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# NEWSLINE

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## Board of Education Meeting Preview

The next Board of Education meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 20, beginning at 5 p.m. in the third floor Board Room of the School District Admin Building (620 Wilcox Street) in Castle Rock. Meeting agendas and minutes are available on the District website at [www.dcsdk12.org](http://www.dcsdk12.org) under the Board of Education link.

## Photo of the week ...



## Whirlybird at Wildcat

Students at Wildcat Mountain recently enjoyed a visit from a helicopter carrying Tori Korthis, current Miss Teen Highlands Ranch World and former Wildcat student.

## New online lunch payment service

Nutrition Services has launched an online service that will make it easier for parents to track their students' lunch account.

Parents can log on to [www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com](http://www.schoolpaymentsolutions.com) and check their child's account balance, pay by credit card and receive account balance alerts.

Currently, parents of high school students can see what specific items their child has purchased. This will be extended to middle and elementary accounts as well, so parents can track that their children are making healthy choices.

## H1N1 vaccine clinics at District schools

As Colorado prepares to roll out the H1N1 (Swine Flu) vaccine, Douglas County School District is providing locations for free H1N1 vaccinations in our community.

Influenza is a viral illness, so the best way for us to prevent and mitigate the virus is by using preventive methods. These methods are the same for the H1N1 flu as for seasonal flu: good hand washing, staying home when you are sick and avoiding others who are sick. The most important preventive method is the new 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine.

Because children have been most affected by the virus, they are a top priority for receiving the vaccine. Other groups who are considered a priority for getting the vaccine as soon as possible include pregnant women, young adults up to age 24, adults 25-64 who have chronic health problems (such as asthma and diabetes), and adults who take care of infants under 6 months of age (because the infants are too young to receive the vaccine themselves).

We are working with Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) to provide the 2009 H1N1 Influenza vaccine at some of our school locations. Anyone who is in one of the priority groups can also receive the vaccine at these school located clinics. There will be no charge for this vaccine at these school-located clinics.

As we await the arrival of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine, we have begun to schedule the dates and times for the clinics. Please be aware that the dates and times may change depending on availability of the vaccine.

<b>Saturday, November 7, 2009</b>	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	ThunderRidge High School
<b>Monday, November 9, 2009</b>	4 p.m.-8 p.m.	Legend High School
<b>Tuesday, November 10, 2009</b>	4 p.m.-8 p.m.	Mountain Ridge Middle School
<b>Saturday, November 21, 2009</b>	9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Castle View High School

For more information, contact Tri-county Health Department at [www.tchd.org](http://www.tchd.org) or 1.877.462.2911 or visit the District website at [www.dcsdk12.org](http://www.dcsdk12.org) and look for H1N1 information under Timely Topics.



## Board of Education election is underway

Four seats on the Douglas County School Board are up for election this November 3.

Registered voters in Douglas County will receive a mail-ballot in mid-October by the Douglas County Clerk and Recorders Office. All ballots must be received, not postmarked, by November 3.

This is a county-wide election, we will be electing four directors from four geographical areas. You can choose one candidate in each area, therefore you will be casting four votes on your ballot.

<b>District B:</b>	John Carson	<a href="http://www.johncarsonforschoolboard.com">www.johncarsonforschoolboard.com</a>
	Sue Catterall	<a href="http://www.suecatterall.com">www.suecatterall.com</a>
<b>District D:</b>	Dan Gerken	<a href="http://www.dangerken.com">www.dangerken.com</a>
	Kevin Leung	<a href="http://www.kevinyleung.com">www.kevinyleung.com</a>
<b>District E:</b>	Doug Benevento	<a href="http://www.doug4douglas.com">www.doug4douglas.com</a>
	Kristine Turner	<a href="http://www.turner4schools.com">www.turner4schools.com</a>
<b>District G:</b>	Emily Hansen	<a href="http://www.emily4schools.com">www.emily4schools.com</a>
	Meghann Silverthorn	<a href="http://www.meghansilverthorn.com">www.meghansilverthorn.com</a>

## Spotlight

- Last weekend 36 PHS students, staff from **Ponderosa High School** and **Franktown Elementary**, and their families rode the Macedog bus – donated by the Macedog Foundation, named for a former PHS student who died – down to the Race-for-the-Cure to take part in the day's activities and show their support!
- **Sagewood Middle School** has been distinguished as a School of Excellence by the Penny Harvest Foundation. Penny Harvest Schools of Excellence is an annual distinction awarded to a select group of schools that have demonstrated their commitment to and understanding of all phases of the Penny Harvest: Gathering Pennies, Making Grants and Taking Action. Sagewood has begun its 2nd annual Penny Harvest and looks forward to contributing grants again this year to local, national, and global organizations. Last year a total of \$2,847.03 was raised and distributed to three causes: The Logan Baumann Foundation, The Cure and Smile Train.
- As an Eagle Scout project, **Mitchell Clark**, an 8th grade student at **Sagewood Middle School**, donated three masonry benches to the school. Mitchell secured donations for all the materials and equipment to build the three benches and, with help from his parents and troop, built the benches over the course of a weekend.
- **Caleb Barker** of **Highlands Ranch High School** was the 5A individual State Golf Champion.



### ADMINISTRATION

Steve Herzog, *Interim Superintendent*  
Bill Hodges, *Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources*  
Annette Fante, *Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services*  
David Hart, *Chief Finance Officer*  
Randy Weldon, *Chief Information Officer*

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Kristine Turner, *President*  
Emily Hansen, *Vice President*  
John Carson, Clifton Stahl, Ryan Stuart,  
Timothy L. White and Justin G. Williams, *Directors*

## Grade configuration discussions continue

Long Range Planning Committee met on October 7 to discuss their recommendations for the Grade Configuration changes for the Legend and Ponderosa Feeder schools. The following decisions were made:

- **Cimarron Middle School Grade Configuration Change in 2010-11.** After soliciting and evaluating community feedback from the Legend High School feeder area community, the Long Range Planning Committee unanimously agreed on October 7 to forward to the Board of Education their findings and preference regarding changing the middle school grade configuration at Cimarron Middle School. If approved by the Board, the entire Legend High School feeder area will change to a Grade 6, 7, 8 middle school configuration beginning in the 2010-2011 school year.
- **Sagewood Middle School Grade Configuration Change in 2010-11.** After soliciting and evaluating community feedback from the Ponderosa High School feeder area community, the Long Range Planning Committee unanimously agreed on October 7 to forward to the Board of Education their findings and preference regarding changing the middle school grade configuration at Sagewood Middle School. If approved by the Board on October 20, the entire Ponderosa High School feeder area will change to a Grade 6, 7, 8 middle school configuration beginning in the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, Mountain View Primary will change to a grade K-2 configuration, and Northeast Intermediate will change to a grade 3-5 configuration.

Community meetings regarding the potential grade changes were held in September. The proposal will be presented to the Board of Education at the October 20 meeting.

## News, Information and Resources

### *Elementary #47 Boundary Community Meeting*

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) will be presenting boundary options for Elementary #47 at a community meeting in the Douglas County High School feeder area. The meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m. at Flagstone Elementary.

The LRPC will consider this feedback in the recommendations to the Board of Education on Nov. 17.

### *3rd Annual Colorado Avalanche Community Night*

This year's DCSD Colorado Avalanche Community Night, sponsored by the Douglas County Educational Foundation, will be held on Saturday, November 14. The Avs will host the Vancouver Canucks starting at 8 p.m. Tickets will be \$22 for seating throughout the Pepsi Center, value range from \$40 - \$119, plus no ticket service fees! As a special incentive, the Avalanche and DCEF will be donating \$4 of each ticket sold directly to each school to help "Fill the Gap"! To order tickets contact your local DCSD school or visit <http://schools.dcsdk12.org/dcef> and click on the Colorado Avalanche Night ticket link.

### *Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)*

ASIST is a FREE 2-day workshop designed to teach the skills to competently and confidently intervene with a youth at risk of suicide. Developed by LivingWorks Education, Inc., the workshop prepares Youth Gatekeepers to integrate principles of intervention into everyday practice.

**Workshop Dates:** Oct. 19-20, 2009; Nov. 9-10, 2009; March 22-23, 2010; June 7-8, 2010

**Workshop Details:** Individuals select one, two-day workshop offered for DCSD personnel and community members. DCSD registrants will receive one hour of relicensure credit or horizontal advancement credit if the workshop is not taken during contract time.

Workshops will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at: New Hope Presbyterian Church, 2100 W. Meadows Parkway, Castle Rock, CO 80109

Sponsored by the Kiwanis of Castle Pines and Douglas County School District. To register, community members contact Jill at [scootsnoop@aol.com](mailto:scootsnoop@aol.com).

### *Recycle/Reuse Resource Guide now online*

The Douglas County Recycle/Reuse Resource Guide is available on the Douglas County website! The guide lists recycling/reuse options available to Douglas County residents. The guide can be accessed at: [www.douglas.co.us/community/Recycle\\_Reuse\\_Guide.html](http://www.douglas.co.us/community/Recycle_Reuse_Guide.html).

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