



ODYSSEY ECCO NEWS

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Early College
and
Career Options**

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Dear Odyssey ECCO Students and Parents,

Odyssey Early College and Career Options has been open for five years, and during our time, we have invented ourselves from the ground up. We created our master schedule in a matter of a few weeks prior to opening in the fall of 2013, and we scheduled our first 52 students into the handful of classes that we offered. The obtaining of textbooks, pencil sharpeners, graduation diplomas, policies and procedures was a process throughout our first year.

Today, five years later, we are a Higher Learning Commission approved Pikes Peak Community College satellite campus that offers over 150 concurrent enrollment and articulated college credits. This May, we will have graduated 15 students with associate degrees, plus produced two Daniels Scholarship winners! Together, we have accomplished much, and I am very proud to have worked with you and your students.

The time has come for me to share that I plan to accept a new position in the very near future. Our teachers, counselors, and support personnel are a remarkable, talented, and dedicated staff. Each of them has special talents, and they will continue to offer to your students a robust, rigorous learning experience.

Over the course of the next few weeks, District 11 will be conducting interviews for the new principal, and they will welcome your feedback in the selection process.

Families, it has truly been a pleasure serving you these past five years.

Sincerely,
Aurora Umana-Arko



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APRIL

- 4/13/2018—PPCC Spring Semester Withdrawal Date (PPCC Campus)
- 4/15/2018—Concurrent Enrollment Form Deadline
- 4/18-19/2018—ECHS Play, 6:00 p.m., Large Auditorium
- 4/20/2018—Data Collaboration Day - (No Students)
- 4/23/2018—Mid-Quarter 4 grades are available online for students
- 4/23/2018—PPCC WITHDRAWAL DATE
- 4/24/2018—CO SAT Make-up Date
- 4/26/2018—Career Panel / Architecture/Engineering/Construction, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Large Auditorium
- 4/27/2018—PPCC Withdrawal Date, Spring Semester (ECHS/RJWAC Campus)

MAY

- 5/1/2018-5/30/2018— Accuplacer Progress Monitoring Window
- 5/4/2018— Phoenix Family Friday / Morning Coffee with the Principal (Parents) 7:30-9:30 a.m.
- 5/4/2018—Prom, 7:00-10:00 p.m., Large Auditorium Foyer
- 5/6/2018—Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/6/2018—PPCC Spring Semester Ends (PPCC Campus)
- 5/7/2018— School Accountability Committee Night (ALL staff and parents welcome), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- 5/12/2018—PPCC Graduation Ceremony, 10:00 a.m., Location Broadmoor World Arena
- 5/15/2018—Tuesday is Career Pathways Seniors' Last Day (Seniors' Last Day at MHS, PHS, and CHS)
- 5/16/2018—NO PLC Wednesday
- 5/16/2018—ALL CP FINAL GRADES FOR SENIORS WILL BE POSTED BY 3:00 P.M. (Individual teachers may require students to complete additional CP hours for their college courses on an as needed basis.)
- 5/16/2018—Wednesday is Odyssey ECCO Seniors' Last Day – School Wide BBQ
- 5/16/2018—PPCC Spring Semester Ends (ECHS/RJWAC Campus)
- 5/17/2018—Career Pathways Achievement Ceremony
- 5/23/2018—NO PLC Wednesday
- 5/23/2018—Last Day for Traditional Schools' Career Pathways—Finals for CP on this Day. (Students attending their home school's graduation may schedule to take their final exam early.)
- 5/24/2018—ALL CP FINAL GRADES for grades 9-11 WILL BE POSTED BY 3:00 P.M. FOR ALL CP STUDENTS. (CP Programs will offer supplementary course work to internal RJWAC students on 5/24, [NOT 5/25—Graduation], 5/29 and 5/30.
- 5/24/2018—Odyssey ECCO Final ☐ FINAL 1, 7:30-9:05; Period 2, 9:10-9:57; Period 3, 10:01-10:48; Period 4, 10:52-11:39; Lunch 11:39-12:09; Period 5, 12:13-1:00; Period 6, 1:04-1:51; Period 7, 1:55-2:42
- 5/25/2018—Odyssey ECCO Graduation at 9:00 a.m., Large Auditorium
- 5/28/2018—Memorial Day, District 11 Closed
- 5/29/2018— Odyssey ECCO Finals • FINAL 2, 7:30-9:05; FINAL 3, 9:10-10:45; FINAL 4, 11:20-1:00; Early Dismissal
- 5/30/2018— NO PLC Wednesday Odyssey ECCO Finals ☐ FINAL 5, 7:30-9:05; FINAL 6, 9:10-10:45; FINAL 7, 11:20-1:00; Early Dismissal
- 5/31/2018—Teacher Work Day (NO STUDENTS)
- 6/01/2018— Quarter 4 Grades are available online for students

JE'NIESA MANNING EARNS THE DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP!!!

Congratulations to Je'Niesa Manning for her efforts and accomplishments in earning the Daniels Scholarship! The scholarship is a full ride scholarship covering the costs of all tuition, room and board, books and supplies as well as any other fees for **four years**. The scholarship totals over \$185,000.00! Congratulations Je'Niesa!!!

Click here for the Gazette Telegraph article!

<http://gazette.com/colorado-springs-area-students-benefit-from-daniels-fund/article/1623392>

CAREER PATHWAYS COUNSELING SPRING UPDATE

As students across the district are exploring their **2018-2019** school year options, Career Pathways Instructors are preparing their course and pathway offerings. In 2018-2019, Career Pathways will offer courses in Business & Marketing, Education, Horticulture & Landscaping (NEW!), Hospitality and Tourism, Information Technology (Cyber Security!), Transportation, and Visual & Design Arts. Other student offerings will consist of work based learning opportunities including resume writing, job interview skills, meaningful field trips, job shadows, and internships. Through working with our postsecondary partners, a Career Pathways student may be able to receive college credit at NO COST. The student must earn an 80% or above in their Career Pathways course to receive the college credit. All D11 high school students are offered this opportunity to "go to college" at NO COST. If you are interested in pursuing an industry certification or college credit, the Career Pathways Instructors are a wealth of knowledge and would be happy to discuss specifics with you.

Attendance in Career Pathways courses is essential for students to be successful in their chosen pathway. For that reason, the following **Attendance Policy** is currently in place and being implemented by the Career Pathways Dean, Counselor and Instructors:

The parent or guardian of a student under 17 years old must call to authorize a student's excused absence. Students who have been emancipated by Colorado law, or are 17 years old and older must call to authorize their excused absence. All excused absences are to be reported to the Career Pathways Attendance Clerk at (719) 328-2030 no later than 2 school days following the absence. After 2 school days, absences will remain as unexcused.

On the 5th unexcused absence of the quarter (9th of the semester), the student's home school Counselor and the Career Pathways Dean of Students will be notified, and the student may be dropped from the Career Pathways program. Excessive tardiness is included in the unexcused absence count; being tardy 3 times per quarter (6 times per semester) is the equivalent of 1 unexcused absence. An absence occurs when the student arrives to a Career Pathways class 10 minutes after the class has started, without an excused absence note from the home school Counselor or representative or a Career Pathways staff member.

School Attendance policies for D11 students are outlined in the Board of Education policies, Section Students (Section J), found on www.d11.org/Page/469.

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 11

District 11 is getting ready to launch a new electronic flyer communication tool called Peachjar on April 12.

This “green” initiative will save our schools tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars. On top of that, posting school flyers in this electronic backpack removes a significant administrative burden from teachers, office staff, and volunteers. No action is required on your part. You will receive a welcome email from our service provider (Peachjar) that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. You do not need to login to receive or view school digital flyers. This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure parents and guardians are well informed about school programs, activities, and events. For more information, please visit <https://www.d11.org/peachjar>



SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Air Academy FCU is looking for student interns. The application is on the Air Academy FCU website and is open to juniors and seniors interested in gaining experience in the financial services field.

Applications are due by April 16, 2018. https://www.aafcu.com/careers.html#goto_4

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR 2018 FALL SEMESTER ARE DUE

All students should have turned in their Concurrent Enrollment Paperwork (CEA), PPCC schedule (if applicable), and the off campus application (if applicable) to the Counseling Department or in the Counseling mailbox. All forms were due by April 9th. In addition all Seniors should have submitted a continuation card to Mrs. Everette or in the Counseling mailbox by April 9th.



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LINK CREW 2018-2019

**INTERVIEWS WILL BE HELD MONDAY, APRIL 23RD 2:45-3:25 OR
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25TH 2:45-3:45.**



GRADUATION CAP & GOWN ORDERING!

All graduating seniors must order their cap and gown from the PPCC Bookstore no later than April 30. After ordering, please contact Mrs. Ladefoged at 328-2092 to let her know you have ordered your cap and gown. If you need financial assistance, please contact Principal Umana-Arko at 328-2031 to discuss alternatives. Click [HERE](#) to order.

SENIORS!!!! HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR SENIOR PICTURE?

Your senior picture is due by April 30th. Submit a 4X4 picture (head and shoulders only) to Mrs. Banfield by the 30th to ensure your picture gets into the yearbook. Please make sure there are no hands, hats, or props in the picture. The resolution needs to be at 300 for printing purposes.

The photography students are happy to take your pictures, if you need them to, in exchange for use in their portfolio's. Please email Mrs. Banfield to request this option. She will forward your information to the photography students and they will contact you for time frames, etc.



PARENTS!!! HONOR ADS ARE DUE FOR THE YEARBOOK – APRIL 30TH!

Parents may purchase an Honor Ad for their graduating senior, a club to recognize, or even a group of students who have grown up together. The parent can design the Ad, or just submit what they want the ad to include. Please keep text to 140 Characters. You may have 1-6 pictures, depending on the chart below. Please contact Mrs. Banfield if there are any questions regarding the Honor Ads.

1/8	1 Photo	\$37
1/4	1-3 Photos	\$75
1/2	2-4 Photos	\$150
Full Page	4-6 Photos	\$300

LOCAL BUSINESS OWNERS!!!

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE ODYSSEY ECCO STUDENT BODY!

Advertise your support for the Odyssey ECCO student or program by advertising in the Odyssey 2018 Yearbook. Your business may design the ad (or use one you already have), or the yearbook students will design one for you. For questions, please contact Mrs. Banfield at 328-2054. See the chart for pricing.

1/8	1 Photo	\$37
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KUDOS TO THE AWESOME YOGA STUDENTS!

I need to shout out to the kids in Yoga classes! They've been great participants, positive and helpful for each other this semester!!! Awesome attitudes everyone!! Thank you for bringing so much fun and enjoyment to this semester!



Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at info@tscaschools.com or 970-239-1641.

Congratulations to TSCA Spring Break giveaway winners!



A parent from Moore Middle School entered the contest and won a \$100 gift card & a \$100 gift card for their school!

Stay tuned for our next contest coming soon...



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AVID TUTORIALS

The five goals of tutorials in AVID are:

- 1) Learn how to & the importance of advocating for yourself.
- 2) Learn to identify what you don't know.
- 3) Take a problem & break it down into smaller, more manageable parts.
- 4) Learn how to collaboratively problem solve –how to work as a team on a common problem.
- 5) Clarify academic content.



The other day in AVID students developed goals 1-4 by participating in Spaghetti & Marshmallow Challenge, wherein teams had to build a tower as tall as possible made of only spaghetti (20 sticks), marshmallows (8), and 1 yard of masking tape. There was some excellent team building and healthy competition.



Questions about AVID or tutorials?

Feel free to email Mr. Alarcon at zachary.alarcon@d11.org.



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SCIENCE DEPARTMENT –SPRING 2018 SEMESTER UPDATE

BY JAMES OWINO

The department of Science at Odyssey Early College and Career Options (ECCO) has a new member of staff Ms. Esperanza Lopez who is teaching Biology. The department is therefore offering the following courses during this spring semester of 2018:

Introduction to Environmental Science, Honors Biology (1and 2) and Soil Science. The teaching of these courses involves lectures, laboratory and field activities. Some of the field activities involve working in the greenhouse and the school garden area. The presence of Ms. Lopez has made it possible for us in the department to engage students in more hands on activities.

Because of the grant that we received from the Colorado FFA foundation the FFA members have been engaged in several projects that include renovation and maintenance of the greenhouse, atrium, school garden, raising of seedlings and composting making. They intend to start the sale of the seedling during the month of April and May.

Our FFA chapter had the privilege of being visited by the state officers Patrick Shields and Brianna McBride who are the current State Secretary and State Treasurer respectively. They were able to facilitate some inspiring activities that reflected on a variety of traits that helped member to recognize their leadership skills.



FFA members Diana and Lovie painting the plant propagation benches in the atrium.



FFA members and the FFA state officers Patrick Shield and Brianna McBride.

**ECHS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS
EAD TO THE LAST DROP BY KEN JONES**

April 18 and 19, 6:00-8pm both nights in the RJWAC Large Auditorium. This is a comedy/murder mystery with audience participation! Please bring one can of food or non-perishable item for donation to Care and Share of Colorado Springs.



Dead to the Last Drop

A Comedy/Murder-Mystery with audience participation

By Ken Jones

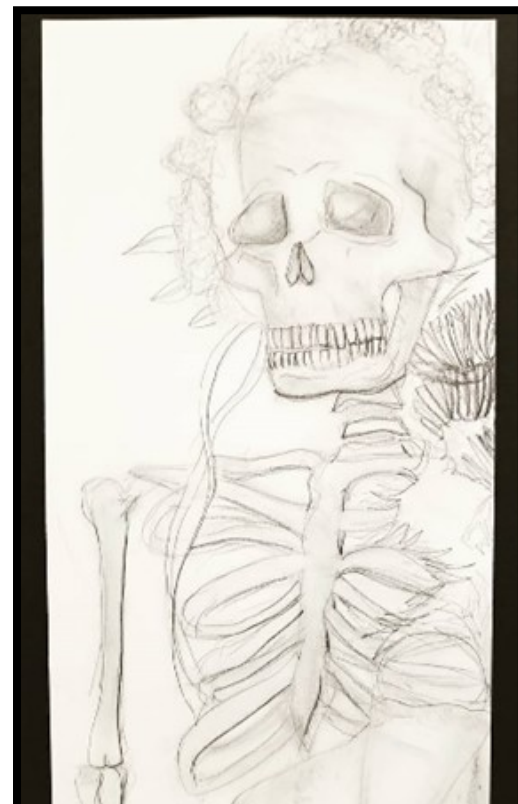
In the RJWAC Large Auditorium

6:00-8:00pm

Wednesday, April 18

Thursday, April 19

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DRAWING FOR ILLUSTRATORS RECENT WORK**Zeb Matteson****Yasmin Ochoa**

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