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George W. Bailey
Admin Center

Festival

11285 Highline Dr.
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A fun filled day of:
Reunion of past & present students,
employees & community members.

Celebrating 50 Years
of Quality Education

October 13, 2000

3-8 p.m.





HISTORY OF THE ADAMS TWELVE FIVE STAR SCHOOL DISTRICT

Written by D.L. & Jane Viers

- ⇒ School District 12 developed over 50 years from a small rural school district into one of the largest and fastest growing school districts in Colorado.
- ⇒ The District held its first Board of Education election on September 25, 1950, after voters consolidated several small districts into the present District in July 1950. The district then included the Eastlake and Westlake Schools.
- ⇒ By 1953 the rural school district had grown to 238 students and 11 teachers. The first superintendent, Daniel B. Stukey, was hired in 1954.
- ⇒ Between 1950 and 1970 Adams County's population increased 400% with the development of the cities of Thornton and Northglenn. The District has been steadily growing and will continue to do so in the near future.
- ⇒ Nearly 30,000 students, including students in preschool programs, attend 44 schools located in the Adams Twelve District, including 25 elementary schools, 7 middle schools and 4 high schools. In addition, it has three charter schools: the Academy of Charter Schools and the Pinnacle, using a "back to basics" curriculum, and Stargate School, a school for gifted and talented students in grades one through eight.

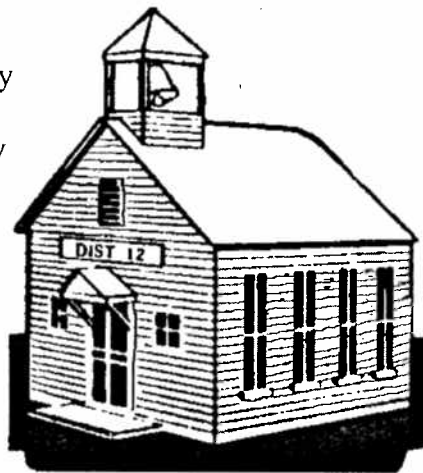
Other options include Vantage Point High School, an alternative school serving students in 9th-12th grades; Crossroads Middle School, an alternative school serving students in 6th-8th grades; Bollman Occupational Center, a vocational high school and High Plains High School for adults. Also offered are a variety of Options Programs that are "schools-within-a-school", such as the Fundamental Program, housed at Hulstrom Elementary School and Northeast Middle School, and gifted and talented programs at Thornton Elementary School and Woodglenn Elementary School.

- ⇒ The District has schools in Thornton, Northglenn, Broomfield, Westminster, Brighton, and unincorporated parts of Adams County.

- ⇒ In 1988 the school district became known as Adams Twelve Five Star School District to represent all the communities that it serves.
- ⇒ The District has approximately 2,000 certified and 1,600 classified employees.
- ⇒ Four former board members have had schools named in their memory. They are McElwain Elementary, Hulstrom Elementary, Meritt Hutton Junior High and Bollman Occupational Center. Two other schools, Stukey and Tarver, are named for early administrators. The Bailey Administration Center was named after the late Dr. George Bailey, a former superintendent.
- ⇒ Other schools were named for subdivisions or for the city where they were located. In the past few years faculty, students, and the community have helped choose the name for the school in their attendance area.
- ⇒ The central administration buildings have been located in the annex of the old Thornton Elementary, the old Meritt Hutton Junior-Senior High School, and in 1962, the first administrative building was built at 102nd and Huron. In 1976, the present central administration building was built on Highline Drive.
- ⇒ Throughout its history, the District has committed itself to "Excellence in Education." To achieve this goal the district has offered many opportunities for professional growth to all employees.
- ⇒ Many students who have graduated from the high schools in the Adams Twelve Five Star School District have returned to work in various positions within the District.
- ⇒ From what was once a small rural school district, Adams Twelve Five Star School District has emerged as one of the fastest growing school districts in Colorado. The boundaries for the District extend from approximately 80th Avenue on the South to 156th Avenue on the North. There is potential for continued expansion of District facilities as the population of the northern suburbs increases at a rapid pace.
- ⇒ As we celebrate 50 years of "Excellence in Education," it is important to remember those employees whose dedication and work have brought the District to the forefront of educational leadership. Let us remember the accomplishments of the past and look to the bright future ahead for the District.

Elementary Schools -

- 1902 - Westlake School (Sold)
- 1920 - Eastlake School
- 1955 - Thornton Elementary (new building in 1978)
- 1958 - McElwain Elementary
- 1961 - Hulstrom Elementary
- 1962 - Coronado Hills Elementary
- 1962 - Leroy Drive Elementary
- 1963 - Hillcrest Elementary
- 1964 - Malley Drive Elementary
- 1965 - Wyco Drive Elementary
- 1966 - North Mor Elementary
- 1968 - Stukey Elementary
- 1969 - Westview Elementary
- 1971 - Woodglen Elementary
- 1972 - North Star Elementary
- 1973 - Federal Heights Elementary
- 1977 - Centennial Elementary
- 1978 - Cherry Drive Elementary
- 1979 - Cotton Creek Elementary
- 1979 - Tarver Elementary
- 1980 - Mountain View Elementary
- 1985 - Skyview Elementary
- 1986 - Hunters Glen Elementary
- 1987 - Riverdale Elementary
- 1987 - Rocky Mountain Elementary
- 1998 - Eagleview Elementary
- 1998 - Arapahoe Ridge Elementary
- 1999 - Coyote Ridge Elementary



Middle Schools -

- 1961 - Northglenn Middle School
- 1962 - Coronado Hills Jr. High (later became an Elementary)
- 1965 - Huron Middle School
- 1971 - Northeast Middle School
- 1975 - Westlake Middle School
- 1976 - Niver Creek Middle School (Formerly Pecos Jr. High)
- 1992 - Thornton Middle School
- 1998 - Century Middle School

High Schools -

- 1956 - Meritt Hutton Jr. Sr. High (torn down in 1992)
- 1965 - Northglenn High School
- 1974 - Thornton High School
- 1974 - Bollman Occupational Center
- 1987 - Horizon High School
- 2000 - Legacy High School

Superintendents -

- Mr. Daniel Stukey
1954- 1972
- Dr. George Bailey
1972 - 1982
- Dr. James Mitchell
1982- 1994
- Dr. Judy Margrath-Huge
1994-2000
- Mr. Jim Christiansen
2000 -

Board of Education -

- James J. Weigel
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- Lee Combs
Treasurer
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Director



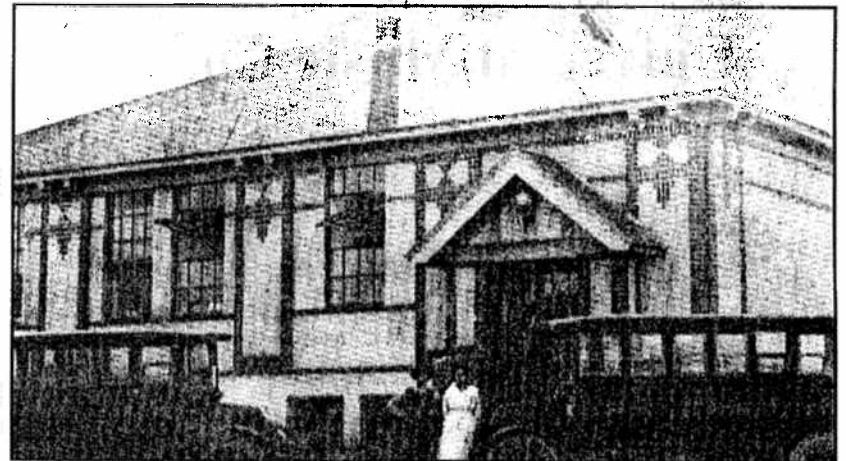
On October 16, 1956, the Thornton Tribune featured this photograph, documenting the continuing growth of Thornton. A The new city hall. B New residential section of the city. C Bertha Heid Elementary School. D Dream House Acres. E City View Heights. F New shopping centers on North Washington.



This Aerial photograph of Northglenn, the State's Newest and Fastest growing community was featured in the Denver Post, August 9, 1961. The Aerial view is looking toward the southwest.

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Eastlake School, 12323 Claude Court, built in 1920, Mr. and Mrs. Farmer, uncle and aunt of the district's first secretary, Margaret Farmer, pose by the schools' first buses, acquired in 1924.

The Growing Little School District

Once upon a time there was a little school district that started out very small and grew up to become a very large and wonderful school district. But I'm getting ahead of myself.

Adams County Five Star SD-12 started 50 years ago on Sept. 25, 1950 and in fact this fall there is a birthday celebration for SD-12. This SD was formed from 6 other SD's in Adams County and became known thereafter as AD 12 and then AD 12-Five Star SD. This little SD always had one goal-

TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATION FOR IT'S CHILDREN

It did this by hiring the best teachers, staff and sup't's that could be found, tradition that has continued to this day. In the beginning there were only 200 or so children and a staff of 11 teachers housed in two buildings-Eastlake and Westlake. Before long people began moving to the planned community of Thornton named for the then Gov. of Colorado, Dan Thornton. A main street--Eppinger and a school--McElwain were named for the families that lived on the land the little SD purchased. And guess what, one of the curviest streets in Thornton was named for a curvy actress of the day, Jane Russell. There was hardly a time when new schools weren't being built. Why one of the first facilities was the Annex, which still is in use by AD12 today. One can actually tell when the schools were built by their architecture. Some schools like Hulstrom and North Star have rooms all in a row with long hallways, while others like Tarver and Rky Mtn. were built in the round and still others like the newest one--Coyote Ridge--are two stories. There are schools to the North and to the South, on the East side of the highway and on the West side of the highway.

This little SD grew and became successful because of the wonderful leadership and people that came to work there. Why AD12 has only had 5 sup't. in it's 50 year history, which speaks volumes about this little SD. It says a lot about how the employees feel about the little SD--it does grow on you. There are stories that the 1st sup't, Daniel Stukey used to deliver the paycheck personally to every employee. Can you see Jim Christensen doing this today with 4,900 employees? The little SD honored Mr. Stukey by naming a school after him. It honored many wonderful employees who contributed to AD 12's growing up to become so successful by naming facilities after them. There was Meritt Hutton, Henry Bollman, Willis Tarver and George Bailey just to name a few. Recently AD12 decided to honor some of the original founders of the land like the Arapahoe or for the beautiful vista like Eagleview or for the school opening at the turn of the century like Century MS. But whatever AD12 names it's buildings, it filled them with dedicated employees who had one goal in mind--

TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATION FOR IT'S CHILDREN

Oh it wasn't easy becoming the 7th largest SD in the state. There were challenges along the way.....Often times the challenge came in the form of too many children and not enough schools. So the growing little AD went to it's citizens in the community to ask for more money. Sometimes the community said yes and there were cheers everywhere in the growing little SD. But sometimes they said no and the growing little SD had to tighten up it's belt and cut it's budget while still remembering it's goal--

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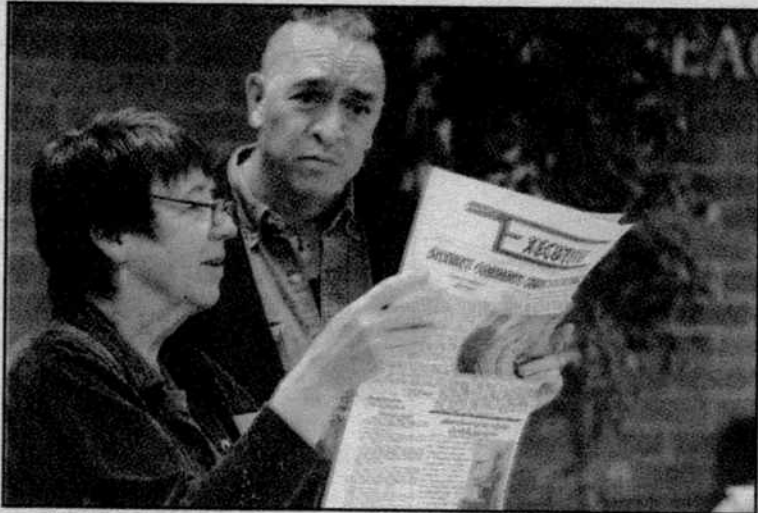
When things got tough the growing little SD didn't complain or cry poor me. All of the employees pulled together and kept their goal in front of them. There was once a very big challenge that came in the form of concerns about teaching something called "values clarification" and pantheism. When all the employees were doing was asking the children about their feelings and encouraging them to love and respect mother earth. Old hippies never die! But AD12 survived all of those challenges and they became better and stronger than ever because of them.

AD12 has always been on the cutting edge in education circles. They had MBO's CRT's, SIP's, SDM's, and CSAP's and on and on. today the growing little SD known as AD12 5* SD can boast 28,000 students in 44 schools in it's 62 mile radius. There are 4,900 full and part time employees who contribute to the AD-12- 5* SD goal--

TO PROVIDE THE BEST EDUCATION FOR ALL IT'S CHILDREN

For after all that's really what makes the little SD such a special place--the people are heart and soul of the SD. And for many of you this is not the end, but it's the beginning of your life in the wonderful growing little SD.

Written by Johnna DeBella from notes on the early history of District 12 and presented at DAT on August 14, 2000



DAVID R. JENNINGS / For the Enterprise

LOOKING BACK: Jan and Bob Martinez, retired teachers from the Adams 12 school district, thumb through memories during the district's 50th anniversary party Friday.

Adams 12 celebrates 50 years

By **KATE LARSEN**
Enterprise Staff Writer

Lucille Barnett learned her A-B-C's in the one-room Burn Lee School located at 160th and Huron Street. Burn Lee opened in 1910 and served students in the first through the eighth grade. A coal stove heated the room in those days.

Barnett took her time Friday afternoon looking at black and white photos, old newspaper articles and other memorabilia at the Adams 12 school district's 50th anniversary party. Former and current teachers, administrators, students and parents gathered at the district's administration center in Northglenn to honor the district's five decades.

The celebration included a barbecue, raffles and conversations between old friends.

"I've seen a lot of people I haven't talked to in a long time," Barnett said.

Formerly part of old Arapahoe County, Adams County was founded in 1902. It originally stretched all the way to the Kansas border.

"This was all just farmland," Barnett said as she glanced outside.

The eastern half of Adams County became Washington and Yuma counties in 1903. Besides a few annexations, Adams County boundaries have remained the same since 1903.

In addition to Burn Lee, one of the earliest schools in the area was Westlake School. Located in east Broomfield, Westlake opened in 1902 with 48 children from

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nearby farms. One teacher instructed the first through eighth grades.

When students reached the ninth grade, they could attend high school in Lafayette.

In July 1950, voters decided to form the present Adams 12 school district by consolidating parts of six other districts.

"It was a like a family," said Max Willsey. "The teachers all knew each other and would get together."

Willsey started as a teacher in the district 40 years ago. He went

on to administration, opening Northglenn High School in 1965.

The district has since grown. Adams 12 now serves nearly 30,000 students at 44 schools in Broomfield, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster.

"It's exciting to see all of the growth," said D.L. Viers. Viers recently retired after 33 years in Adams 12, including time as principal of Broomfield's Centennial Elementary School. He also attended Friday's celebration.

"Former students come up to me all the time. It's fun."

Adams 12 schools in Broomfield

School	Date opened
Westlake School*	1902
Centennial Elementary	1977
Mountain View Elementary	1980
Coyote Ridge Elementary	1999
Westlake Middle	1975
Horizon High**	1987
Legacy High	2000

* Westlake School was later sold.

** Horizon, located at 136th Avenue and Colorado Boulevard, served Broomfield students living in the Adams County portion of Broomfield. After Broomfield juniors and seniors at Horizon graduate, Broomfield students will exclusively attend Legacy.

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1953

238 students
2 schools
11 teachers & administrators

1955

887 students
5 schools
31 teachers & administrators
325 students by bus

1960

2,788 students
9 schools
117 teachers & administrators
1,216 students by bus

1964

6,718 students
13 schools
305 teachers & administrators
2,059 students by bus

1968

12,208 students

1972

16,529 students

1980

19,000 students
29 schools

1985

19,650 students
6,000 students by bus

1988**District renamed**

20,700 students
35 schools
1,291 teachers

1991

21,500 students
2,200 teachers

2000

29,616 students
2,282 teachers

2006

students
1,981 teachers

Population increased 400% from 1950 to 1970