



Stedman  
Elementary



October 2014



#### **COMMUNITY MEETINGS November 12th**

On November 12th, grades K-5 will attend a "Community Meeting" led by school staff. The purpose of these meetings, which will be held monthly, is to provide students with social-emotional support, address gender-specific issues, and mentorship. Meetings will be led by Stedman staff (not just teachers) as well as guests from the community. If you are interested in contributing to one of our community meetings this year, please reach out to Ms. Kehn.

## Upcoming Important Dates and Events:

- **Parent Teacher Conferences: Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 4-8pm**
- **Parent Teacher Association Meeting: Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30pm (translator present)**
- **No school: Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**
- **Gender Meetings: Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **Collaborative School Committee Meeting: Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>: 5:30-6:30pm**
- **Parent Advisory Council Meeting: Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, 4-5pm**
- **Thanksgiving Lunch! Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-12:45pm (see separate flyer for details)**

We have a new Facebook Page! Check us out at:  
<https://www.facebook.com/StedmanSchool>



## Coach's Corner

By Coach Lauren

This Coach's Corner is dedicated to our new Playworks Junior Coaches. This awesome leadership opportunity was made available to our fourth and fifth grade classes. After an application process and discussion with teachers and students, 14 were chosen. The decision was difficult because I received so many applications and each student had a variety of skills and talents. Unfortunately, I couldn't pick every applicant as a Junior Coach... Playworks is only slotted to support up to 15 students. This program is meant to be fun and meaningful but is also treated like a job; students are required to show-up, be on time, participate in designated activities and are checked often for understanding and participation.

During trainings, we focus on specific rules of games such as 3-line Soccer, Ultimate Football and other Playworks Core Games so they can then help students play the correct way during recess. We've also learned several games to play at our "Game of the Week" area on the playground so they can engage more students in organized games. JC's are encouraged to give lots of high-fives, use positive language and be a recognized leader on the playground.

Junior Coaches are also an extra set of eyes and ears for Coach Lauren and the other supervisors out on the playground. They help redirect students to other games if they are having a hard time getting along with others or aren't playing safely. For minor conflicts, like who should be "out" in a game or if a point was scored, Junior Coaches help remind students to use Ro-Sham-Bo.

I'm so thankful for the way my JCs have stepped up so far. They have embraced this opportunity and are learning and trying new things every day. Other students have shown leadership skills as well, and I am happy to help them to help others during recess! Some of these students play with our kindergarteners or first graders, help make sure everyone is included out on the field and help me pick up my equipment at the end of recess.

How many high-fives have you given today?!?

-Coach Lauren

## Teacher Spotlight:

Ms. Ellen Malan

Kindergarten



Picture above was taken on October 26<sup>th</sup> when Ms. Malan, Ms. Kehn and Mr. Tardio brought fourteen Stedman students to a performance at **Cleo Parker Robinson**.  
(From Left to Right: Ms. Robinson, Ms. Malan and Ms. Kehn)



### **The Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra is at Stedman!**

The Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestra is sponsoring a youth program at Stedman that provides instruments and lessons to beginning elementary school students. 8 students in 4th & 5th grades have the opportunity to learn the violin with the instructor, James Shaw.

Hometown: St. Louis, Missouri

Colleges Attended and Major:  
Regis University, CO (Masters of Reading/Literacy coach license)  
Christian Brothers University (B.A. in Human Development)

Favorite Quote:

“An nì chì na big, ‘s e nì na big.”

“What the little ones see, the little ones do.”  
(Gaelic Saying)

When not at work I enjoy anything I have never experienced before-- new places, new people, and new food!

I am a teacher because it is where my heart feels at home.



## Our October Knights of the Round Table! We are Proud of You!

Alexander Samano-Jimenez (ECE-4) acted with good character helping other students to put their mats in the cart and rolled the cart down the hallway to store it.

Scotia Lundeen (kindergarten) acted with good character when she jumped up to help Dorian when he was carrying a heavy load of big books without being asked.

Emily Lopez de Luna (kindergarten) showed purpose when she took the time to show compassion when one of her peers was hurt.

Carlen Holmes (grade 1) showed purpose in helping another student learn how to read.

Scott Morris (grade 2) acted with good character in music class by fixing the instruments for back to school night.

La'Zha Leaks (grade 3) shows purpose by coming to class every day ready to learn. She is cooperative and a great listener.

Yileamy Duenas (grade 4) acted in good character working with the kindergarten students to be safe at lunchtime.

Josiah Perez (grade 5) acted in good character as a role model to his younger reading buddy. Great job!

Ben McCall (Facilities Manager): Ben showed purpose in getting the auditorium ready for families at Back to School Night. Our space looked terrific!

Shout Out to the Stedman PTA, Staff, Students and their families who helped make the Stedman Fall Festival a success.

Shout Out to the team of Playworks Coaches, Stedman Staff, and community volunteers who spent 3 hours with us on Saturday morning cleaning and organizing the PTA kitchen, staff lounge, storage closets, and the book room on Make A Difference Day 2014! Coach Lauren made some paint updates on the playground and we all had fun



## Shout Outs!

Every Wednesday, Stedman staff and students Shout Out individuals who have lived out one or more of our RAPPS traits:

RESPECT  
ACT with GOOD  
CHARACTER  
PURPOSE  
POSITIVITY  
SAFE

One Shout Out per class is given to School Leadership each week (the "Knight of the Week") and placed on the large Shout Out board outside the main office.

The third week of each month, School Leaders select a group of Shout Outs (see at left) from the board to have a special lunch aka "The Knights of the Round Table!"

## STEDMAN 5<sup>th</sup> graders represent at the Ground Breaking Ceremony for a new Community Health Center in Park Hill!!

At the groundbreaking ceremony on October 30<sup>th</sup>, fifth graders got to meet Mayor Hancock and Senator Mike Johnston. They read two poems they wrote as a class, created tiles for the building, and played music for guests as they arrived. WOW!

### Class Poems:

Can't drive past 35<sup>th</sup> and Dahlia without stopping by  
The sun stares at the children exploring  
I sing to the blue windows around me;  
windows that are the color of the sea

I imagine the brightness of the thrilling sky  
Lively staff coming to work with positive attitudes, solving problems

This land has texture  
green grass  
An amazing soccer field  
Avanza, a Mexican store fights diseases and mucho mas

I imagine singing art in an orchestra  
how colorful the gardens are  
energized, dancing trees  
a playground with lots of plants

Ocean-green poles hold the building up  
that is shaped like an H...  
the H will stand for Health.

- By the students in Ms. Sahlin's class

There was once empty land, then people began to plan  
a safe place  
Exciting to explore  
Many different animated rooms full of  
kindness.  
Walls paint away my disappointments.

There is food nearby and soft singing.  
Basketballs tumble for little kids,  
Outstanding music for rap battles and dancing,  
Fish twirl through lakes of art and poetry,  
Soothing water calms me down,  
And a garden so we stay strong.

People driving by, they'll see the swaying windows of the sea;  
A great view.  
My dream has come true;  
Trustworthy upon us.  
Bring your favorite friend!  
All the people come and see  
this love for creation.

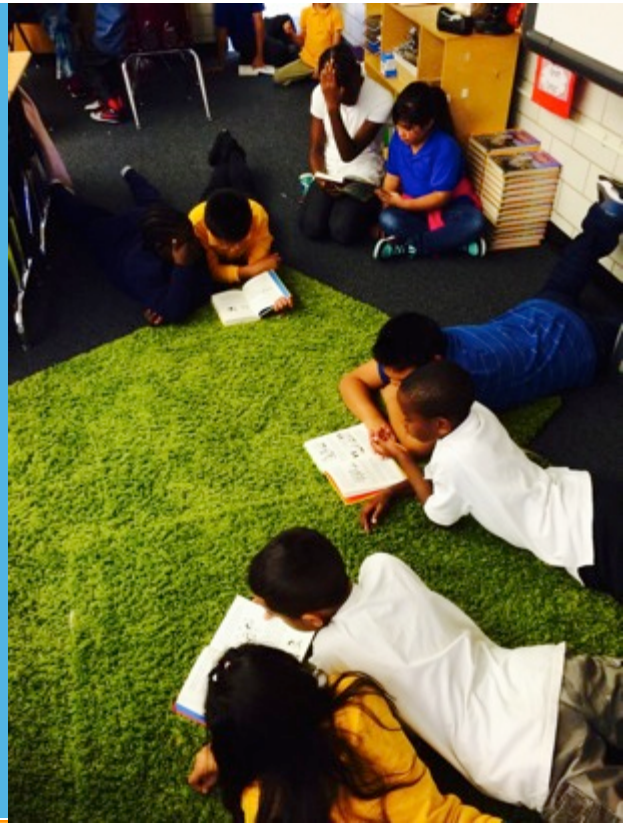
- By the students in Ms. Buggs' class



Students walked to the site and envisioned what they hope it will be like.

Ali Schreiber and Mary Sahlin have implemented a  
**Reading Buddies.....**

buddy reading program between their 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Once a week, students pair up with their reading “buddy” to practice reading fluency and learn from one another. The older students mentor the younger students by building relationships and teaching them literacy concepts that may be new to them. The younger students provide an opportunity for the older students to learn patience and perfect literacy concepts by actually teaching what they learn. Both groups of students look forward to their buddy reading time every week! The program is proving to be successful thus far, and is a great way for students to grow both educationally and personally. Great job, students!



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**We are committed  
to bringing the  
Denver Plan 2020  
to Life!**

Great Schools in Every  
Neighborhood

A Foundation for Success in  
School

Ready for College and Career

Support the Whole Child

Close the Opportunity Gap

Dear Stedman Families:

It is hard to believe that it is almost November. The last few weeks have been filled with fun and learning as the school year is in full swing. Hannah and I are enjoying every minute with our students as they gain confidence and make new friends.

With report cards and conferences around the corner, are reminded that it takes a village to raise our children. It takes each and every one of us holding high expectations for the children in the Stedman community so that they become part of the success of the **Denver Plan 2020**. As we consider the goals of the Denver Plan 2020, let's consider where our children will be in the year 2020. Our kindergartners will be in 6th grade. Our third graders will be high school freshman. Our 5th graders will be high school juniors. It is with the goals of the Denver Plan 2020 in mind that we continue to design rigorous lessons, build habits of learning in our students and to embrace the diversity of the Stedman community.

We are thankful to be a part of this amazing learning community that will fulfill the vision of the Denver Plan 2020.

Melissa and Hannah