rd graders
- ♦ **Cherry Valley Library** is a joint venture with Douglas County Libraries.
- ♦ **Our teachers are of the highest caliber.** 100% of our classroom teachers have earned their masters degree.
- ♦ **Our teachers in music, physical education, and art participate in exceptional learning experiences** such Running Club and Jump Rope for Heart, the District wide festival for both band and orchestra, and art projects created through the use of our kiln.
- ♦ **Multi-age classrooms at each grade level** allow us to better meet individual needs of learners.
- ♦ **Our school is supported by a community** that has considerable ownership and views our school as a community center.
- ♦ **The parent Volunteer Coordinator** has coordinated the efforts of our parent community to achieve 5.6 hours of support for our school on a daily basis.

## 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.

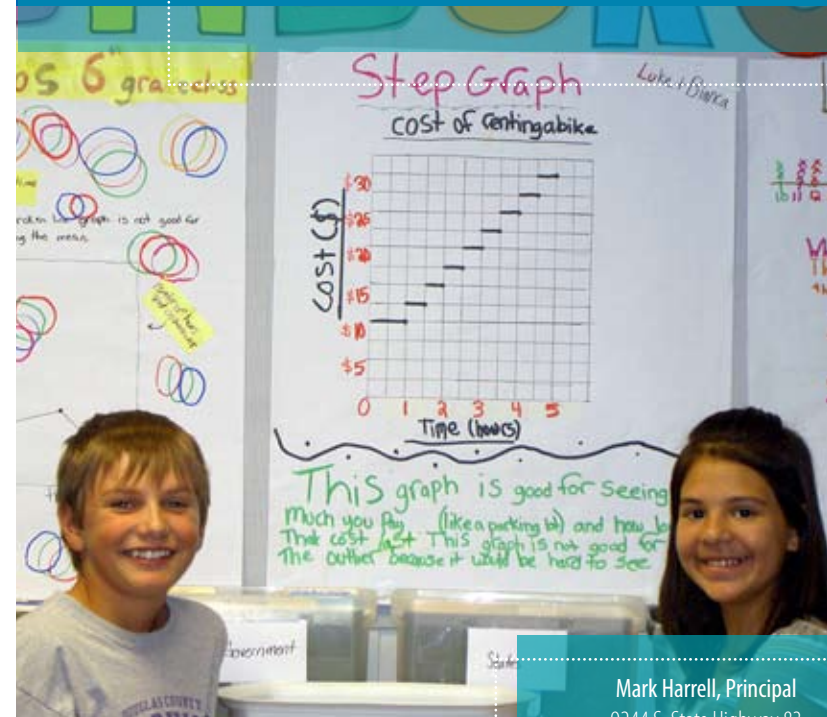
In addition to the information found in this school report, state-required accountability and accreditation information is also available in the Colorado Department of Education's "ONE REPORT," linked to the District web site at [www.dcsdk12.org](http://www.dcsdk12.org). Or, send an email to [communications@dcsdk12.org](mailto:communications@dcsdk12.org)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

Cherry Valley Elementary supports and challenges every student to meet or exceed DCSD standards in reading, writing and math. Our students learn to think, communicate and contribute within a diverse society.

## Cherry Valley Elementary School



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## Principal's Perspective

This year's Colorado School Accountability Report and Cherry Valley's Annual School Report will provide information to help you better understand the unique qualities that make Cherry Valley a great place for children to learn. We continue to focus on the content areas of reading, writing and math. What makes Cherry Valley Elementary an exceptional place is that our school is the center of the community. It is a gathering place where our families come to give and offer support.

Educationally, at the beginning of each school year, our staff works to establish school improvement goals that are approved and monitored by our School Advisory Council. This year our school is focused on demonstrating our understanding of math concepts through writing. Each classroom teacher meets with every student and their parents at the beginning of the year to set personal school goals, which are monitored throughout the year. These goals are reviewed during each parent teacher conference and are at the forefront of each child's learning.

At Cherry Valley, teacher's work to achieve continuous improvement of their skills, so that they may help all students achieve their academic potential. Staff training days are focused on utilizing a "Professional Learning Community."

The staff uses this training time to:

- Engage in meaningful, training to enhance professional skills.
- Collaborate with the leadership team and staff for the academic success of each child.
- Establish systematic processes for instruction, assessment, re-teaching and enrichment.
- Meet individual needs through differentiation and identification of learning styles.
- Use research-based strategies to focus on learning.

We are partners with parents and community members in supporting all learners. We strive to provide parents with resources, strategies and information to help children succeed academically. Community members are welcome to support Cherry Valley in the classroom and are welcome at all school programs. By uniting staff, parents and community, we can help every student at Cherry Valley reach their academic potential.

Sincerely,

*Mark Harrell*

Principal

## Goals and Measures

### Progress Towards 2007-2008 Student Learning Goals

#### Goals for 2007-2008

- In writing, students will develop focused topics with relevant details for a variety of purposes.
- We will create a safe environment that recognizes and promotes kindness and respect through fair expectations for all.

#### Results based on Elementary Progress Report data

The following data is the percentage of students who are achieving at or above grade level or plan expectations.

Reading	88%
Writing	87%
Math	87%

#### CSAP – Spring 2007 Results

Due to our school having so few students at each grade level, we are unable to report the scores by grade level publicly due to Federal Education Rights Privacy Act.

#### Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient or Advanced

Average for grades 3-6

Reading	87%
Writing	61%
Math	66%

#### Goals for the 2008-2009 School Year

- Students will demonstrate their understanding of essential mathematical concepts through detailed written responses.
- Cherry Valley staff and students demonstrate integrity through behavior that is respectful, responsible and caring.