



Stedman  
Elementary



December 2014



#### WE ARE IN THE NEWS!

Check out the article about Stedman in the January issue of the Greater Park Hill Community Newspaper:

<http://greaterparkhill.org/2015/01/knights-round-table/>

## Upcoming Important Dates and Events:

- **January 09<sup>th</sup>: Broncos Day, wear your Bronco Gear**
- **January 13<sup>th</sup>: PTA meeting, 5:30-6:30pm**
- **January 19<sup>th</sup>: No School**
- **January 24<sup>th</sup>: Canvassing throughout the Community, 9am-1pm**
- **January 27<sup>th</sup>: Collaborative School Committee meeting, 5:30-6:30 pm**
- **January 27<sup>th</sup>: Bones n' Tones Planning 5:30pm-6:30pm**
- **February 03<sup>rd</sup>: CSC Meeting 5:30pm-7:30pm**
- **February 27<sup>th</sup>: Box Tops Competition Ends**

**Our website and Facebook page** include up to date information and pictures

[stedman.dpsk12.org](http://stedman.dpsk12.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/StedmanSchool>



A huge SHOUT OUT to Cleo and Malik Parker of Cleo Parker Robinson Dance for providing our K-2 students with a scholarship to attend a performance of "Granny Dances to a Holiday Drum!"

Our students had a BLAST!

(pictured at left are first graders in Ms. Lewis' class)

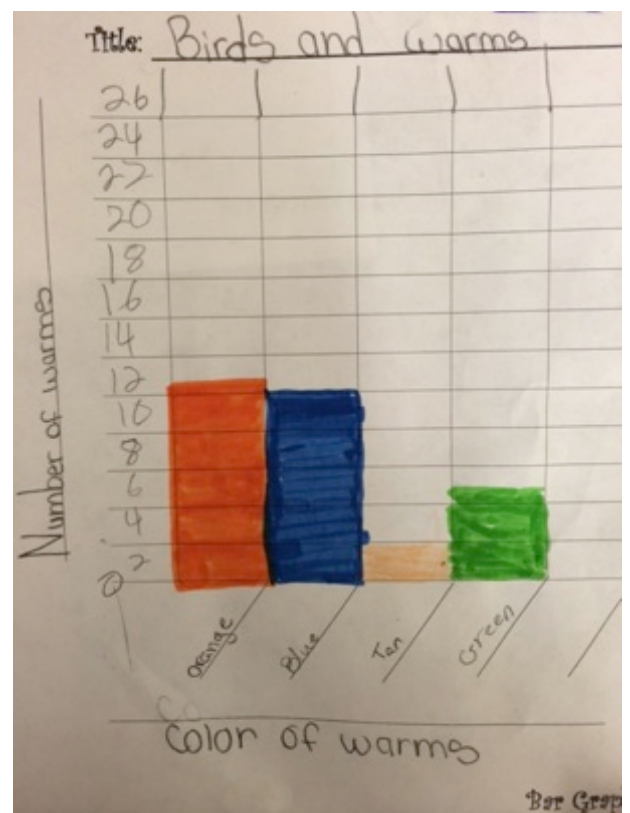
## INSTRUCTIONAL SPOTLIGHT!

### Students in Ms. Sahlin's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class

Ms. Sahlin's class recently learned about adaptation.

In birds and worms, the class examined four different colors of "worms" that would be scattered throughout the grass field. We made predictions about which color of worm would be easiest to spot in the grass. The students then did a relay race to find as many worms as possible. The students were the "birds" trying to catch one "worm" per trip.

After the race was over, the students tallied up their worms as a group and graphed their colors via a bar graph. We then discussed what inferences we had about which color worm would mate and live on, which color of worm would go extinct, and what further adaptations the worms would go through to ensure their survival.





Please join us in  
welcoming two new  
teachers:  
Ms. Jena-Lee Wright and  
Mr. Thomson Williams

**Jena-Lee Wright (2/3 split)**

Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska

Colleges and Majors:

Front Range Community College  
(Elementary Education)

University of Northern Colorado, Center for  
Urban Education (Elementary Education and  
Linguistically Diverse Education)

Favorite Quote: *"The meaning of life is to  
find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it  
away."* - Joy J. Golliver

When I am not at work, I enjoy reading,  
yoga, cycling, baking, and spending time  
with my friends and family.

I am a teacher because I believe it is my  
calling. I am passionate about education,  
and I strive to empower young minds to  
change the world.



My name is **Tommy Williams** (4<sup>th</sup> grade) and I was born and raised in Washington D.C. I attended Trinity College for my undergraduate education and then George Washington University, where I received my Masters in Elementary Education. My favorite quote, especially pertaining to teaching, is "The way that we speak to our students becomes their inner voice." I love this quote because it reminds me that I must lead by example.

When I'm not at work I enjoy hiking with my dog, skiing, playing the guitar, or watching Washington sports teams. I am a teacher because I love working with children. Teaching also enables me to promote real and lasting change in our society. I look forward to working with all of the teachers and students at Stedman.

## Our November/December Knights of the Round Table! We are Proud of You!

**Jesus Flores** (kindergarten) showed Purpose and Safety when at he was at recess and noticed the window guard in the boys' bathroom was open. He let an adult know immediately.

**Jahsear Jones** (kindergarten) Acted in Good Character when he picked up trash from the playground and threw it away.

**Yazmin Gerrada-Casteria** (grade 1) showed Purpose when she created a game in share in Circle-Up.

**Ethan Flores** (grade 2) Acted in Good Character when he brought erasers for the whole class.

**Brooklyn Kern** (grade 3) Acted in Good Character when we did not have enough food bags for everyone and she gave hers away to another student who needed it more.

**Jada Cooper** (grade 3) showed Purpose when she continued to work independently while other around her were not on task.

**Yileamy Duenas** (grade 4) Acted in Good Character when she was playing four square. When a little kid got out, she went to he end of the line instead.

**Algassimou Diallo** (grade 5) Acted in Good Character when he helped Ms. McLelland carry instruments to the auditorium before school.

**Carlos Hernandez** (grade 5) Acted in Good Character when he caught another student up on the paragraph of the week.

**Maria de la Torre (paraprofessional) and Ms. Alicia (parent)** showed Purpose working every spare moment to process libraries so teachers have access to amazing books!



## 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!”

December Art Exhibition!  
THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Art Exhibition on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Grades 3-5 presented the artwork they created during a weeklong residency through La Napoule Art Foundation with guest artist, Dmitri Obergfell.

We had a packed house and also enjoyed musical performances by Stedman 5<sup>th</sup> graders under the direction Ms. McLelland, and violin students under direction of Ms. Shaw from the CO Symphony Orchestra.



In case you are wondering, there will be a **musical** this spring under the direction of Ms. McLelland.

Stedman Elementary is excited to announce a new tuition-based after-school childcare program starting February 2, 2015 from 3:45-6:00pm daily. We are also offering a package for Early Release Friday's from 3:45-6:00pm

Please look for the enrollment flier with rates and program information in your child's Thursday folder on January 15th. Tuition will be due for the first month on January 25th, 2015. If you have questions, please see Ebony Moore in Summer Scholars.

For the 2015-2016 school year this partnership will also include a tuition-based before-school childcare from 7:15-8:15am.

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Support NNE  
schools during  
Choice Season-  
Come Canvas the  
Neighborhood  
with Us!

See details at  
right.....



We are working to support our near north east schools during the choice process this school year. As many of you know, **choice opened on December 15th and closes at 4 pm on January 30th.**

- **Dates:** We are planning to canvas families door-to-door on **Saturday, January 24th from 9am - 1pm to share the options of Hallett, Stedman, and Smith in the Near North East.**
- You can sign up here to join our team: <http://goo.gl/forms/O4qoi6VF0I>
- **Meeting Point:** We will all start out at Smith Renaissance Elementary School and walk in teams of 2-3. You will be provided a list of addresses with students who are in ECE, Kindergarten and First Grades.
- **Materials:** You will also receive a pamphlet to provide families with all three schools (Hallett, Stedman, and Smith) who we are walking in support of, together with the schools' leaders, teachers, families and friends.
- **What to Wear:** Wear good walking shoes, gloves that are warm to hand out pamphlets and knock on doors, and a great big smile