



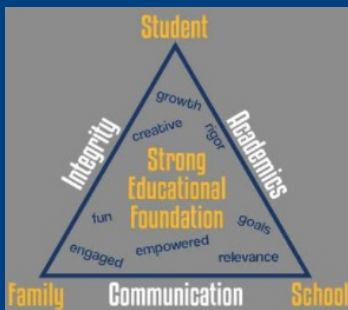
ELDORADO ELEMENTARY

September 2022

Panther Press

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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 Families,

Last year, we were one of the pilot schools who participated in the Wonders Reading Curriculum. After a careful review process, we are excited to offer Wonders as our comprehensive reading and writing curriculum.

Wonders is designed to help students meet high academic standards and prepare them for future success. Each elementary school in West and East Highlands Ranch has adopted Wonders. This will allow for all schools to work collaboratively and provide robust professional development across our feeder.

Teachers will use *Wonders* to help your child

- Master foundational skills of phonics, vocabulary, spelling, and word study
- Engage in close reading of complex text and find text evidence
- Become proficient in academic writing
- Take part in daily academic conversations with peers
- Develop ownership of their own learning

What will your child experience in class?

In class, your child will be close reading, writing analytically, and practicing foundational skills using *Wonders* books and support materials.

Your child's teacher will use a gradual release of responsibility learning approach. First, the teacher will clearly explain and model the week's skills and strategies, then provide guided practice opportunities before prompting children either to work independently or to collaborate with their classmates.

Students will read and reread short, complex texts in the Reading/Writing Companion. They will learn to take notes, ask and answer text-dependent questions, and cite text evidence. Then, students will apply what they have learned as they read and reread the longer Anchor Texts and Leveled Readers. Throughout the lessons, students self-evaluate and monitor their own progress.

What will your child experience at home?

You and your child can access *Wonders* digital content online from home. Your child will receive an online account that will give you access to

- A weekly letter outlining what your child will be learning
- Messages from your child's teacher
- Homework assignments
- Digital copies of all *Wonders* resources
- Time for Kids® articles, games, and word and spelling list activities to do at home

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From the desk of the Principal, continued...

Your child's teacher or administration can provide additional information if you are interested. I also encourage you to share your thoughts and feedback to our school accountability committee regarding our new district reading curriculum.

Thank you, as always, for your involvement!

Sincerely,

Julie Crawford

Culture Corner: Mexico

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: Mexico is a country just south of the United States. The Pacific Ocean is on the west, and the Gulf of Mexico is on the east. The Rio Grande river forms most of the boundary, or dividing line, between Mexico and the United States. Mexico City is the capital and largest city of Mexico.

Interesting Facts:

- The flag shows three bands in green, white and red, which stand for independence, unity and religion. The emblem on the white ground shows an eagle standing on a cactus with a snake in the beak. The legend describes that the Aztec settled and built their capital city which they named Tenochtitlan, which is today Mexico City, on the place where they saw an eagle sitting on a cactus, eating a snake.
- Mexico has four time zones.
- The climate varies from tropical climate to desert climate.
- The main exports from Mexico are corn, oil, fruits and vegetables, silver, coffee, cotton.

Let's celebrate! Mexico is the best place to be on September 16, Mexican Independence Day! This fiesta-friendly holiday celebrates Mexico's declaration of independence from Spain in 1810. It is filled with national pride, colorful parades, mariachi concerts, and food, food, and more *sabrosa* food. People of Mexican heritage all over the world commemorate this important event in their country's history when a brave priest in the village of Dolores rang his church bell and delivered a powerful speech, known as *el Grito de Dolores* (Cry of Dolores) that set the War of Independence from Spain in motion. Even the President of Mexico participates by ringing that same bell — now over 200 years old — live on TV the night before the big celebration. Many

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Culture Corner: Mexico, continued...

people outside of Mexico think that Mexican Independence Day and Cinco de Mayo are the same things. Cinco de Mayo celebrates another victory when the outnumbered Mexican army defeated the powerful French militia in 1862 during the Battle of Puebla.

Language: Spanish is the most commonly used language of Mexico, however, you might hear other indigenous languages throughout Mexico that are also considered national languages. Watch these 3 minute videos to learn and practice basic Spanish phrases.

[Learn how to introduce yourself in Spanish](#)

[Practice basic Spanish greetings](#)

[Practice Spanish manners](#)

Featured Author: Pam Muñoz Ryan is an award winning Hispanic author of picture books, early readers, and middle grade and young adult novels. Her novel, Esperanza Rising, was commissioned as a play by the Minneapolis Children's Theatre and has been performed in many venues around the U.S. [Here](#) is a list of her many books.

BONUS: [Here](#) is a list of other children's books with a Hispanic Heritage theme.

Mexican Culture in Colorado:

[Hispanic Denver](#) is vibrant, alive, and teeming with energy. Browse this link for information about culture, entertainment, food, music, festivals and more!

Read through [Hispanic Colorado](#) to learn more about the history of Hispanic heritage in Colorado.

Who has the best Mexican food around? That is always up for debate! According to [restaurantclicks.com](#) these are their top choices around Denver.

From the National Archives and Presidential Libraries: We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. [Here](#) you can

School Nurse Corner

Happy September! Vaccination notices will be mailed in the next 2 weeks. If your student is missing documentation of vaccinations, or they are in need of their scheduled childhood vaccines, you will receive a notification in the mail. I am always available to discuss any health concerns you may have regarding your student and I enjoy getting to know our Eldorado parents. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me. jmccleery@dcsdk12.org 303-549-9874



The graphic is a promotional poster for Girl Scouts. It features a purple background on the left with three colored buttons: a yellow one saying "All fun.", a pink one saying "No filter.", and an orange one saying "Be a Girl Scout." To the right of these buttons is a photograph of three young girls in Girl Scout uniforms, smiling and looking at each other. Further right is a large green trefoil logo on a yellow background. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text: "Friendship, adventure, and making a difference: that's what your girl will find when she joins Girl Scouts! **Join Today!**"

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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!

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Upcoming Important Dates

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SEP 7	Chipotle Restaurant Night
SEP 9	TRHS Homecoming parade
SEP 12	Room Parent Meeting hosted by PTO 3:45 - Panther Den
SEP 15	Picture Retake Day
SEP 16	Panther Prowl Fundraiser Kick Off
SEP 23	No School - Teacher Work Day
SEP 30	Panther Prowl Fun Run
OCT 1	Colorado Rapids Spirit Night
OCT 3	PTO/SAC Meeting
OCT 7	Pajama Prowl

Lunch Menu

September Lunch Menu

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Pajama Prowl | Friday, October 7th | [Flyer](#)

[PTO Website](#)

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



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FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

in the BARBOX Garden

Every Friday Night
Sept 2 - Sept 30 | 4 pm - 6 pm

EARN YOUR BEER

Fit Camp in the BARBOX Garden

Every Saturday Morning
Sept 3 - Sept 24 | 10 am - 11 am

A PARIS NIGHT MARKET

Vintage & Artisan Night Market

Saturday, Sept 24
4 pm - 9 pm