

WE ARE WELD RE-5J



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WE ARE ONE COMMUNITY

SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED WITH MCGUFFEY AWARD

Michael Wailes, our Weld RE-5J School Board President, was recently recognized with a McGuffey Award from the Colorado Association of School Boards (CASB). The CASB Award was designed to honor board members who bring both the head and the heart of committed and passionate service.

Wailes sets an example as a stellar board member through his knowledge, leadership, and passion. He's dedicated to students, encouraging all to learn, succeed, and thrive. He's active in the community, supports others by leading board development work sessions, and is vigilant to provide the best opportunities for all students. He understands educating a child in the 21st century requires changes in what is needed for facilities, resources, and personnel and promotes the development of partnerships among all entities. Through his expertise, a bond capital construction program was passed in 2020 for new schools and renovations. His leadership advocacy extends throughout Colorado from legislation to being appointed to serve on the State Board of Education for BEST Grants. *We are all fortunate to have Michael Wailes as an ally and an advocate for students and their education.*



Michael Wailes, Weld RE-5J School Board President pictured center

Weld Trust Grant

In August, Roosevelt High School was awarded another \$25,000 from the Weld Trust. The money has gone toward two Career & Technical Education (CTE) Options: the Health Science Pathway and the CDIP Independent Study Pilot Course: Microsoft Office. Grants and partnerships enable Weld RE-5J School District to provide outstanding opportunities for our students on budget.



School Resource Officer (SRO) Appreciation

The Weld RE-5J Board of Education is showing their gratitude and commitment to partnering on school safety with the Johnstown and Milliken Police Departments through the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.

"SRO's are an integral and important resource to Weld RE-5J School District and our community. In addition to ensuring our buildings are safe and secure, they build relationships with the kids, act as role models, connect people to resources, and more," said Michael Wailes, President, Weld RE-5J Board of Education.

On top of standard police training, SRO's undergo specialized training to work with school staff and students for the purpose of creating safe learning environments, responding to all-hazard threats that may impact schools, and supporting students in need through positive interactions.

Weld RE-5J is recognizing their SRO's, Thomas Kelley and Jason Tope, for their service and commitment to the district. The Board recognized Officer Tope for his seven years of service at the October 5 board meeting. Milliken Middle School principal, Aspen Sanders, said of Officer Tope, *"He's an asset to our campus in ensuring our building is safe and secure. He's phenomenal with building relationships with kids and even provides educational talks about various topics in their areas of expertise."* Upon receiving his recognition, Officer Tope commented on how much he is really enjoying this stage of his career working with the schools and his interactions with the kids.



Officer Tope



Officer Kelley Pictured Center

Officer Kelley, from the Johnstown Police Department, was recognized for his four years of service at the November 9th Board of Education meeting. Officer Kelley is passionate about the safety of our community youth. He can often be found at every home football game, acting as our local Elf for the Weld Elves program, or just daily in and out of schools and engaging with students and staff.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP

Our elementary Summer Enrichment Camp immersed students into the world of Project-Based Learning — connecting new knowledge with meaningful, hands-on opportunities to demonstrate their learning. The many projects included the design and building of birdhouses, discovering the joy of cooking, creating a glow room, making designs come to life through 3-D printing, exploring elephant toothpaste, and discovering various famous landmarks through virtual visits



around the world. These opportunities were all made possible through the dedication of our incredible Enrichment Camp staff, community partners, and a 21st Century Grant.

Pioneer Ridge Elementary Stallion Stampede



A huge thank you to our Specials teachers at PRE, the parent volunteers, and our sponsors that helped make the Stallion Stampede a success! On October 14, students ran around a course and stopped at four different stations to complete fun activities. They were able to raise over \$6000 to go toward outdoor and playground improvements at PRE!

RHS Football Youth Camp

This summer, the Roosevelt High School football team hosted their annual three-day youth camp. The camp, held at Peterson Field, was free to kids in grades 1-8. RHS coaches and players volunteered their time to mentor the youth. A goal of the RHS football program is to be involved in the community, and this is one way they make a positive impact. Roosevelt Head Coach Lane Wasinger said, "My favorite thing was watching kids have fun playing football. They get to come out and run around, compete with each other, learn new skills, learn new drills, and also to watch our high school players teach and coach and carry themselves the way we expect. It's a proud moment for us high school coaches to watch our players take charge, take the lead, and teach those young kids."



WE INVEST IN PROJECT-BASED LEARNING



We invest in Project-Based Learning (PBL) opportunities for all students so they develop communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving skills in the context of real experiences. Students of all ages benefit from this approach!

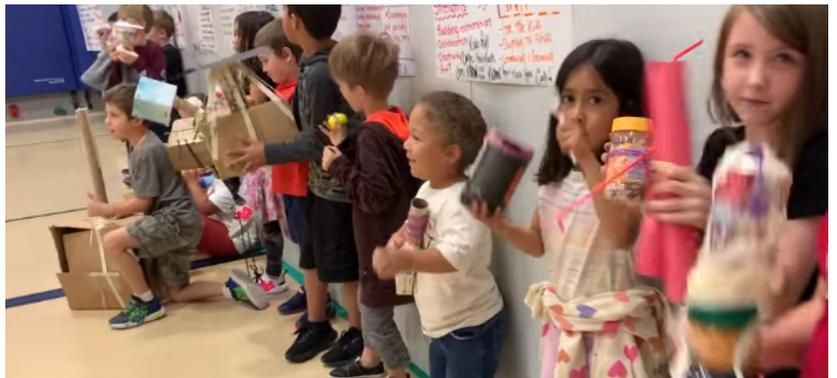
ELWELL ELEMENTARY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

On October 19, Elwell Elementary families and members of the community came together to celebrate the opening of their new state-of-the-art school with a ribbon cutting ceremony and cornerstone dedication. The new academic year started off with more than 500 students and is the first new school in Weld RE-5J in more than 20 years. Special thanks to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Colorado for their time and ceremony as well as our Board of Education Directors, RLH Engineering, RB+B Architects, Sampson Construction, and our community for making this all possible.



Teachers Attend the CAGT Conference

Our educators never stop looking for ways to enhance the student experience! This fall, 12 teachers attended the CAGT (Colorado Association for Gifted and Talented) Conference to learn how to best teach our gifted and talented learners. We thank all of these teachers for their dedication and commitment to continuous learning.



MES Students Exploring Light and Sound

First graders at MES explored the topics of light and sound in their classrooms. They then applied their learning to authentic activities, such as creating their own musical instruments. That's a band we would pay to see!



MMS FBLA NATIONALS

Thirty-Three MMS and five RHS students represented our local Colorado FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapters at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago from June 29-July 2. Students either took an objective written test or presented business topics before judges, then presented again during a final round. Our students placed in several categories.



We would like to thank our chaperones and community partners for making this trip financially possible for our students. Their donations helped our community make its mark in the nation.

CTE Construction and ACE Students Given Tour of New RHS Building



Earlier this fall, students in our CTE Construction and ACE Pathways were given a tour of the new RHS building. Students learned details about the layout of the new school and the construction process while making connections to their own paths into the construction industry. Thanks to our partners at Adolfson & Peterson Construction as well as Gary Luster and Jennifer Boreson for making this real-world connected experience possible.

FFA Find Success at the Weld County and State Fairs

The RHS Future Farmers of America members competed and found success at the Weld County Fair and the Colorado State Fair. All members who exhibited at Weld County Fair qualified for the premium sale. In the Ag Mechanics contest, Jackson Strain won Grand Champion; in the Weld County swine show, Brady Hopkins won Champion Berkshire; and Jolie Ontiveros won Champion Yorkshire and Supreme Champion Overall Gilt. Jolie also had the Supreme Champion Open Gilt at the Colorado State Fair. We are very proud of all of our FFA exhibitors. They make us excited for the future of farming in our community.



GET INTO THE GUTS OF HEALTHCARE

Approximately 50 Milliken Middle School CTE students were able to take part in this event that brought them together with healthcare professionals and educators in real world medical/training settings to provide hands-on experiences to increase awareness of different healthcare careers. In addition to touring the nursing lab, surgical tech lab, medical assisting/phlebotomy room, nurse aide lab, and radiological tech lab in Aims Community College's state-of-the-art Allied Health and Sciences building, students were able to engage in activities at partner exhibitor booths.



This event represented a strong collaboration on the part of three school districts in Weld County in a drive to bring hands-on learning and career exploration to middle school students interested in careers in the health field. It also demonstrated the collaboration taking place in CTE between Weld RE-4, Weld RE-5J, and District 6 with a higher education partner in Aims Community College and our local Industry Partners in health from the NoCo Health Sector Partnership.



An educational partnership with:

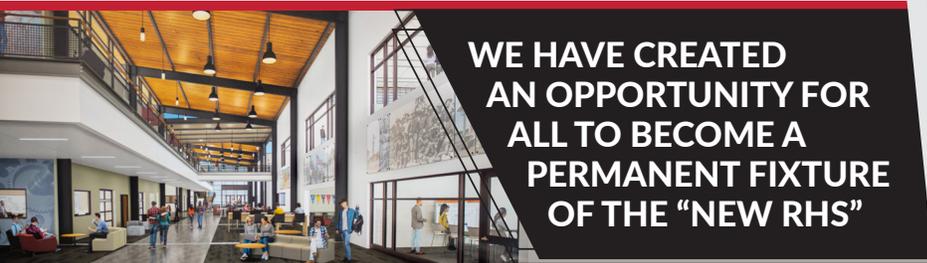


RHS Catering Serves Local Foundation



When the Weld RE-5J Education Foundation Committee was planning for their annual Foundation Golf Tournament, they decided to keep it very local by hiring the RHS Catering Program to provide the desserts. Ms. Kristi Thompson, RHS FAC's instructor, supported her team of students through the planning, menu selection, and serving process.

The Foundation was impressed with the students' custard cups and said they are looking forward to hiring the class for future events.



**WE HAVE CREATED
AN OPPORTUNITY FOR
ALL TO BECOME A
PERMANENT FIXTURE
OF THE "NEW RHS"**

Because of the immense sense of Roughrider pride and tradition throughout our community, we have created an opportunity for all to become a permanent fixture of the "New RHS". The new building will have a pavilion area and within that area, we have created an "R" of Donor Bricks.

The Roosevelt "R" will be made up of nearly 2000 bricks, all of them engraved with the names of families and friends of the RHS community, both past and present. Many of our families will include the name of the family and the names of the students with the year they did or will graduate from RHS.

> Visit <https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/roosevelt> to reserve your brick today!

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As the holidays begin, we are reminded of family, community and everything that we are thankful for. I am especially grateful for our wonderful students, parents, and community. Have a peaceful and a fulfilling holiday season.

Kindest Regards,

Superintendent Karen Trusler, Your Board of Education, & the Weld RE-5J Team

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