

Points of Pride

FAST FACTS:

- » School Opened: August, 2007
- » School Name: Stone – representing solid foundation that we have established Mountain – representing ALL students achieving new heights
- » School Mascot: Cub – voted on by 07-08 students, representing future ThunderRidge Grizzlies
- » School Colors: Silver and Forrest Green – voted on by 07-08 students
- » Number of Students: 1,400 current enrollment for the 08-09 school year (and growing!)

OUR BUILDING:

- » Stone Mountain Elementary creates a dynamic educational model to enable all children to learn how to make choices that will benefit the world. Our school's energy efficient and cost effective features reflect this desire for betterment.
- » Our school began in 2007 and we moved into our own building on January 2008. Stone Mountain Elementary is the 43rd elementary school to be built in the Douglas County School District. The school is a new, high performance design prototype. These new energy efficient and cost-effective features include flexible spaces that are easily converted to allow for more learning. The shape and placement of the building and innovative reliance on daytime lighting systems and solar tubes enable the District to operate more efficiently.
- » Stone Mountain currently has two technology labs with 30 desktop computers in each, as well as a COW (computer on wheels) equipped with 15 wireless laptops. The media center is where the students create the digital morning announcements that are broadcast daily to each classroom.
- » The upper level classrooms are equipped with solar tubes, allowing for natural light, which decreases our need for electrical energy. The solar tubes, as well as sunshades on all south side windows, assist in making our building energy efficient. Another classroom feature is the amplification system that enhances the clarity of the teacher's voice.

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.

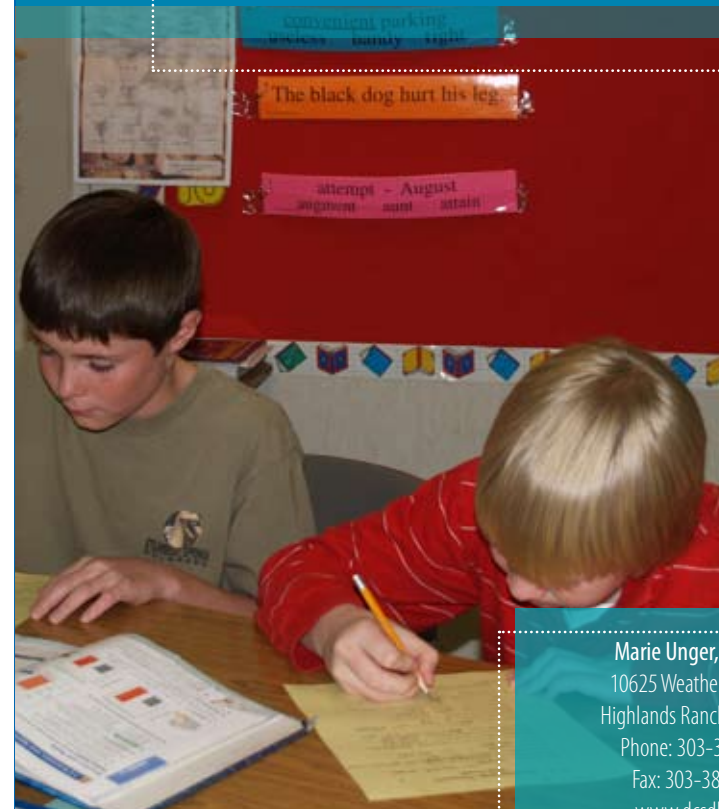
In addition to the information found in this school report, state-required accountability and accreditation information is also available in the Colorado Department of Education's "ONE REPORT," linked to the District web site at www.dcsdk12.org. Or, send an email to communications@dcsdk12.org for additional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

School Mission Statement

Stone Mountain Elementary is a place where learning is our highest mission. We pledge to provide a respectful, caring and purposeful environment that values every child. We are committed to building character, celebrating improvement and honoring each other in our pursuit of excellence.

Stone Mountain Elementary School



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Principal's Perspective

We are off and running in our second year here at Stone Mountain. The parent support of our students and our school makes us the incredibly strong community that we are. This second year will allow us to reflect on our schools achievements. Our CSAP results for last year's third- sixth grade tests are highlighted below:

- We met or exceeded the state averages on ALL 13 tests
- We met or exceeded the district averages on ALL 13 tests
- We achieved 80% proficiency on 11 of 13 tests
- We ranked in the top 5 of 43 schools on 10 of the 13 tests (4th and 5th grade math we took top honors ranking 1st in the District!)

We are proud to share that based on this fabulous CSAP data from 2007-08, we have been awarded the John Irwin Schools of Excellence Award, representing the top achieving schools in the state of Colorado.

Stone Mountain offers a tremendous learning environment for all children. We work diligently to differentiate our instruction and respond to a wide variety of learning styles. We are proud that with the addition of our Significant Needs program in the 2008-09 school year, we are able to service students with a wide range of abilities.

Stone Mountain's comprehensive education model utilizes LIFT instruction (Literacy Instructional Framework for Teaching) and Everyday Math programming. We actively teach and assess the Douglas County Standards and provide our students with a variety of experiential learning opportunities to help solidify and reinforce their knowledge base. Stone Mountain students have the opportunity to participate in Music, Art, Physical Education, Band/Orchestra, Information Literacy and Technology Instruction, in our efforts to support the whole child.

All of our work wouldn't have the tremendous impact that it does without the collaborative culture in our building. We have incredible parent support and involvement in day to day school activities, as well as school sponsored community events. We have a staff that is committed to working together and modeling our core values, in order to ensure the absolute best environment for all. Many of these staff members hold master degrees, which is an indicator of our dedication to learn all that we can in the field of education.

Stone Mountain starts its day with video announcements that always include a "CIRCLE CELEBRATION." The "CIRCLE" values are our core values that encourage kids to Care, Improve, Respect, Collaborate and Learn Everyday. Our 6th grade leaders take photos of students using our core values and thank the individual students for their efforts. By our daily celebrations of the "CIRCLE" behaviors we find our students striving to become responsible students and citizens.

Sincerely,

Marie Unger

Principal

Goals and Measures

	Reading			Writing			Math		
	State	DCSD	SME	State	DCSD	SME	State	DCSD	SME
3	70	82	95	50	62	79	70	83	98
4	65	80	90	52	67	85	68	83	96
5	70	85	87	59	76	87	65	81	98
6	71	89	89	60	78	87	61	80	87

We remain focused on continuous improvement at Stone Mountain Elementary. With the input of a school staff team and our School Advisory Council, we have identified three focus areas for School Improvement this year.

- Instructional efforts in Progress Monitoring, to ensure ALL students will achieve at least a year's growth in reading and mathematics.
- We will also be continuing our efforts in understanding the way students think and learn best, and are gathering parent input regarding how to best collaborate in these efforts.
- Continuous teaching and celebrating our "CIRCLE" (Caring, Improving, Respect, Cooperating, Learning, Everyday) core values. Through 6th grade leadership, video announcement highlighting individual students who following the circle values behaviors and encouraging students to identify fellow students "CIRCLE" behaviors.

