



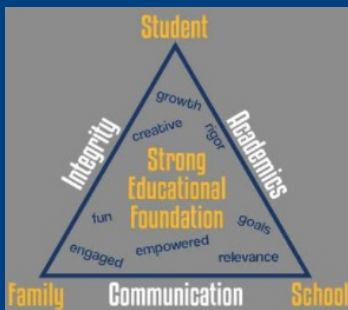
# ELDORADO ELEMENTARY

March 2023

## Panther Press

**Julie Crawford** Principal

**Allison Hawk**  
Assistant Principal



### School Hours

Soft Start (doors open) -  
8:30AM

First Bell - 8:35AM

Tardy Bell - 8:40AM

End Time - 3:30PM

End Time for Half Day AM

Kindergarten - 11:40AM

### Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

303-387-6325  
(main office)

303-387-6327  
(attendance)

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## From the desk of the Principal....

Dear Eldorado Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and happy as we approach the month of March. As we gear up for the end of the school year, I want to take a moment to update you on some important developments in our school.

First, I am pleased to announce that our school budget for next year has been approved, and we will be able to maintain our current programs, staffing and services without any cuts. We will continue to invest in technology, curriculum resources, and professional development opportunities for our teachers, in order to provide the best possible education for our students.

However, I also want to address the issue of teacher pay, which continues to be a concern in our district and across the country. It is troubling to see the pay gap between Douglas County and other districts, such as Cherry Creek, where a first year teacher makes the same salary as a teacher in year 13 at Douglas County. This is not acceptable, and we must work together to advocate for fair and competitive compensation for our educators.

As we move forward, we will be hiring for two teaching positions due to retirements, and we are committed to finding the best possible candidates to join our team. We understand that the national teacher shortage may make this more challenging than in years past, but we remain dedicated to attracting and retaining top talent. We value our teachers and all that they do for our students, and we will continue to work to ensure that they are respected, supported, and compensated fairly.

Thank you for your ongoing support of Eldorado Elementary and to our teachers.

Sincerely,

Julie Crawford

### Earn cash for your school! Save Longmont Dairy Milk Caps.

Longmont Dairy Farm will donate 5¢ per LDF produced product bottle cap. Schools are free to spend these funds as they wish to benefit students.



## Mission Statement

At Eldorado Elementary, we focus on the whole student and believe that every child has the capacity to be successful physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. We are dedicated to providing opportunities that help children recognize and capitalize on their individual strengths. Eldorado Elementary students are ready to take ownership of their learning and change the world!

## Upcoming Important Dates

# SAVE the DATE

FEB 27 - MAR 3	TRHS Grizzly Gives Week Activities
MAR 6 - MAR 9	Spring Book Fair
MAR 7 & MAR 9	Spring Parent Teacher Conferences
MAR 13 - MAR 17	NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK
MAR 21	Class and Kindie Graduation Pictures today
MAR 27	PTO/SAC Meetings   6-8 pm

# Lunch Menu

March Lunch Menu

April Lunch Menu

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## Culture Corner: Turkey

Eldorado is fortunate to have many cultures in our school. Multicultural classrooms help all our students gain a broader understanding of the world, improves critical thinking, promotes creativity, and prepares students for citizenship at home and globally. Each month we'll feature one of our school's cultures here in the Culture Corner!

**Cultural Spotlight: Turkey** is a country in the northwestern part of a region called the Middle East. Turkey lies between the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea. The northwest tip of Turkey lies in Europe. This region is called Thrace. It borders Bulgaria and Greece. The rest of the country lies in Asia. This region is called Anatolia or Asia Minor. It borders Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Iraq, and Syria.

**Recent Earthquake:** On 6 February 2023, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck southern and central Turkey and northern and western Syria. Then on February 20, another earthquake struck the region. It is estimated that nearly 47,000 people have died, thousands of others missing, and millions are homeless.

To help the people in Turkey and Syria, you can donate to [UNICEF](#) or to the [American Red Cross](#).

**Languages:** Turkish is spoken by 90 percent of the population of the country. Some 70 other languages and dialects are also spoken, including various dialects of Caucasian and Kurdish as well as Arabic, Greek, Ladino and Armenian.

[Practice Turkish greetings](#)

[How to Introduce yourself in Turkish](#)

[Practice Thank You and You're Welcome in Turkish](#)

**Let's celebrate!** The most crucial religious festival in Turkey is Ramazan (aka Ramadan), the Muslim month of day abstaining from drinking water, food, or tobacco. Some restaurants close for the timeframe or severely curtail their menus, others discreetly cover their salons behind window treatments, but at most establishments you will be served with unexpectedly good grace. This is amongst the most popular festivals in Turkey. This year Ramazan begins the evening of Wednesday, Mar 22, 2023 through the evening of Friday, Apr 21, 2023.

### Turkish Culture in Colorado:

- [TACSCO](#) (Turkish American Cultural Society of Colorado) is a non-profit organization with close to 200 member families representing more than 1000 Turkish Americans living in Colorado.
- You can also follow TACSCO on their [Facebook](#) page.
- [Istanbul Cafe & Bakery](#) - You can spend your morning or afternoon sipping Turkish tea or Turkish coffee with a great selection of fresh savory and dessert options. Located at 850 South Monaco Pkwy, Unit 9 Denver, CO 80224
- Do you know of Turkish cultural resources in Colorado? Share and let us know!



**DIP IN, KIDS!**

**KIDS 10 AND UNDER EAT FREE**  
(w/ purchase of any 4-course meal)

**March 13th - 31st**  
Monday - Friday / 11am - 2:30pm  
Regularly Offered on Sundays: 11am - 4pm &  
Tuesdays: 4pm - 7pm

**FONDUE FAIRYTALES**  
June 11th & 25th  
July 2nd, 9th, 23rd, & 30th  
August 6th & 20th

Details & Reservations: [meltingpot.com/littleton-co](https://meltingpot.com/littleton-co)

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## Counseling Corner

Welcome to March Eldorado Families! We made it through February and are looking towards warmer weather, longer days and Spring Break! While many of us look forward to having a week off before our big push to the end of the year, it can be anxiety-producing for others. We just finished our first "Parenting Conversation" talking about helping our kids handle their worries and anxiety. If you are interested in learning more about this topic, please feel free to reach out to me at [ahansen@dcsdk12.org](mailto:ahansen@dcsdk12.org) and I would be happy to give you some resources.

Our next Parenting Conversation is March 23rd and the focus that night is around Executive Function skills like organization, planning, memory, flexible thinking, task initiation and focus, just to name a few. If you would like to strengthen your child's skills in any of these areas, please consider joining us! Here is the link to sign up. [Parenting Conversations](#)

As always, feel free to reach out to me any time if you have any questions or need any resources. Have a great March!

Mrs. Amy

## PTO News of the Month

February Newsletter | [Link](#)

Staff Appreciation Conference Meals | Tuesday, March 7th - [Link](#) | Thursday, March 9th - [Link](#)

SAVE THE DATE! | Adults Only Mix & Mingle Auction | Friday, April 14th - 6 to 9 PM | Living the Dream Brewery | We need your help to make our auction a success! | [Link](#)

SPIRITWEAR! On sale NOW through the end of the school year! | [Link](#)



[PTO Website](#)

[SAC/PTO '22-'23 Agenda Minutes Link](#)

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## Students of the Month - February

### Kindergarten



Sierra Lopez



Isabella Galbato



Evelyn Wimmer



Nicolle Gomez

### 1st Grade



Noah Harrison



Barron Beale



Hunter Shultz



Gunnison Cornish

### 2nd Grade



Remington Brown



Rhyan Mathisen



Nora Wisecup

### 3rd Grade



## Students of the Month - February continued...

## 4th Grade



Ryan Loomis



Charlotte Gallant

## 5th Grade



Sarah Annan



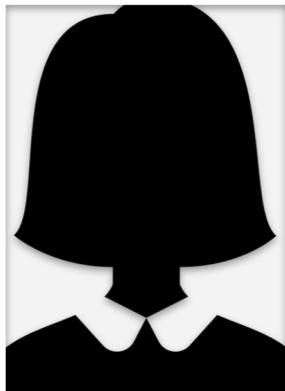
Danika Herbic

## 5th Grade



Rawyan Yazdian

## 6th Grade



Sophia Matthews



Carolena Carmona Ernst



Emma Pulley

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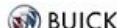
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