

Bison Bulletin

April 2018

Clear Sky Elementary

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Kellie Roe
Principal

Katie Berry
Asst. Principal

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Attendance Line:
303-387-5902

School Day:
9:10am - 4:00pm
Office Hours:
8:30am-4:30pm

Clear Sky PTO



Message from the Principals

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year when we begin planning for the upcoming 2018-19 school year. We would like to inform you of the process we use in helping determine student placement. The goal of placement is to create an equal balance of needs and abilities in all classrooms and pair students with the teacher and classmates that will provide the optimal learning environment for all students.

With this in mind we would like to lead you through our process. Teachers will complete an informational card on each student presently enrolled at our school. This card addresses the academic and social needs of the student. When grade level teachers meet to place students, the cards are used as guidelines to balance classroom compositions. We feel classroom teachers know best the needs of their students that are moving ahead. When these classes are initially formed, other support staff is asked to review the lists to see if there are considerations that have been missed. Those lists are not finalized until early July due to the fact that incoming students will be added to the list and students may still need to be moved to further balance the classes. Mrs. Roe & Mrs. Berry will make final decisions on all placements as we have a broad overview of all students.

Parents are reminded that we are unable to honor requests for a specific teacher. We do believe you have valuable information about your child. If there are considerations that need to be used as placements are made, you are requested to fill out a form that can be picked up in the office. Please do not mention specific teacher names on the form. Please know careful consideration is given to each student and many professional eyes view the placement of each child to ensure the success of all students. This letter provides an opportunity for you to provide information we may not be aware of and in no way guarantees placement or non-placement. To be considered, letters must be submitted no later than May 1st.

Thank you for being good partners in this process. We work hard to make the best possible decisions for students and staff.

As always if you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us!!

Sincerely,

Kellie Roe & Katie Berry





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Important Dates to Remember:

APRIL

April 9th – 13th	6th grade Outdoor Ed
April 10th	Bison10ial Day!
April 14th	PTO Spring Event – A Clear Sky Night
April 17th	3rd grade Field trip to Denver Botanic Gardens
April 18th	Lifetouch Spring Photos (AM/PM Kindie, 3rd grade, 4th grade, 5th grade, PK)
April 19th	Lifetouch Spring Photos (FT Kindie, 1st grade, 2nd grade, 6th grade, PK)
April 20th	NO SCHOOL
April 19th	CVHS Family Science Night (see flier)
April 19th	4th grade Field trip to History Colorado Museum
April 26th – 27th	Madagascar Spring Musical at 7pm in the Gym
April 27th	2nd grade Field trip to Cheyenne Mountain Zoo



Don't forget – **Spirit Day is every Friday** – wear your blue, white or gray/silver!

****some dates and times may change - notifications will be made by Thursday folders, emails or phone blasts**

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CSE Testing Schedule & Window

**April 2 - April 27(PARCC Grades 3-6)
April 9 - April 27(CMAS Grades 5 SCI)**

For testing:

Each class will test in their classrooms with Chromebooks.

For 3rd grade: 3 math, 3 ELA

For 4th grade: 3 math, 3 ELA

3rd grade testing schedule

April 10th	Math 1	9:30 - 11:00 (65)
	ELA	1:15 - 3:15 (90)
April 11th	Math 2	9:30 - 11:00 (65)
	ELA 2	1:15 - 3:15 (90)
April 12th	Math 3	9:30 - 11:00 (65)
	ELA 3	1:15 - 3:15 (90)

4th grade testing schedule

April 10th	Math 1	11:15 - 12:30 (65)
	ELA 1	2:00 - 3:55 (90)
April 11th	Math 2	11:15 - 12:30 (65)
	ELA 2	2:00 - 3:55 (90)
April 12th	Math 3	11:15 - 12:30 (65)
	ELA 3	2:00 - 3:55 (90)

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CSE Testing Schedule & Window

April 2 - April 27(PARCC Grades 3-6)
April 9 - April 27(CMAS Grades 5 SCI)

For testing:

Each class will test in their classrooms with Chromebooks.

For 5th grade: 3 math, 3 ELA , 3 Science

For 6th grade: 3 math, 3 ELA (April 9-13 - Outdoor ed)

5th grade testing schedule		
April 10th	Math 1	10:30 - 12:00 (65)
	ELA 1	1:45 - 3:45 (90)
April 11th	Math 2	10:30 - 12:00 (65)
	ELA 2	1:45 - 3:45 (90)
April 12th	Math 3	10:30 - 12:00 (65)
	ELA 3	1:45 - 3:45 (90)
April 16th	Science 1	1:45 - 3:45 (80)
April 17th	Science 2	1:45 - 3:45 (80)
April 18th	Science 3	1:45 - 3:45 (80)

6th grade testing schedule		
April 3rd	Math 1	9:15 - 11:00 (65)
	ELA	1:30 - 3:45 (110)
April 4th	Math 2	9:15 - 11:00 (65)
	ELA 2	1:30 - 3:45 (110)
April 5th	Math 3	9:15 - 11:00 (65)
	ELA 3	1:30 - 3:30 (110)

Moved? Moving?

Have you moved during the school year? If so, please let the front office know so we can update your information in our records. With safety being a top priority in Douglas County schools, it is important that we have current address information.



Front Office Tid Bits

Attendance: If your child is going to be absent, their absence should be reported to the attendance line at 303-387-5902. Attendance calls and emails are sent after attendance is taken by teachers for all unverified absences. We update attendance records with late arrivals who sign in at the office.

End of Day Messages: Please call the office before 3:45 pm. End of day messages are delivered at 3:45 pm. Please try to keep your end of day messages to a minimum - they should be used for last minute changes only.

Early Leaves: We are experiencing a large number of students being signed out early in the afternoons, many within the last 15 minutes of school. We recognize that afternoon appointments are sometimes unavoidable but please keep in mind that students signing out early are a disruption to their classroom's routine and the learning environment.

Kiss N Go: Please do not park in the Kiss N Go Lane. Remember that parents are dropping off and picking up in that lane. We appreciate you parking in the parking lot to walk your child in to school.

Visitors: We welcome you to come and visit your student at lunch or volunteer in the classroom or to come look for missing items in our lost and found. If you come during school hours you will be asked to sign in on our visitor log and wear a badge so that staff throughout the building may see that you have checked in at the office. It is a simple way to help keep our kids safe.

Illness: When can your student return to school?

After 24 hours of medication for the following conditions: strep throat, conjunctivitis, infected skin eruptions and other conditions requiring antibiotics (Exception: If being treated for Pertussis, student must be on antibiotics for 5 days)

The student has been free of the following conditions for at least 24 hours:

- fever, eye drainage, vomiting

The student has been free of the following conditions for at least 48 hours:

- diarrhea, vomiting (if related to a stomach virus such as Norovirus)

Questions about health room may be directed to knichols1@dcsdk12.org

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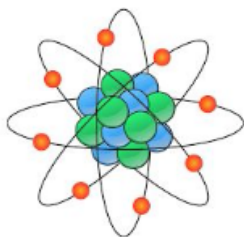


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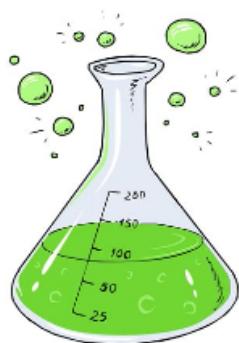
You're invited to Castle View's third annual

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

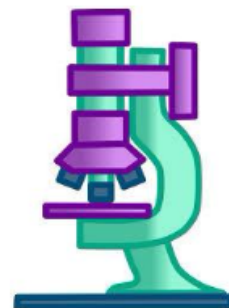
Join CV students and teachers for an exploratory science experience that all ages will enjoy!



**Thr. April 19 from
5:30p-7:30p Castle View HS**



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English Language Learner (ELL) Update

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Aurora.green@dcsdk12.org

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abeer.sawaged@dcsdk12.org

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ESL CELEBRATION

You, your children, and your families are invited to attend the ESL Celebration on **Tuesday, April 17, 2018** at Chaparral High School. This is a FUN, INCREDIBLE evening. Please distribute [this invitation](#) to your families when we return from Spring Break. The invitation is also attached to the newsletter email. We have included a few pictures from last year. See you there!

READ ACT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - CDE RESOURCES

Materials available to communicate with parents, educators about the READ Act CDE's communications division is offering materials about the READ Act to help educators and parents understand Colorado's important early literacy law.

The toolkits include videos, drop-in letters, fact sheets, ways parents can help their children read and answers to frequently asked questions. These materials are designed to help districts and schools communicate with parents about the READ Act. The materials are meant to be flexible. Use them as is or copy and paste the pieces that are most useful into your own branded materials.

Parent-focused materials are available on this webpage and information for **educators is available on this webpage**.

For More Information, Contact:

Jeremy Meyer

Director of Communications

Phone: 303-866-2334

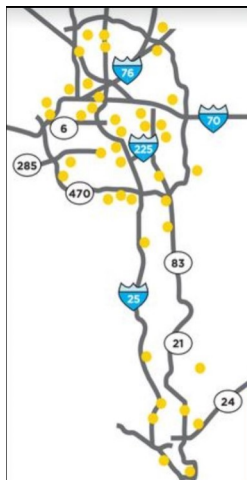
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Innovation Lab

Happy spring! As I shared in last month's newsletter, students were working towards activities that would help prepare them for creating their own project. The final two rotations in the Innovation Lab will have students working on a Genius Hour project. Genius Hour gives your student the ability to apply the skills they've learned in school towards an individual passion project. This process promotes creative and innovative thinking, and provides kids with the opportunity to learn more about something they are interested in. They will also try to incorporate a component from our learning in the Innovation lab as well.

There's a chance that at some point in time, your student may come home asking for extra help on their project. They may also want certain supplies. I will do my best to supply everything they need. If you are able to help supply them with something they want for their project, that's fantastic. We would also love parent volunteers during this time. Please email me if you'd like to help or have any questions. We are looking forward to sharing our wonderful work with everyone!

Want to donate?

We are always looking for materials, expertise, and extra hands! We are currently looking for the following items:
Clorox Wipes, Duct Tape, Rechargeable AA Batteries, an old Operation game...we need it for dissection :) Visit our updated Google Doc (<https://goo.gl/3RIMpJ>) to see what materials we need. If you want to volunteer your time, please feel free to contact me.

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Want to learn more?

Visit these two resources to learn more about: Design Thinking - <https://www.ideo.com/pages/design-thinking>

Jennifer

Jumpstreet Indoor Trampoline Parks Celebrate Kids of All Abilities



April is National Autism Awareness Month but Jumpstreet celebrates kids of all abilities every month!

Jumpstreets across the country host a special semi-private event on the first Saturday of every month, including Saturday, April 7. Children with special needs and their siblings are welcome to enjoy the park one hour before it opens to the public. **The private hour is from 9am to 10am.**

Jumpstreet COO Mark Goldman says,

“Families have shared with us that their children with developmental challenges feel more confident in their play when the park is less crowded. We want all our young guests to have fun.”

The special admission price for the monthly event is \$8 for kids 5 years old and older and \$4 for ages 4 and younger. The admission is for a two-hour pass.

For more info, please visit GotJump.com.



CAMP INVENTION

Summer Camp at Clear Sky with CSE Teachers! - Where Big Ideas Become the Next Big Thing

Mrs. Jensen, the Innovation Lab teacher, is excited to bring a week-long STEM-focused summer camp to CSE this June! Camp Invention's all-new summer program, Fast Forward, shows children that even the wildest and craziest ideas can become reality! Campers going into 1st-6th will create a vehicle of the future, design a mechanical robot dog, and build futuristic dream homes, and make dinos dance using wind-up gearboxes.

Our own Clear Sky teachers lead the week of fun, hands-on, STEM activities that encourage children to think big, explore their curiosity, and never give up! Students going into 7th-9th grade can attend as a "Counselor-in-Training". High school students can also earn community service hours by serving as in the "Leadership Intern Program".

Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized, non-profit summer enrichment program for kindergartners through 6th graders that is inspired by the brightest thinkers around - the inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame. At Camp Invention children are empowered to have big ideas while they take on STEM based challenges that inspire them to question, brainstorm, collaborate with teammates, and build invention prototypes.

Visit campinvention.org or call [800.968.4332](tel:800.968.4332) to register. Remember to use promo code IDEAS15 to save \$15. (This promotion expires May 4th.) If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Jensen: jennifer.jensen@dcsdk12.org

See first hand what your child will do by watching the "2018 Camp Invention Program - Fast Forward" video on YouTube. Here's the link: <https://youtu.be/5ROCCsOdQHQ> (If you have a difficult time reading the address, you can just go to YouTube and search for the video.)

Jennifer
Innovation Lab Specialist @ CSE
STAR Discovery Educator & LC Member
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<http://www.theteacherscorner.net>

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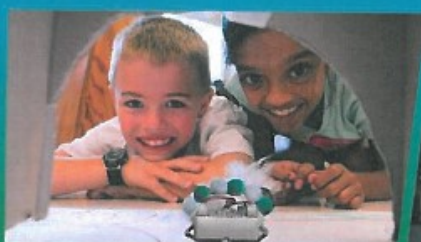
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If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit campinvention.org for other locations near you.

"I have seen an improved confidence in her since sending her to camp."

★★★★ Jim J., Parent

"That rocked! I can't wait for tomorrow!"

★★★★ Ryan S., Camper

"Love the variety of activities and different ways of thinking."

★★★★ Natalie S., Parent



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2018 CAMP INVENTION PROGRAM: FAST FORWARD



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Participants will:

- Explore the Internet of Things and how smart devices are connected and controlled.
- Explore how power plants transform energy from renewable sources then apply this knowledge to incorporate smart power into their structures.
- Identify the letters of binary code and use them to create a message.



Robotic Pet Vet™

Children become robotic pet veterinarians and receive their very own robotic dog they get to personalize and bring home. Throughout this module, participants diagnose puppy problems and design and build dog parks as they hammer out their ideas for the best dog park attraction.

Participants will:

- Use real tools to take apart robotic dogs and compare their inner mechanics to the biology of animals.
- Use spatial reasoning to construct a dog park.
- Analyze the simple machines used to make their robotic dog move, bark and light up.



Optibot™

Children explore sensors by experimenting with their own Optibot—a small driving bot that senses changes in dark and light surfaces. Land, sea and air vehicles inspire children to consider their surroundings so that they can design a futuristic vehicle that might one day be reality.

Participants will:

- Design tracks for their Bots to follow while exploring all the different modes of transportation.
- Explore the functionality of impact sensors using a small-scale crash test dummy.
- Discover how sensors are used in vehicles to create automated systems like the ones in self-driving cars.



Stick To It™

Inventing is fun, but it isn't always easy. That's the inspiration behind Stick To It and what many Inductees of the National Inventors Hall of Fame know to be true. Children receive new challenges each day that inspire them to think big, be bold and never give up.

Participants will:

- Explore energy and force by launching rockets to knock socks off a clothesline.
- Estimate measurement of distance to build a robotic arm and retrieve coins.
- Explore non-Newtonian fluids and magnetism by using magnets to make slime move.

2018 Summer Literacy Camps

We are excited to announce our 2018 Summer Literacy Camps. This summer, we will be holding four literacy camp sessions. Each of these themed sessions will include small group and whole group literacy instruction, read-alouds, leveled guided reading and writing, poetry, crafts, projects and much more.

These camp sessions will be open to all incoming 16-17 K-3 students. Students can sign up for one or more camp sessions throughout the summer. Each session will be located at Clear Sky Elementary and instructed by our literacy team. You may sign up for one or more sessions. Price is determined by the number of sessions enrolled.

Prices for the camps are indicated on the attached flier. All checks can be made out to CSE. The deadline to enroll is **May 31st**. These camps usually fill up quickly so enroll soon.

Any questions, please email Caitlin House at caitlin.house@dcsdk12.org, Christine Jojola at christine.jojola@dcsdk12.org, or Amanda Shefsick at amanda.shefsick@dcsdk12.org.

CSE Summer Literacy Camps



Wednesday, June 20th 9:00am-12:00pm

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CSE Summer Literacy Camps



Wednesday, June 27th 9:00am-12:00pm

What's The Matter:

Science experiments/non-fiction reading & writing/inquiry



Wednesday, July 18th 9:00am-12:00pm

DUCT TAPE DAY: Creativity/Art/Writing



Wednesday, July 25th 9:00am-12:00pm

What's the Buzz - All About Honeybees:

Non-Fiction Reading & Writing/Science

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Age _____ Grade (SY18-19) K _____ 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

Parent(s) _____

Address _____

email _____ phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ phone _____

Allergies _____

Please select camp(s) you would like to enroll in:

_____ Wednesday, June 20th 9:00am-12:00pm Popcorn Fun

_____ Wednesday, June 27th 9:00am-12:00pm What's the Matter

_____ Wednesday, July 18th 9:00am-12:00pm DUCt TaPE DAY

_____ Wednesday, July 25th 9:00am-12:00pm What's the Buzz: All About Honeybees

1 session = \$35 2 sessions = \$55 3 sessions = \$75 4 sessions = \$100

Total _____

Please submit enrollment form and tuition (checks made payable to CSE) no later than May 31st. Each class will be limited to the first 20 students enrolled. **No refunds will be given after June 2nd.**



3.14.18 Pi Day at CSE

On this day we celebrate Einstein's birthday and what has come to be known as "Pi Day". The date, March 14th, displays the first three digits of the mathematical number known as Pi (3.14) or π . Most of us get introduced to this irrational number when learning how to calculate the area of a circle: πr^2 . It's considered an irrational number because it cannot be expressed as a fraction; the decimal digits are unending and never repeat! Many mathematicians have devoted their work to identifying new digits of Pi. At least one [source](#) has calculated π to 12.1 trillion digits!

One way students celebrated Pi Day here at Clear Sky was through our 4th Annual Pi Battle: students competed with themselves and others to see how many digits of Pi they could memorize and recite. "The current Guinness World Record is held by Lu Chao of China, who, in 2005, recited 67,890 digits of pi.



Alyson, Austin, and Isaac

Our CSE champion this year was Alyson Hatch, who successfully recited 88 digits, amazing the other competitors. Coming in second and third were Austin Law and Isaac Konecny with 84 and 68 digits, respectfully. All three students deserve recognition for memorizing and accurately reciting over 50 digits of Pi!

Congratulations to all competitors for their hard work and resiliency!

Pi Day was celebrated throughout the school as well. Intermediate classrooms took a little time to talk about this famous mathematical number and have a little fun in the process, each one doing different things to learn and celebrate.

Teachers and staff also got in on the fun and brought in pies to enjoy in the staff lounge. You know we are never ones to turn down dessert!

3rd Grade News

Goods for a Good Cause!

Third graders experienced real life economics in action as they made products to sell during the Scholastic Book Fair. They chose what to make, figured out the cost for supplies, and the profit they would make. They raised over \$600 and all of the proceeds are going towards buying books for an elementary school in Denver.



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Creative 4th graders prepare a project for the PTO Spring Fling



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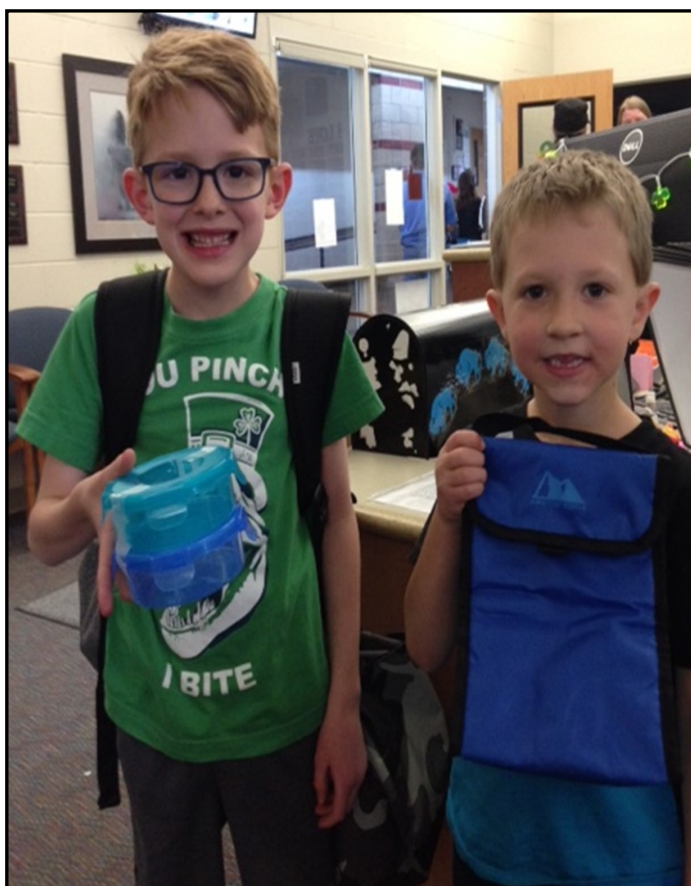
Directions: Print this form, include your payment with it and send with your child to give to their teacher.

Waste Free Wednesdays

Congratulations to our most recent winners who brought a Waste Free Wednesday lunch: Ayden, Parker, Cam and Ethan. Please help us reduce the amount of trash being sent to the landfills by limiting the amount of disposable packaging in your child's lunch. Thank you.

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Zero Waste Lunches

Save Money, Save the Environment

Question: Does packing a zero waste lunch save you money?

Answer: Yes!! Over \$300 a year.

Buying food in individual packaging not only produces more waste, but also costs more money. To prove it, we'll pack a sample lunch two different ways with these ingredients:

- Juice
 - Annie's Cheddar Bunnies
 - Yogurt
 - Fruit
- (We left out the sandwich because this cost remains constant with both lunches.)

Using prices found on Safeway.com, this sample lunch costs:

\$4.23 for individually packaged items

\$2.33 for bulk food items sent to school in Zero-Waste reusable containers

That's a **45% savings** from food alone!

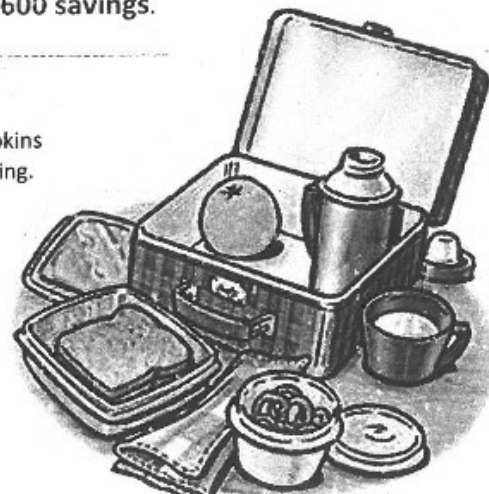


If we include the ongoing cost of disposable packaging (like plastic sandwich bags, brown paper sacks, and napkins) compared to the one-time purchase of a Zero-Waste lunch kit

you can save over \$300 in one year by switching to Zero-Waste lunches.

In two years, that becomes a \$600 savings.

A Zero-Waste lunch kit contains reusable containers, cloth napkins and water bottles to eliminate the need for disposable packaging.



*Event Information*

**Saturday, April 14, 2018
6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.**

Online Auction Information

The online auction will be running from 8:00 a.m. on April 9, 2018 until 9:00 p.m. on April 14, 2018.

**Bid on fun
items from
your phone!**

We are excited to announce that our spring event is mobile! A Clear Sky Night will be using Handbid, a mobile silent auction platform that allows you to buy tickets for the event and to bid on items in our silent auction. All of this can be done from your smartphone or desktop. Although bidding doesn't open until April 9th, we are currently selling tickets for the event and you can also set-up your bidding account now.

Register and purchase a ticket from your smartphone:

1. If you have an iPhone or Android, you can download the Handbid app from the Apple or Google Play stores. *NOTE: We strongly recommend you "Accept notifications from this App" when you open it and join an auction. This will allow you to get push notifications for "Outbid" messages during the online auction.*
2. From the App home screen, tap on "GET STARTED" and complete the information (please use your cell phone as the phone number). Tap "NEXT" and Handbid will text you a 5 digit code. Enter this code to login.
3. Once you are logged in, select "A CLEAR SKY NIGHT" from the list of auctions. Once on the next page, click on the auction logo.
4. Click on "LET'S GETTING BIDDING".
5. Click on "BUY TICKETS NOW".
6. Select either General Admission or VIP and enter the quantity of tickets for each you want to purchase. *NOTE: Swipe up/down for a description of each type of ticket.*
7. Click "BUY NOW" and click "YES" to confirm your purchase. *NOTE: Your ticket is not purchased yet at this step.*
8. Go back to your Dashboard and go under "INVOICES" and select your tickets in your basket.
9. Select your payment method and click "MAKE A PAYMENT".

Register and purchase a ticket from your desktop:

1. Go to the [auction site](#).
2. Click on "REGISTER/BUY TICKETS".
3. Select either General Admission or VIP and enter the quantity of tickets for each you want to purchase.
4. Click "PURCHASE" and complete the required information.

Things to know:

- If you are purchasing a ticket for somebody else, you must send us [an email](#) with the full name and email address for the person you are purchasing for.
- The credit card you enter will be the same credit card you use for the online auction purchases and also live auction purchases at the event.
- We will have a check-in at the event and will verify that all attendees are registered with an account.
- As we approach the online auction opening with items to bid on, we will send additional details about how you can bid either from the event or from home.
- Ticket prices are subject to increase as the event approaches...so buy early!



CLEAR SKY PTO

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We encourage you to follow our CSE PTO in these ways:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ClearSkyElementaryPTO/>

Website: <http://www.csepto.com/>

Email blasts: Sent out each week by Susan Snider in the front office, these email blasts will contain information about upcoming PTO needs and planned activities



[The Bison Blog](#)

Sign up for blog updates

Alone we can do so little;

together we can *do* so much.

— Helen Keller



Lunch Menu

[Click here](#) to access the lunch menu.

Parent Portal

[Click Here](#) to access the parent portal.

Express Online Payments

[Click here for all CSE/DCSD payments.](#)

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