



Stedman  
Elementary



February 2015



CONGRATULATIONS  
PTA!

Megan Nyce and  
Ricarda Harrison-Arden  
were recognized by the  
Denver Council PTSA at  
the Founders Day  
Volunteer Recognition  
Celebration on Friday,  
February 20, 2014.

Thank you!

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## Upcoming Important Dates and Events:

- March 3rd PTA 5:30-6:30
- March 6th Coffee Talk with School Leaders: 8:30am
- March 10<sup>th</sup> @ 5: Bones and Tones Planning
- March 11th: Class Picture Day
- March 17th @ 6:00: Poetry Night (Ms. Sahlin)
- March 19th @ 6:00: Night of the Notables
- April 7<sup>th</sup> PTA: 5:30-6:30
- April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm: Musical and Dance performance
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: Field Day
- June 1<sup>st</sup>: Kickball Game @ 2:30pm

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This year's black history celebration included skits performed by the fifth grade, music by kindergarten and student art. A huge Shout Out to Ms. Buggs for her vision and organization.

## COACHES CORNER!

Hello from the playground!

This has been a very busy month for everyone and I'm excited to announce that we have established our Stedman volleyball team! Practices kicked off early in February and we are working hard to get ready for EXTRAVAGANZA! EXTRAVAGANZA will take place on Saturday, March 7 from 10AM-2PM. This is going to be very fun tournament against other Playworks schools. It's a chance for our team to show off our skills and positive energy, cheer each other on and meet other Playworks teams and Coaches. After EXTRAVAGANZA, our volleyball team will play games all the way into April.

I'm proud to also mention that one of our 5th graders, Kayolani, will be my Assistant Coach.

Please attend our EXTRAVAGANZA tournament on March 7th!



Hi Stedman Community —

Sports are a metaphor for life. In both life and sports, there are the dreams that we have, the opponents that try to beat us down, the clock that keeps ticking, and the teammates that support us along the way. That's why this 2015 Stedman Knights basketball championship was so special. From day one, our kids determined to themselves and to each other that nothing would stop them, that they would win. And if they can do it on the court, then they can do it anywhere!

Studies have shown that the most important characteristic of successful students, and one could argue people in general, is resiliency, one's capacity to bounce back from adversity. These kids have shown all year that they have that and more! I'm looking forward to the many more championships that they will win, not only on the court but in the big and small battles of life. Thank you for your unending support!

Go Knights!

Coach Anthony Grimes

**DEVER CITY CHAMPS!**



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

Maxwell Burnett (ECE) for working dependently during homework club.

Holden Smith (K) acted with purpose when produced amazing work on his How To Book!

Dwight Blackman (1st grade) acted in good character. When the class was running around the track and Quentin fell, Dwight stopped the class and helped Quentin up.

Edwin Monterroza (2nd grade). Edwin acted with good character by giving a high-five to another student for trying his best to answer a question.

Antonio Trujilo (3rd grade) stood up for what was right in a difficult situation; taking ownership for his actions.

Raheem Mattocks (4th grade) read for 25 minutes during quiet reading time. What stamina!

Daniel Narez (5th grade) took out the recycling for multiple teachers.

Jan Watkins (parent) for her help with Black History Celebration

Alicia Vasquez (para and parent) for help with Cuckoo set

ALL our teachers who prepared their classes to contribute student work connected to The Cuckoo.



## 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!” (March 5<sup>th</sup>)

## Our musical, *The Cuckoo*, brought our school Vision to Life!

On May 2nd, 4th and 5th grade students performed, a Mexican folktale called *The Cuckoo*. The entire school read the beloved story and teachers created projects that connected to the story's themes of bravery and not judging people by their appearance. We are so thankful to the adults that made this possible:

Ms. McClelland- our music/drama teacher

Ms. Vasquez- a parent and para who made our gorgeous set

Mr. Coleman- our para who managed our sound system

Ms. Watkins - a parent who picked up student costumes

Ms. Buggs, Ms. Sahlin and Mr. Williams for chaperoning performers

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our next musical will be a West African folktale and will take place on **April 28th**. We are hoping to have live music for the entire production and more family volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to work on the set, chaperone or if you play an instrument (especially drums) please reach out to Ms. McClelland or Ms. Kehn.



We have received funding through a Colorado Arts Partnership Grant to partner with Cleo Parker Robinson Dance. Grades 2 and 3 students who are in their PE/Dance rotation will participate in a three week dance residency in April. A performance will take place on the same night as our second musical, April 28th. We are hoping to hold our performance at the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Theatre....we will keep you posted!



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## PREPARING FOR CMAS/PARCC Test in MARCH



### **Preparing for CMAS/PARCC Test in March**

We will have CMAS/PARCC testing for our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders throughout March. You can find helpful links to resources on our Stedman Website. Here are some tips for helping your child:

- Be encouraging! Ask how your child is feeling about taking assessments. Encourage your child to do his or her best.
- Help your child to get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast and be on time to school.
- Remind your child that testing is just one part of the day and one part of life.
- Do not schedule any appointments on the following days in March: 10-12, 17-19, 24, 25.

Please know that students will have to turn in their cell phones on testing days.