



Pueblo District 60

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Newsletter

D60 is Present, Powerful, and Empowered by Reading.



FALL INTO FAMILY CONNECTION

October is the perfect time to come together as a community, and Pueblo School District 60 is inviting families to do just that at our upcoming Family Connection Night! Join us Monday, October 19, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at South High School for an evening filled with connection, fun, and opportunities for the whole family.

Families can enjoy screen-free activities for all ages, giveaways, raffles, and more, along with a light dinner. It's a chance to step away from screens, spend quality time together, and strengthen the connections that make our school communities stronger.

At D60, we know that when families and schools work together, students thrive. By building strong relationships and supporting learning both inside and outside the classroom, we help every student remain **Present, Powerful, and Empowered by Reading**. We look forward to welcoming our families for an evening of connection, shared experiences, and fall fun!

D60 JOINS DENVER BRONCOS TO IMPROVE STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Pueblo School District 60 has joined the Denver Broncos and Attendance Works for a statewide initiative focused on improving student attendance. Through training, coaching, and collaboration, D60 will continue working to reduce chronic absenteeism and help students stay engaged and ready to learn.

Every school day matters!
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EXPLORING COLLEGE AND CAREER PATHWAYS AT HYDE PARK PRECOLLEGIATE

Students at Hyde Park Precollegiate Middle School recently welcomed Pueblo Community College for an assembly focused on career pathways, college admissions, and campus life.

Students explored how their interests and strengths can connect to future educational and career opportunities. Principal Stephanie Markert emphasized the importance of helping students discover their passions and envision their futures.

By introducing college and career opportunities early, Hyde Park is helping students build goals and explore the possibilities ahead.

Get a Head Start on College and Career Success

D60 high school students can earn college credit through concurrent enrollment at no cost to their families. D60 covers tuition, textbooks, and required fees, removing financial barriers and expanding opportunities.

Through partnerships with Pueblo Community College and CSU Pueblo, students can take college courses at either campus or their own high school. They can also explore career-focused programs like welding, automotive repair, and cosmetology, gaining valuable skills and experience before graduation.

D60 is helping students turn their interests into opportunities and take the next step toward their futures.



NEW STREAM LEARNING SPACES ARE TAKING SHAPE

STREAM is starting to take shape at Columbian and Highland Park! The media centers are being prepared to become engaging spaces where curiosity, creativity, and hands-on learning come together. From science and technology to research, engineering, arts, and math, STREAM gives students opportunities to explore new ideas, solve problems, and bring their learning to life.

These spaces will encourage collaboration, critical thinking, and innovation, helping students make real-world connections and discover new possibilities through learning.

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GROWING KNOWLEDGE IN THE CORWIN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sixth graders at Corwin International Magnet School are digging into hands-on learning by creating their very own community garden! Students prepared the garden beds and planted radishes, spinach, kale, and lettuce, putting their teamwork and learning into action.

Throughout the season, students will care for their plants and watch their garden grow, gaining valuable experience while learning about plant life, responsibility, and the growing process. This project connects classroom learning to the real world, giving students an opportunity to collaborate, problem-solve, and see the results of their hard work firsthand.



DISTRIBUTIVE DOCTORS: MAKING MATH HANDS-ON

Third graders at Sunset Park Elementary turned their classroom into an operating room for “Distributive Doctors,” a hands-on lesson exploring the distributive property of multiplication.

Using Skittles, chocolate chips, and a little imagination, students broke down multiplication problems into smaller, manageable parts while putting their math skills into practice. This creative approach made learning interactive, engaging, and memorable.

Through experiences like this, D60 educators bring learning to life, helping students become **Present, Powerful, and Empowered by Reading.**

EXPLORING ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS AT BACA ELEMENTARY

The Pueblo Zoo brought a memorable science lesson to third graders at Baca Elementary School, giving students the chance to explore how animals survive and adapt to their environments. Building on what they had been learning in the classroom, students got an up-close look at a turtle and some fascinating bugs, discovering how different animals use their unique features and behaviors to meet their needs.

The visit turned classroom concepts into hands-on learning, sparking curiosity and giving students a new perspective on the natural world. Experiences like this help D60 students make real-world connections to science while encouraging them to ask questions, explore new ideas, and discover more about the world around them.



Did you know?

One day per month is all it takes to be chronically absent.

Greatness starts with being present!



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Every school day is a chance to show up and help our team succeed! Through our attendance partnership with the Denver Broncos, D60 is working to keep students engaged, learning, and ready to win. Let's finish the semester strong because together, we're **Present, Powerful, and Empowered by Reading!**



CELEBRATING D60 STUDENT AND SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

The September Board of Education meeting celebrated the incredible work happening across D60, beginning with a special performance by Park View School of Discovery fourth graders featuring songs from the Song of Pueblo.

The evening also recognized Corwin International Magnet School for earning its fifth consecutive Colorado Trailblazer School to Watch designation. Columbian Elementary, Franklin School of Innovation, and Minnequa Elementary were also honored with the Bright Spot Award, placing them among the top 5% of schools nationwide recognized for third-grade literacy achievement.

These accomplishments reflect the dedication of our students and educators as we remain **Present, Powerful, and Empowered by Reading!**

MINNEQUA EARNs PLATINUM IN THE FIELD DISTINCTION

Minnequa Elementary welcomed educational thought leaders and school administrators from across the country for a special Platinum Inspection visit, earning the prestigious "Platinum in the Field" distinction in recognition of its strong leadership and instructional practices.

Visitors observed classrooms and saw Minnequa educators putting effective teaching strategies into action, monitoring student progress, and creating a positive school culture. The visit highlighted the teamwork, careful planning, and dedication that support student learning and academic growth every day.

This recognition reflects Minnequa's ongoing commitment to strengthening teaching and learning, supporting educators, and ensuring every student has the opportunity to grow, reach their potential, and succeed.



Upcoming Events:

- **D60 Fall Into Family Connection Night**

Monday, October 19, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. South High School

Join us for the first of four D60 Family Connection Nights. Enjoy fun analog experiences like family crafts, games, take-home challenges, resources, giveaways, and more!



- **Pride and Patriotism**

Wednesday, November 11, 6:00 p.m. East High School

For the 11th year, the district and its scholars will pay tribute to veterans and those currently serving through our annual Pride and Patriotism event.

- **Thanksgiving Break**

Monday, November 23 - Friday, November 27

As Thanksgiving break approaches, every school day remains important! Being present the week before and after Thanksgiving Break helps students stay on track with lessons and strengthen their skills. Consistent attendance gives students the best opportunity to finish the semester strong and celebrate their progress.

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