

## Points of Pride

- ♦ **Supportive parent community** – Our parent organization has raised over \$40,000 to support our Pine Lane schools, while also sponsoring multiple family events at our schools.
- ♦ **Positive Behavior Support system** – Staff and students are committed to our Positive Behavior Support system, which promotes positive behaviors throughout our school day.
- ♦ **Diverse student population** – Pine Lane Intermediate’s community of students is diverse, including students with a variety of cultural backgrounds and special learning needs.
- ♦ **Outstanding music program** – Our music programs include nearly 200 students in various choirs and over 150 students in band and orchestra.
- ♦ **Before- and after-school childcare and kindergarten programs** are available for our Pine Lane Intermediate families.
- ♦ **Gifted/talented programming** – Pine Lane Intermediate provides gifted/talented instruction for students in the Parker community.
- ♦ **Outdoor Education Program and Ameritowne** – Over 400 students in grades five and six experienced our Outdoor Education Program or Ameritowne.
- ♦ **Enrichment opportunities** – Enrichment groups are led by parent volunteers including Sunshine Math, Hands-On Algebra and Junior Great Books.
- ♦ **Remediation Programs** – Support programs are offered in math and reading fluency.
- ♦ **Library Circulation** – Last year, nearly 30,000 books were circulated in our library for independent reading practice.
- ♦ **Commitment to physical fitness** – At lunch recess, nearly 175 students participate in “The Mileage Running Club,” which promotes physical fitness.
- ♦ **Science Focus** – Students receive extra science instruction 3-4 times per week.
- ♦ **Staff Wellness** – The school staff competes in a Wellness Challenge with monthly recognition.

## 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

Pine Lane Intermediate School promotes success for each student within our school and prepares all students for success beyond our school.

## Pine Lane Intermediate School



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## Principal's Perspective

Pine Lane Intermediate is proud to receive a High rating once again from the State of Colorado. We strive to provide a safe, exciting learning environment from a committed and determined staff. Our school enjoys a diverse population with supportive families providing a friendly, caring atmosphere that strives for perfection from both students and staff.

Our academic focus continues to be literacy instruction specifically around written responses. Strengthening our instructional practices is the most impacting strategy we can use to elevate student achievement. Perfecting our consistency with literacy instruction and assessment is an ongoing focus.

After researching two successful Douglas County schools, this year, we developed a departmentalized model of instruction. Students move in three blocks with a different teacher teaching math, fiction literacy, and non-fiction literacy including social studies and science. At this time, staff and parents report many positive outcomes. Our staff is hopeful that our success in meeting the needs of students will be even greater than in the past.

With the support of our School Advisory Council and the extra funds provided from you in the 2006 election, we have put extra funding in the area of science. A certified teacher provides science experiences that enhance classroom instruction on a consistent schedule. In addition, a second certified teacher provides enrichment in general science and health.

Developing well-rounded students is a high priority at Pine Lane Intermediate.

- Our physical education, art and music programs are exemplary, providing many opportunities beyond basic academics.
- Our large band and orchestra, along with multiple choir choices, extends music beyond scheduled classes.
- Our halls abound with extraordinary art that integrates experiences with multiple mediums.
- Field Day develops healthy competition and the opportunity to practice good sportsmanship. Our physical education teacher provides a lunch recess "running club" promoting independent physical fitness.
- Technology is a primary focus with instruction in keyboarding, research, Power Point, Comic Life and Podcasts.
- Our extraordinary Student Council encourages student leadership and a strong partnership with the community.
- Mental health providers meet with most classes to support positive behavior decisions. Providing multiple choices for each student to individually develop their strengths, encouraging independence and problem solving, and supporting positive decision-making are paramount at PLI.

Pine Lane Intermediate is a great place for students! Commitment to continued learning, growing with positive behavior choices, and developing responsible citizens for our country's future leaders is a welcome challenge.

*Jean Bartlett*

Principal

## Goals and Measures

### Summary of Progress Made on School Improvement Plan Goals

Proficiency in reading, writing, and mathematics is Pine Lane Intermediate's primary academic goal. Our measures of progress include the following:

- Douglas County School District standards as reported in the Elementary Progress Report
- Testing using the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
- The Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP)
- School-based and textbook assessments
- Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA2)
- AimsWeb

Our academic school improvement goal focuses on writing proficient short constructed responses. Our staff agrees this goal could have the greatest long term impact on student achievement in all curricular areas.

### Strategies that are in place to accomplish this goal include:

- All classroom teachers are trained in the Every Child A Writer program.
- All classroom and special services teachers have been trained in best literacy practices to improve instruction (LIFT).
- Common assessments for each grade level are administered, evaluated, and monitored by both grade level teams and administration.
- Staff development is specifically focused on improving literacy instruction and assessment.
- Grade level teams meet weekly to evaluate progress and determine future planning for improvement.
- Student needs in literacy are supported by Special Education and ESL staff providing both pull-out and inclusive classroom work.
- Teachers are modeling instructional strategies to their peers during staff development time.
- Remedial programs are provided for struggling learners in math and oral fluency.
- MAP and CSAP data is analyzed by administration and teachers to determine strengths and areas of growth for the whole school, each grade level, individual teachers, and individual students.