





Picture top right is of African masks created by ECE students.

 $\overline{\text{May }2015}$ 



#### IT TAKES A VILLAGE!

Please join us for a special breakfast in honor of all those who have volunteered in the classroom, on the playground, and at events this year.

WHEN: May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8am

WHERE: Stedman

Cafeteria



## Upcoming Important Dates and Events:

- May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8am: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- May18-22<sup>nd</sup>: Spirit Week
- May 19<sup>th</sup>: Field Day
- May 30<sup>th</sup>: PTA bake sale @ Montview and Grape St.
- May 31st 5-7pm: Stedman Fundraiser
- June 1 st @ 2:30pm: Staff vs student kickball game
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:30am ECE Continuation and 1pm: Kindergarten Continuation
- June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10am: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Continuation

## DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE A YEARBOOK! THEY ARE AMAZING! \$15

**Lights On After School** tutoring will end May 20th/May 21st, depending on which class your child is in.

#### **Stedman Community Garden**

If you are interested in helping grow our garden this summer, please call Alicia at 303-316-0659 or Jen at 720-480-9059



A special SHOUT OUT to Adolfo Romero who is one of our ELA-S ECE paraprofessionals. In addition to performing at Bones and Tones, he has been coaching our soccer team for the last month.

### CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT!

Each child in Ms. Romero's class received an envelope with a \$5.00 bill inside from a couple in Oregon. They were asked to simply use it to brighten someone's day (aka "paying it forward"). The kids decided to pool their money to do something on a larger scale. They brainstormed

and decided to use the money to put together bags for the DPS school children that are homeless. They created a list of items, prioritized it and were able to make 30 bags filled with toiletries.



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# We are SO proud of our students for their spectacular performance at Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Theatre! Ashe, Ashe!



5<sup>th</sup> graders researched and made African jewelry (above). Fourth and fifth graders performed the musical which included all live music (below).



We are so proud of our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students who performed at the Cleo Parker Robinson Dance Theatre on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

Our second musical, "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears" is a West African folk tale and our entire school read it in preparation for the performance. Additionally, teachers and students created a project around the story's theme and/or related to African culture (see left).

We had a packed house with such amazing energy. Our students shined on stage under bright lights.

Our second and third graders rocked the stage with their performances that came out of our three-week residency with Cleo Parker Robinson Dance.

A GIGANTIC shout out to the folks who made this possible: Ms. McClelland, Ms. Castanon, Edgar Page, Cedric Hall, Janelle Ayon, Malik Robinson, Ms. Kehn, Ms. Peterson, Ms. Buggs, Ms. Sahlin, Mr. Tardio, Ms. Moran, Ms. Romero, Ms. Amador, Ms. Bartlett, and Ms. Jacquie.

Special thanks to our parent volunteers.

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

**Stephanie Flores** (ECE) showed good character when she let another student borrow her sweater because she was cold and didn't have one.

**Ollie Elsensohn** (kindergarten) showed bravery when he read in front of the class for the first time in a new school!

**Stephanie Duenas** (1st grade) shows respect by always being eager to help.

**Ankita Bhujel** (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) showed purpose and bravery by explaining her strategy to the whole class for solving a rigorous math task.

**Rachell Pantoja** (2<sup>nd</sup> grade)showed good character when she stacked up all Ms. Amador's chairs without being asked to.

**Germaine Jackson** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) was brave when he danced his heart out during the dance residency.

**Ashley Chavez** (4<sup>th</sup> grade) acted in good character when she walked by the swings and protected a little girl from getting hurt.

**Fredi Diaz** (5<sup>th</sup> grade) showed respect when he made sure a new student was well equipped and felt accepted.

**Raji Matlock** (5<sup>th</sup> grade) for her commitment to collecting weekly shout outs this school year.

**SHOUT OUT to our Families and Teachers:** We received back 91% of our parent surveys. Ms. Buggs, Ms. Sahlin, Ms. Garcia, Ms. Malan, Ms. Amador, and Mr. Rubio received 100% of their surveys back.



## **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!"

## BONES AND TONES 2015! We Raised \$2200!

What a day! This year's Bones and Tones was so much fun. We had a bicycle raffle, the Montbello Drumline and Cheerleaders woke up the neighborhood, the smell of BBQ ribs, amazing music by Debajito and The Soul Pros, games and bouncey castles....

Thank you for supporting us as we fundraise for auditorium chairs and

funds to pay for counseling hours Next year. Check out videos and pics on our Facebook page!



A huge Shout Out to the Stedman PTA for their hard work before, during, and after this event. We need more hands on deck. Please reach out to

pta.stedman@gmail.com to join for the 2015-2015 school year.

# ANNOUNCING AN EXCITING PARTNERSHIP WITH DENVER ART MUSEUM !!!

We are excited to announce that we will partner with the Denver Art Museum next year as part of The School Partners Program. This will result in beautification projects, materials for our new visual arts teacher, and arts integration support for our classroom teachers.



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## **PENNY HARVEST UPDATE!**

Stedman will offer visual art to students 2015-2016!

Congratulations to the entire Stedman community. We raised \$1100! Mrs. Romero and Ms. Moran's room tied with the most amount of bags! We donated money to the following non-profits: Wounded Warrior Project, Family Tree and Service Dog Project. Thank you for your support and participation. If you have any questions about any of these charities, please reach out to Ms. Moran.