

## **ELDORADO ELEMENTARY**

**November 2022** 

# Panther Press

# Julie Crawford Principal

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#### **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,

October was a fantastic month at Eldorado! Our students, staff, and families were really SOARING! From the very successful FUN RUN, the PTO sponsored Panther Prowl sleepover, multiple grade level field trips, our fall conferences, our spirit days, and RVMS community service day. We are looking forward to our Halloween parade, our global school day of play, and our book fair. One of the gifts of this amazing community is the strong parent/school partnership; through that partnership, we are able to bring a number of events to our school. We could not do this without our amazing PTO. We would like to thank everyone involved in our school and all the work that goes into these opportunities for our kids.

A reminder that on this November's ballot, The Douglas County School District Board of Education (BOE) has authorized Mill Levy Override (MLO) and Bond questions for the 2022 ballot. At the August 23 meeting, the BOE unanimously voted 7-0 to place before voters a \$60 million MLO and a \$450 million Bond.

If the MLO and Bond are approved by voters, Douglas County homeowners will pay \$1 per week per \$100,000 of home value. For example, a Douglas County resident with a home valued at \$500,000 would pay approximately an additional \$250 per year if both measures are approved.

DCSD's average teacher salary is more than \$18,000 less than that offered by Cherry Creek School District.

A \$60 million MLO would enable DCSD to provide pay that is more competitive with other school districts to retain teachers and staff. Should an MLO pass, DCSD teachers, on average, would receive a 9% pay increase, as reflected in these salary schedules. Classified staff members, such as bus drivers, educational assistants, custodians, etc., would also receive a 9% increase. Other staff, including school principals and administrators, would receive a 6% pay increase. Charter schools share in DCSD's MLO on a 100-percent equal, per student basis.

The BOE also authorized a \$450 million bond for the 2022 ballot. A \$450 million Bond would help DCSD construct three new neighborhood elementary schools and create additions to two existing middle schools to reduce crowding and plan for growth. The Bond would also assist DCSD in implementing safety and security upgrades, and updating and repairing its existing school buildings, to provide safe,

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

efficient, quality learning environments for students and staff. <u>Click here</u> for a video created by myself and Mrs. Hawk on how this measure will impact Eldorado should the Bond/MLO be approved by voters.

Thank you,
Julie Crawford

#### Culture Corner: India

Eldorado is fortunate to have many cultures represented 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: India** is a large country in southern Asia. It has more people than any other country in the world except China. The capital of India is New Delhi in northern India. Mumbai, which used to be called Bombay, is India's largest city. It is also the country's chief western seaport. Mumbai lies on an island off western India. Bridges link the city with the mainland of India. India has a president and a prime minister. The president is commander-in-chief of the armed forces and the ceremonial head of state and the prime minister is responsible for exercising the powers of the president.

Language: There are more than 1,000 languages spoken in India! Almost half the people speak Hindi, India's national language.

<u>Learn Hindi greetings</u> <u>Hindi self introductions</u> <u>Practice Hindi manners</u>

#### **Fun Facts:**

- Religion is important to the Indian people. Most are Hindus, but there are some Muslims, Buddhists, Christians, Jains, and Sikhs.
- The main currency used in India is the *rupee*.
- Cows are sacred in India, nobody eats beef and there are lots of vegetarians
- The Indian film industry is called Bollywood
- There are lots of animals in India, such as the Indian Elephant, Flying Foxes, and the Bengal Tiger

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## Culture Corner: India, continued...

**Let's celebrate! Diwali** is a national holiday in India. Diwali lasts from two to five days, depending on local custom. It falls during the Hindu month of Kartika (October to November). The name Diwali comes from an ancient Indian word meaning "row of lights". During the festival, people decorate their homes and temples with small lamps made from baked clay. People also may visit each other and exchange gifts.

**Featured Author: Richa Jha** an author and editor of several books. She has received many prestigious Indian international awards and nominations. She is a vocal advocate of picture books being suitable for readers of all ages and actively promotes the relevance and importance of this format among parents and educationists. Richa Jha is also the founder and publisher of Pickle Yolk Books, a multi-award winning independent publishing house based in Noida, India. Their passion is to create picture books in English that make the readers smile, laugh, ponder, reflect and arrive at their own eureka moment.

Visit the Pickle Yolk Books website.

#### **Indian Culture in Colorado:**

<u>Tandoori Flames Scratch Kitchen</u> <u>India Bazaar</u> Tejal India Grocer

## **Counseling Corner**

Greetings from the Counseling Corner!

As the weather starts changing and several school breaks are approaching, you may be noticing an occasional change in your student's behavior. There is an observation at school that when the barometer changes, some unexpected behaviors can crop up. In addition, when the structure and routine of going to school is interrupted with long breaks, like the ones at Thanksgiving and in Dec./Jan., students can also experience a disruption in typical behavior. Lastly, sometimes adults can experience additional stress during these times trying to accomplish "all of the things,' including managing behaviors.

We encourage self-care for our staff at Eldorado because we know that just like the safety protocol when we fly is to "put OUR oxygen mask on first, before assisting others," we need to take care of ourselves first, so we have enough in reserves to take care of our children during these times of change. You can start by putting one, new routine into your schedule like, drinking more water or standing up and stretching every 30 minutes or so. See if you notice the difference even the smallest of changes can make in your well-being.

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## Counseling Corner, continued...

Lastly, I would love to get some feedback from you regarding any workshops that you might like to attend starting in the new year. Parenting is a hard job and wouldn't it be great to connect with other parents around the common goal of learning more about your child/ren? Please complete the survey at the link below and let me know what might interest you. Also please feel free to reach out anytime you have questions or have ideas. I love connecting with everyone. Thank you, Mrs. Amy

Parent Feedback link:

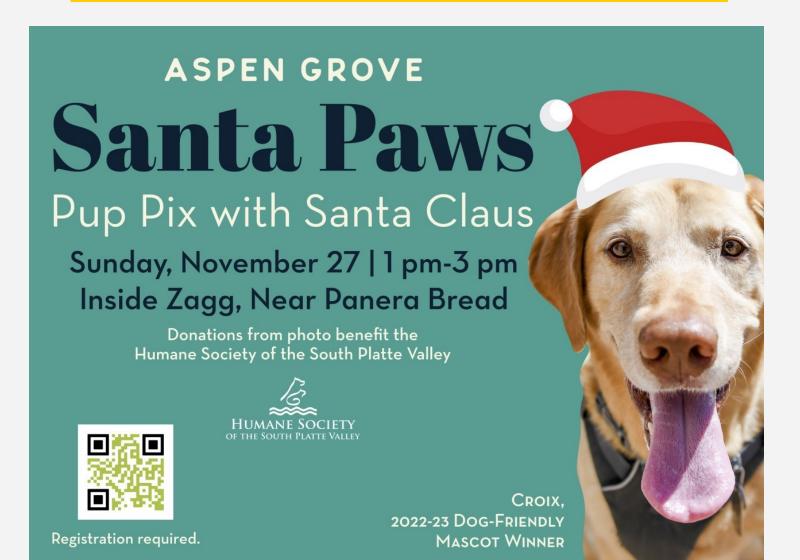
3 minute Parent Workshop Survey

#### PTO News of the Month



**PTO Website** 

SAC/PTO '22-'23 Agenda Minutes Link



#### **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**





## **Students of the Month - October**

## Kindergarten







Gareth Moe



Thiago Bastidas

### 1st Grade



Luca Szymczak

## 1st Grade



Chadwick Nierop



**Townsend Parson** 

## 2nd Grade



Ethan Jung



**Noah Bowles** 

## **3rd Grade**



**Knox Allred** 



Kaleb Westphal



**Emily Thomson** 

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

#### 4th Grade







Noah Rock

#### 5th Grade



Savannah Surovik

6th Grade



Philip Michsch

#### 5th Grade



Matias Bracho Esterlin



**Alex James** 



Palmer Carrillo



Mary Raddatz

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