

## Points of Pride

- ♦ **Parents and community members are extremely active** in our Parent Teacher Organization, School Accountability Committee and Volunteer Program, which logged 2600 hours of service this past school year.
- ♦ **Continuous improvement in student achievement** All academic areas are carefully assessed and monitored. Staff engages in frequent staff development and collaborative opportunities to enhance instruction and meet individual student needs.
- ♦ **Positive Behavior Support (Sedalia HEROs)** is an international program supported by the Colorado Department of Education and Douglas County School District to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. This school-wide program emphasizes direct instruction and research-validated practices to develop a learning culture of **Honor, Effort, Respect** and **Optimism**. We know that when appropriate behavior and great teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning and become responsible citizens.
- ♦ **Meeting diverse needs through programming.** Reading Recovery, English as a Second Language, Special Education Resource Program, Significant Support Needs, Literacy Instructional Framework for Teaching (LIFT), Math Olympiad, Destination Imagination, Outdoor Education and Spanish Enrichment are all excellent programs that enhance our ability to serve the diverse needs of our students. Programming for the “whole child” includes activities such as band, orchestra, and musical variety shows to highlight student learning. Thanks to strong community support and a rich history, Sedalia Elementary is a great place for learning.
- ♦ **Focus on Literacy.** Focus on Literacy is year-round at Sedalia with our Summer Reading Program. This program focuses on maintaining or increasing students’ reading levels over the summer break. Students reading below grade level select 8-10 books, with their teacher’s guidance, to read over the summer. Students communicate over the summer break with an adult staff volunteer about their reading. Data show that 75% of participating students maintained or grew in their reading ability over the summer! Our Wee Deliver program facilitates an internal mail system that closely aligns with the U.S. mail. This gives our students an authentic reason to write! Sedalia is very proud of the progress our students have made in literacy!

## 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

Our mission is to provide an educational foundation that allows each student to reach his or her individual potential.

## Sedalia Elementary School



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## Principal's Perspective



The Colorado School Accountability Report provides important facts and statistics about Sedalia Elementary. Included in this report are our school rating, our Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) test scores, and how our school compares to similar schools. A point of pride is that our students continue to perform at or above proficiency and exceed the state average on 11 of the 13 assessments given.

Strong communities, both within and outside the school, help make Sedalia Elementary a child-centered, unique and stimulating place for both students and staff. Outstanding professional teachers are dedicated to creating a positive environment where learning is a priority for students and staff.

At Sedalia, we are committed to providing a challenging, exciting and safe school experience for all children. Through our Positive Behavior Support program, we focus on promoting responsible citizenship and a positive school culture. This school-wide program involves staff, students and families and has enhanced our culture as it reduces the number of student discipline referrals.

Our goal is to provide educational opportunities that meet the needs of our learners through strategic teaching, pacing, curriculum and relevant activities. Our goal is to educate the whole child, pairing strong academics with the attributes of responsible citizens.

Sedalia Elementary is a warm, welcoming place for students and adults alike. We are very proud of who we are as a learning community, and we will continue to work hard to continuously improve and work toward excellence.

Sincerely,  
*Robin Stranahan*  
 Principal

## Goals and Measures

### School Improvement Goals for 2008-09

Sedalia Elementary's school improvement goals for the 2008-2009 school year focus on the following areas:

- School environment and culture
- Student Achievement in reading, writing and math
- Staff development and collaboration
- Response to Intervention – differentiation of instruction

| Grades | Reading |      |      |            | Writing |      |      |            |
|--------|---------|------|------|------------|---------|------|------|------------|
|        | 2006    | 2007 | 2008 | 3 Yr. Avg. | 2006    | 2007 | 2008 | 3 Yr. Avg. |
| 6th    | 78      | 83   | 90   | 84         | 74      | 67   | 73   | 71         |
| 5th    | 77      | 79   | 75   | 77         | 68      | 70   | 76   | 71         |
| 4th    | 70      | 77   | 68   | 72         | 51      | 63   | 53   | 56         |
| 3rd    | 81      | 80   | 77   | 79         | 81      | 61   | 53   | 65         |

| Grades | Math |      |      |            | Science |      |      |            |
|--------|------|------|------|------------|---------|------|------|------------|
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| 6th    | 65   | 67   | 77   | 70         |         |      |      |            |
| 5th    | 64   | 72   | 71   | 69         | 43      | 40   | 41   | 42         |
| 4th    | 79   | 85   | 68   | 80         |         |      |      |            |
| 3rd    | 86   | 82   | 72   | 84         |         |      |      |            |