

FOR THE WEEKS OF SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2010 - FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2010

Week of Oct. 4 - 8

STELLAR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WALK & WHEEL THEIR WAY TO SCHOOL

Stellar Elementary, 3901 E. 124th Ave., Thornton

Thanks to a federal grant from CDOT, Bicycle Colorado held a bicycle safety and pedestrian safety skills course for students at Stellar Elementary during students' PE classes. During the week of Oct. 4-8 students are encouraged to walk or ride their bikes to school to improve health, decrease traffic congestion and help the environment. Students will also earn incentive prizes. The week will conclude with a Bicycle Rodeo that will involve students in grades two through five. Rodeo events will help develop the students' skills in crossing at intersections, practicing safe turns and correct signaling. These skills are key in preventing most common bicycle crashes among children.

For more information contact Denise Clarke at 720-972-2340.

Tuesday, Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m.

EAGLEVIEW ELEMENTARY TO KICK OFF RED RIBBON WEEK WITH HELICOPTER LANDING

Eagleview Elementary, 4601 Summit Grove Pkwy, Thornton

In honor of Red Ribbon Week activities (the week of October 11), Sgt. Dan Jolly with the Colorado National Guard will be landing a helicopter on the east fields of Eagleview Elementary. Students and parents are invited to witness this event.

Photo Opportunities: Tuesday, Oct. 5, 9:30 a.m.

For more information contact Frank Saponaro at 720-972-5760.

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7:30 a.m.

BICYCLE COLORADO ENCOURAGES STELLAR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO LIVE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Stellar Elementary, 3901 E. 124th Ave., Thornton

Ride-n-Stride day is an opportunity for students to walk to school who normally would not have that opportunity. Bus students will be dropped off .69 miles away from the school and escorted to the school by volunteers and staff.

Photo Opportunities: Wednesday, Oct. 6, approximately 7:30 a.m., 124th Ave. between Steele St. and the entrance to Stellar Elementary.

For more information contact Denise Clarke at 720-972-2340.

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Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8:05 – 11:05 a.m.

RIVERDALE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE NINTH ANNUAL PUMPKIN RUN

Riverdale Elementary, 10724 Elm Dr., Thornton

The ninth annual Riverdale Pumpkin Run is patterned after road races held across America. This event will start and finish at Riverdale and utilize the neighborhood streets. The run is designed to enhance participants' self-esteem; to develop "I can" attitudes; to develop the concept of "everyone is a winner when their personal best efforts are given"; to develop cardiovascular endurance; to model to the community that daily exercise is a key ingredient to leading a more productive life; to have fun; and to encourage community, family, and school support of one another.

Photo Opportunities: Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8:05-11:05 a.m. (by grade level), starting at the school.

For more information contact Chet Bunting at 720-972-3582.

Saturday, Oct. 16, 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ROCKY TOP HOSTS SECOND ANNUAL PARENT PALOOZA CONFERENCE

Rocky Top Middle School, 14150 York St., Thornton

This one-day conference, designed specifically for parents, is chock-full of helpful presentations by experts offering help on issues like internet safety, bully-prevention, technology matters, nutrition and more. Child care will be provided.

For more information contact Chelsea Behanna at 720-972-2200 or visit the school's website at www.rockytop.adams12.org.

OTHER NEWS AND FEATURE STORIES

BOARD OF EDUCATION OPPOSES AMENDMENTS 60, 61 AND PROPOSITION 101

The Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education passed a resolution opposing Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101 at its regular board meeting on Sept. 1. The measures will appear on the Nov. 2 general election ballot.

Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101 would impact the funds available to state and local governments to provide services and build public improvements. In its resolution, the board said, "the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education officially declares its opposition to Amendments 60, 61 and Proposition 101 because each of these proposals will significantly interfere with the ability of the State of Colorado and local governments, including school districts, to provide the public services and infrastructure that the citizens expect and deserve and because collectively, these three proposals will cripple the ability of the State to meet its obligations to sufficiently fund public education, leading to more budget cuts, larger class sizes, and fewer teachers and programs to meet the educational needs of this community."

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