



Stedman Elementary



November 2014



Families and school leaders met informally for coffee to get to know each other and share ideas.

The gatherings are every first Friday. Next one is Dec. 5th 8:30-9:00

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Save the Dates!

- Dec. 5th: Coffee with School Leaders, 8:30-9
- Dec. 5th Parent Engagement Meeting, 9-10 (see flyer for more information)
- Dec. 5th: Welcome Assemblies for Artist Residency, 9:45-10:45 (auditorium)
- Dec. 5th: Middle School Expo, 12:45-1:45 (auditorium)
- Dec. 8-12: Artist Residency, grades 3-5
- Dec. 11th: Field trip to Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, grades K-2
- Dec. 9th: PTA Meeting, 5-6pm
- Dec. 9th: CSC Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm
- Dec. 16-18: Scholastic Book Fair
- Dec. 18th: Art Exhibition and Performance, 5-7

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Teacher Spotlight:

Ms. Stephenson, Ms. Amador, Ms. Soto, Ms. Gonzales, Ms. Sahlin, Ms. Arroyo, Ms. De la Torre, Ms. Gomez, Ms. Javalera

Celebrating the Day of the Dead

On October 31st, Stedman continued the tradition of celebrating the “Day of the Dead” with a presentation that included dances and traditional folk tales, and with the culmination of how to make an altar.

The Day of the Dead is a Mexican tradition where people honor their loved ones that have passed away. At the end of the presentation, families and students got together to share traditional food.

We want to thank the Stedman Community for their involvement and support to make this a successful event.

-Ms. Stephenson



Lacrosse is at Stedman!

A big thank you to the volunteers who spent time with our students in November and to Ms. Castanon for coordinating! Students spent PE time outside learning how to play lacrosse.

Do **YOU** have a skill or activity you love and want to share with our community? We'd love to have work with our students! Please contact Ms. Kehn @ Hannah_kehr@dpsk12.org



Dear Stedman Families:

I am looking forward to a fun, busy month with all of you. This month, students will be taking their winter interim exams, we have the school book fair, and our artist in residence will join us.

There are lots of opportunities for parent and family engagement this month. It is my hope that more parents and family members will join us in supporting Stedman through volunteer opportunities. We have a faithful small crew of regular volunteers who support the school through work in classrooms and the cafeteria or through participation in the PTA, PAC, or CSC. Our regular volunteers often express concern that there are not more parents and family members volunteering at Stedman. With this feedback from our team, Hannah and I would like to extend an invitation to all Stedman families to join in the fun of supporting our school. Please reach out to the PTA and/or school leaders to find out how you can support your child's school. We hope you can join David Portee from the Office of Family and Community Engagement for a parent engagement training from 9-10am Friday, December 5th at Stedman.



In the Denver Plan Call to Action, Superintendent Tom Boasberg states that we have an opportunity to dramatically improve the education for our students. At Stedman, we take that call to action to heart. In addition to engaging the support of parent and community volunteers, it is our job to dramatically improve the education for Stedman students by moving our school to green and closing the opportunity gap. We will continue to focus on increasing student engagement in learning so that all students are actively engaged in learning all day every day. We will continue to focus on building a positive school culture, with relationships at the foundation of our work with students and families.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of your children.

Melissa Peterson, Ed.D.

La Napoule Art Foundation presents Dmitri Obergfell at Stedman Elementary

La Napoule Art Foundation is sponsoring Denver-native and internationally-known artist, Dmitri Obergfell to work with all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students at Stedman Elementary.

Dmitri is a Colorado native and graduate of Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design. In addition to being resident artist at Redline Gallery in Denver, Dmitri has had shows in Chicago, LA, Rome, the Czech Republic and soon in London.

La Napoule Art Foundation believes that art is an essential part of every child's education - not just because many studies prove that students who experience art perform better academically - but also because art promotes creative thinking, collaboration across difference and self-confidence

The Stedman LNAF Visiting Artist program will kick off with two assemblies beginning 9:45 and 10:15 on Friday December 5th where Dmitri will present pieces of his work and describe his artistic process. These assemblies are open to family and friends so please join us if you are available!

For the entire week beginning Monday Dec. 8th, Dmitri will work with all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders to create original silk screen prints as well as customize a new 'knight and the round table' for the school foyer.

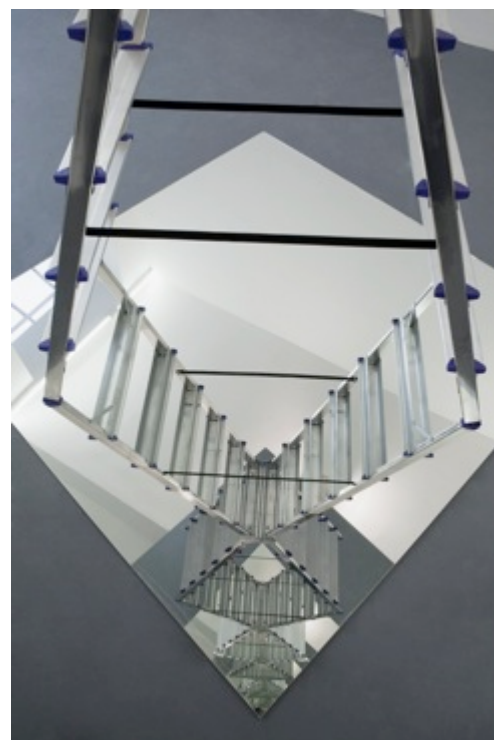
Free Art Exhibition, Performance, and Book Fair December 18th!

All members of the Stedman community are invited to come to the culminating [Art Exhibition on December 18th from 5-7pm](#) to see what the students create with Dmitri. Additionally, there will be [musical performances](#) under the direction of Ms. McLelland and the opportunity to purchase books from the [Scholastic Book Fair](#).

This event is [free](#) and snacks and drinks will be provided.

Learn more about La Napoule Art Foundation at <http://www.lnaf.org/>

Artwork at right is Dmitri's.



Stedman welcomes a new baby-grand piano...

We are honored to be the recipients of a baby-grand piano in perfect condition. Jerry Jean Hale, DPS music teacher and Park Hill resident, passed away recently and her nephew Kent Robinson decided to donate her piano to Stedman.

A HUGE thank you to:

Riqui Harrison-Arden for passing along a Facebook post onto School Leaders, **Stedman PTA** and **John Wysynski** for covering the costs of moving the piano, and **Extreme Piano Movers** for providing us with a discounted



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