

## Points of Pride

- **Our community is dedicated to our mission of Reaching Every Child, Every Day** by meeting each student's individual ability levels through innovative programming.
- **Differentiation is the core of our foundation.** Our teachers employ many practices to differentiate learning opportunities in the classroom. We offer common literacy and math blocks to allow flexible grouping among grade levels. We frequently pre-assess where students are in their learning, group them based on their need, post-assess for growth, and determine next learning steps.
- **Gifted and Talented programming supports our learners.** Redstone is the only Douglas County elementary school to offer a full-time gifted and talented facilitator to reach the needs of our higher learners through teacher collaboration, cluster grouping, and inclusive programming.
- **Providing choice through full- or half-day kindergarten.** Our students have a choice between full-day or half-day kindergarten. We are the first school to offer full day kindergarten taught by a certified teacher. This program allows extra time and learning opportunities for our kindergartners.
- **Technology is leading our way.** We follow innovation through the use of technology. In the classroom you can see common use of LCD projectors, mobile tech labs, and SMART Boards. We have a progressive web site with teacher web pages to promote a strong communication link with our students and families.
- **Fish! Philosophy guides our school community.** The core principles of the Fish! Philosophy are: *Play, Be There, Make Someone's Day* and *Choose Your Attitude*.
- **Special accomplishments come in many forms.** Academic performance is one form of accomplishment. Our students have additional opportunities to shine through Student Council, band, orchestra, choir, Spanish, Chess Club, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.
- **Excellent teachers teaching amazing students.** Twelve Redstone teachers were nominated for this year's DCEF Apple Awards. Parents, students, and staff members nominated them because they demonstrate excellence in education through their superior teaching abilities. These teachers, and our entire teaching staff, strive for excellence by Reaching Every Child, Every Day!
- **Parents, students, staff, and community involvement.** Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has supported us by raising \$46,000 in our Move-a-Thon this year. We have a highly involved parent and student community working together for the betterment of our school. As a new school in its fourth year of operation, we have come together to build a community we can all be proud of!

## 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 and Vision Statements

Mission: Reach Every Child, Every Day!

Vision: A School of Possibilities!

## Redstone Elementary School



School Performance Rating on  
State Assessments:  
**EXCELLENT!**

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## Principal's Perspective



### *At Redstone Elementary, we are committed to...*

- Promoting academic excellence in every child
- Fostering a partnership with our community
- Providing a safe, nurturing learning environment
- Using research to inform our practice

Our mission is to "Reach Every Child, Every Day!" This mission is the center of our teaching and student learning. The Board of Education's End Statement guides us to develop responsible citizens by having our student's and staff follow the Five P's: Be Positive, Polite, Prompt, Prepared and Productive. We strive toward Excellence by holding ourselves to increasingly high standards of accountability.

Redstone has been rated Excellent by the Colorado Department of Education on the School Accountability Report for the second consecutive year. As a new school, this is a huge accomplishment. Only the top eight percent of Colorado schools receive this ranking. This also speaks volumes about our teaching, learning and parental support at Redstone.

Our school's success as a community hinges on open communication and trust. As your principal, I look at school leadership as a quest for excellence. As with any quest, collaboration, resourcefulness, and the energies of many talented people are needed to nurture and educate every child.

Thankfully, our educators and our community successfully engage in this experience daily. It does "Take a Village to Raise a Child" working together, it's amazing what we can accomplish. Thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve Excellence!

Sincerely,

*Laura Wilson*

Principal

## Goals and Measures

Our mission, Reaching Every Child Every Day, is how we approach every day at Redstone. We can accomplish this mission by incorporating technology into the classroom and creating an environment that fosters the natural curiosity of students. We are committed to creating the 21st Century School. Our students will know how to think critically, apply knowledge to new situations, analyze information, understand new ideas, communicate effectively, collaborate, solve problems and make decisions. (Adapted from EnGauge 21st Century Skills)

### School Improvement Plan Goals

**Writing:** Redstone students will achieve at least one year's growth in writing as measured by CSAP or teacher judgment.

**Reading:** CSAP and EPR will show an increase in reading proficiency across all grade levels.

**ETIL:** Technology will be integrated into all classrooms through teacher's lesson plans and application.

**Student Behavior:** Redstone students will report that students treat others who think and look differently from themselves with respect through the student survey.

**Board of Education End Statements:** Redstone staff will be knowledgeable about the Board of Education "End Statements" as measured by the Staff Survey.

### CSAP – Spring 2008 Results

#### Percentage of Students Proficient or Advanced

Percent	3rd			4th			5th		
	Prof	Adv	Total	Prof	Adv	Total	Prof	Adv	Total
<b>Reading</b>	69.6	15.7	85	76.7	4.7	81	60.6	31	92
<b>Writing</b>	51.8	17.5	69	54.7	12.8	67	62	26.8	89
<b>Math</b>	40.9	48.7	90	41.9	46.5	88	39.4	53.5	93
<b>Science</b>							50.7	18.3	69

### Staff Development Strategies

- ♦ Literacy Instructional Framework for Teaching (LIFT) training
- ♦ Developmental Reading Assessment
- ♦ Professional Learning Communities focused on specific student data
- ♦ Apply 3-Year Plan for Differentiation developed by our staff
- ♦ Critical Thinking
- ♦ Writing develop common agreements using 6 Trait Writing Rubric

### Instructional Frameworks

Similar Literacy and Math blocks each day allow for flexible grouping.

- ♦ Everyday Math
- ♦ Rebecca Sitton Spelling
- ♦ Balanced Literacy