



R5 High School Phoenix Gazette

Hello R5 Community,

We are sending out our December newsletter this week as there is no school next week for the last week of November. From our team here at R5 High School, we wish you the very best Thanksgiving holiday and hope you get to enjoy it with friends and family.

December is the last month of 2025 and the end of both the first semester and the second quarter at R5 High School. As we wrap up the first semester and second quarter, we want to share a few updates with you and a reminder to attend our annual R5 High School Christmas Dinner.

The annual R5 High School Christmas Dinner will be on Friday, December 19th at 11:30am at R5 High School. We always enjoy celebrating with our community and being able to provide food and fun before we head off on the winter break to end the year. Families are invited to attend and join us and we need your help to RSVP with us by Wednesday, December 10th if you want to surprise your child at the event. Your RSVP with the number of people attending greatly helps us with planning and preparations to ensure we have enough food for everyone and that we don't end up with too much food that results in waste. You can find RSVP information below in this newsletter.

With our R5 annual Christmas Dinner occurring on the 19th, the last day of the quarter for learners to turn in work for credit will be on Thursday, December 18th. Teachers will be reminding learners about this deadline and we ask for your help and assistance in notifying them as well. Strong attendance in the final 3 weeks will be essential if learners are wanting to earn credit for Q2. Advisors are in regular contact with families so please check your email and voice messages to hear consistent updates on how your students are doing.

The winter break runs through January 6th for students. The return to school will be on Wednesday, January 7, 2025. There is still plenty of time remaining for those who want to graduate in May 2025 to earn credit. History and statistics show the more a student shows up to school, the more credit they earn. Showing up at least 90% of the time is the best plan. Our Senior Class Meeting for graduation information will be coming up in early February and if learners are planning to graduate, this meeting is mandatory. More details coming in January.

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and hope that you get the opportunity to spend it with friends and family. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Dinner and in 2026!

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WHAT IS THE DISTRICT 51 FOUNDATION?

The D51 Foundation (D51F) raises money to support our local schools, prioritizing funding for professional learning, technology and innovation, and staff and student wellness. Our mission is to raise funds for academic growth and achievement while promoting outreach to benefit kids and our community.

WWW.D51FOUNDATION.ORG

R5 STUDENT OF THE MONTH Kya Ford

- This student is kind- not just to their fellow students, but also to staff.
- This student is hard working- both at school and at work.
- This student, like most of us in this room, has had life challenges.

But the reason why they were chosen as our student of the month is because instead of letting those challenges stop her, they became motivation to make a change. To work harder, to learn more, and to be a kinder person.

Congratulations, Kya!
you absolutely earned this.
Keep showing up, keep
being kind and working hard.
It will get better.



EUREKA!

MATH & SCIENCE CENTER



IMPORTANT DATES

December 18th
2nd Quarter Exhibitions

December 19th
R5 Holiday Celebration
@ Freeway Bowl & Holiday Family Dinner

December 22nd - January 2nd
Winter Break

January 5th
No School - Teacher Workday

January 6th
No School - Teacher Inservice Day

January 7th
1st day of Third Quarter - School in Session

JENNIFER REID

IS THIS MONTHS ROCKSTAR
BECAUSE SHE

IS EXCEPTIONALLY STUDENT
CENTERED BY BUILDING STRONG,
TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH
ALL LEARNERS AS THEY CONSISTENTLY SEEK HER OUT
FOR ACADEMIC, SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL, AND PROBLEM
SOLVING SUPPORT.

EMPOWERS LEARNER GROWTH BY GUIDING LEARNERS
IN REFLECTIVE OWNERSHIP, INTENTIONAL PROBLEM
SOLVING, RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATION, AND SELF
MOTIVATION—HELPING THEM BRIDGE GAPS AND
ACHIEVE SUCCESS.

IS A TRUSTED, COLLABORATIVE LEADER WHO IS
WELCOMING, KIND, AND INCLUSIVE WITH STAFF AND
STUDENTS. SHE ADVOCATES AUTHENTICALLY FOR
LEARNER NEEDS AND IS ALWAYS WILLING TO JUMP IN AND
SUPPORT ANYONE—TRULY A ROCKSTAR AT R-5.



R5 ROCKSTAR



GRAND VALLEY TRANSIT **D51 STUDENT BUS PASS PROGRAM**

D51 Middle School & High School Students
Ride GVT for FREE

Parents must complete form before student can obtain pass



SENIOR PICTURES

NOW ACCEPTING SUBMISSIONS FOR THE YEARBOOK

*Seniors may submit photos via email to
Mrs. Casey at sutton.casey@d51schools.org or
Ms. Jay at candace.jay@d51schools.org*

YOU'RE INVITED



2nd Quarter Exhibitions

**Thursday, December 18th
10:00 am - 10:30 am**

Harry Butler Board Room @ R5



If you need help outside of regular school hours and this is a crisis situation, please use one of the following resources:

- Call 9-1-1 Emergency Line
- Safe2Tell - call 1-877-542-SAFE to submit an anonymous report to law enforcement and school administration
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline @ 988lifeline.org or call 1-800-273-TALK
- Colorado Crisis: 1-844-493-8255 or Text: 38255



Families are Invited!

Please join us
Friday, December 19th at 11:30 am
 in the Harry Butler Board Room
 to kick off the winter break
 with a homemade holiday meal provided by the
 First United Methodist Church

If you're interested in attending, please [RSVP here](#) or have your learner RSVP to their advisor by Wednesday, December 10th. Please call 970-254-6880 for more information!

R5 Holiday Celebration

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE WITH ANYTHING AT R5, PLEASE VISIT THE R5 WEBSITE OR CALL THE MAIN OFFICE AT 970-254-6880 DURING THE HOURS OF 8:00A.M. - 3:00P.M. M-F

OUR STAFF IS COMMITTED EACH AND EVERY DAY TO THEIR WORK, OUR MISSION:

R5 USES RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING TO SUPPORT LEARNERS IN BECOMING THRIVING CITIZENS. R5 IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING ALL LEARNERS WILL DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS, CULTURAL AND SELF-AWARENESS, AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP THROUGH AN INDIVIDUALIZED WHOLE-PERSON APPROACH, COMMANDING HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND PROVIDING MASTERY LEARNING WITH A COMPASSIONATE, RESPONSIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT. . . .

TO GUARANTEE THAT 100% OF OUR GRADUATES WILL BE POST-SECONDARY READY.

December 2025