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WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL THANKS YOU!

Just as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes the efforts of families, community members and staff to run a successful high school. Windsor High School has all of these elements in abundance, and we could not do what we do every day without this vital support.

In the classroom we have dedicated parent volunteers, teachers, classroom aides and substitute teachers who help our students learn, develop critical thinking skills, and prepare for their futures. Every day we see how their efforts positively impact the growth of our students and every year we see our students graduate to become successful members of our community. We are grateful for the wisdom and guidance that these people provide to our youth.

Extra-curricular activities give our students more opportunities to develop lifelong skills in leadership and career preparation. Parents and community members are critical in providing the opportunities and financial support that allow these young people to participate in activities such as Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), FFA, the Teacher Cadet Program, Knowledge Bowl, and Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). We are so thankful that our community members and parents are there to provide our students with real life experiences.

Other extra-curricular activities allow students to explore their creative selves through activities such as band, choir, color guard, dance, orchestra and drama. There is no group of parents more dedicated to helping Windsor High School than the parents of our students who participate in these activities. Early morning practices, building sets for plays, uniforms, costumes, contests and performances – we could not be successful in these endeavors without the help of our wonderful parents and generous community members.

Windsor High School athletes have seen great success this year and over the past several seasons. League and State Championships don't happen in isolation; they occur because our Windsor community members support our athletes through attendance at contests, by lending support through the Windsor Booster Club, and celebrating the successes of all of our athletes. But success is not just measured by trophies. Every student who participates in athletics learns about team work, leadership, and dedication. Their success is a direct reflection of the generous outpouring of support from our parents, local businesses and community members.

And when our students and staff were recently in need of emotional support, the community and parents were there with open hearts and sturdy shoulders. A crisis such as the one we faced can tear a school apart. But, because all of you were there to help, our students and staff felt supported and cared for. What a huge difference you made!

Windsor High School is proud to be a part of this wonderful community. We are very thankful that our residents value our students and provide the support we need to provide a quality education now and in the future.

With Thanks,
The Administration and Staff of Windsor High School

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**February 13 and 15: Parent — Teacher Conferences, 4 p.m.—7 p.m.
Drop in to meet with your student's teachers!**



Weld County High School Parent Survey

Our school is participating in an internet survey for parents of high school students with Weld County Prevention Partners. The purpose of the survey is to find out the opinions of parents about underage drinking. The online survey will be available for about a month. Please cut and paste the web link on internet to complete the survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WeldSurvey2012>

Encuesta De Padres De Jovenes De Secundaria Del Condado De Weld

Nuestra escuela está participando con Weld County Prevention Partners en una encuesta en internet para los padres de estudiantes de secundaria. El propósito de la encuesta es conocer la opinión de los padres sobre el consumo de alcohol entre los menores de edad. La encuesta en línea estará disponible durante un mes. Por favor corte y pegue el enlace en Internet para completar la encuesta:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PadreEncuesta2012>



All lost items gathered from this semester will be donated to a local charity on May 23, 2012. If your student has lost something, please encourage them to look through the lost and found piles in each of our buildings. Parents are also welcome to stop by the school and look through the unclaimed items. Thanks!

MUSICAL HAPPENINGS

**Enjoy the 3rd Annual WHS Choir/
Orchestra Concert on Monday,
March 19 @ 7 p.m. in the WHS Audi-
torium. They will be performing
their festival pieces, and the con-
cert will conclude with John Rut-
ter's "For the Beauty of the Earth"
for Orchestra and Choir.**



**WHS Music Presents
"A Tribute to Walt"
April 26-27, 2012
7:00 p.m.
WHS Auditorium**

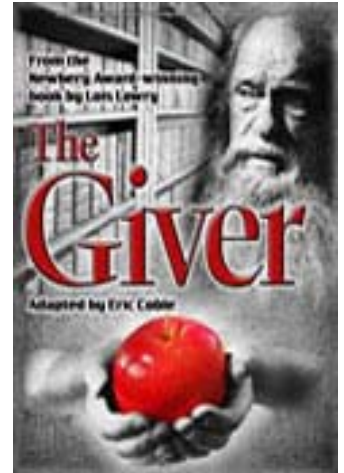


UPCOMING DRAMA PERFORMANCE

The Windsor High School Drama Club presents The Giver by Eric Coble on March 1st, 2nd and 3rd at 7pm. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults.

The Giver is based on the Newberry Award-winning book by Lois Lowry and tells the tale of Jonas who lives in a world that is perfect. Everything is under control and safe. There is no war or fear or pain. There are also no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community and when Jonas turns 12, he is chosen for special training from The Giver—to receive and keep the memories of the community.

The Giver is the only person who holds the memories of real pain and real joy. Now Jonas will learn the truth about life—and the hypocrisy of his utopian world. Jonas discovers what it means to grow up, to grow wise and to take control of your own destiny.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY NEWS

This year the induction ceremony for new members will take place on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at 7 PM, at Windsor High School. All current members are encouraged to attend. All members of the community plus the family and friends of current and new members are also welcome. If you have any questions, please contact the National Honor Society Advisors. We will be announcing the new members the week of February 21st.

Also the NHS Annual Blood Drive will be held on Wednesday April 11, 2012. We have had outstanding participation in past years by members of our student body. Those who are 18 and older will not need parent permission. Donors need to be at least 17, weigh over 100 pounds, not have had a recent tattoo or piercing, and be healthy to donate. Those who are 17 will need parent permission. Look for our posters and announcements to start signing up for this event the first week of April.

If you have questions please contact :

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Missed your chance in January to purchase a yearbook? Never fear! You will have one more chance to reserve a copy of the yearbook for your child before they arrive in May. Yearbooks will be available again for purchase for \$70 in April. Quantities are extremely limited, so be sure to keep an eye out for more information coming soon. Email Ms. Sutton at anne.sutton@weldre4.k12.co.us with questions.



FCCLA (Family Career and Community Leaders of America) is on a *Mission* to State Leadership conference. The students below are actively working to prepare for the State Competition which will be held April 12-14 at the Marriot in the Denver Tech Center.

Life Event Planning:

Ashton Bowers
Sara Romme

Life Event Planning:

Rachel Tanner
Stephanie Tannel

Job Interview:

Drew Martin
Trevor Miller

Entrepreneurship:

Ryan Romero
Zach Estes

Illustrated Talk:

Morgan Stickler
Yazi Bierwirth

Career Investigation:

Kyle Ochsner

Interior Design:

Cody Vanden Bos

FCCLA is also fundraising to help offset the cost for these students to attend. If you would like to support our efforts, we are selling Butter Braids to help raise funds. The Butter Braids sell for \$12.00 each and come in the following flavors...

Caramel Rolls, Blueberry Cream Cheese, Cherry, Cinnamon, Apple, and Cream Cheese.

If you would like to place an order, you can send me an email to Beth Francis (beth.francis@weldre4.k12.co.us) with your choice of flavors. A check for the amount written to Windsor High School FCCLA needs to accompany the order. The orders will be placed February 15th and deliveries made on February 27th. Thank you in advance for helping support our students.

The Teacher Cadet Students have been working hard since January to learn lesson planning, teaching skills and discipline strategies. On Monday, February 13th, they will embark on an eleven-week student teaching experience. Below are the students and their teaching placements.



Aspen Galloway – Tracy Kelley - Tozer
Sergio Ortiz – Brent Carmichael - WMS
Lauren Schafer – Tammy Randle- Tozer
Sam Smith – Kendra Jacoby - SV

Michaela Goode – Susan Hutchens – MV
Lyndsi Podtburg –Karen Lock - Tozer
Jamayla Sigmon – Cami Keel – MV

RABID SKUNK FOUND IN NORTHEAST WELD COUNTY

The Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment announced today that a skunk found in a field northeast of Ault on January 27th, tested positive for rabies. The skunk was picked up by the Division of Wildlife after a call from a concerned citizen. This is the first confirmed case of skunk rabies in Weld County.

Beginning in 2007, rabies in skunks began to spread through eastern Colorado and along the Front Range. Traditionally, bats were the main concern for transmission of rabies in Colorado. Skunk rabies has rapidly increased over the past several years and is now considered the main reservoir for rabies in Colorado.

Other mammals, including humans, are at risk for contracting rabies. Domestic animals such as cats and dogs, cattle, goats, sheep and horses can contract rabies from the bite of an infected wild animal. The risk of human exposure to rabies increases when pets and domestic animals are not properly vaccinated. Rabies has been found in other wildlife in Colorado including foxes, raccoons, coyotes, deer, a mountain lion and muskrat.

Sara Evans, Environmental Health Manager at the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment, said, “Skunk rabies has now been confirmed in Weld County. Skunk rabies spreads rapidly among skunks and increases the chance of other wildlife and pets contracting the virus. All domestic pets such as cats, dogs, horses and livestock should be vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.”

Vaccination of pets and domestic animals by animal owners is not recognized by local animal control or by public health officials if your pet is exposed to a rabid animal. A licensed veterinarian will ensure the animal is vaccinated according to prescribed standards and will retain records of the vaccination.

- Do not feed, touch or handle wild animals and be cautious of stray dogs and cats
- Teach children to leave wildlife alone and tell you when they have been bitten or scratched
- Have dogs, cats, horses, and livestock vaccinated regularly by your veterinarian
- Maintain control of pets by keeping them indoors and under supervision
- Spay or neuter pets to reduce the number of unwanted or stray animals in the neighborhood
- Call local animal control to remove stray animals from the neighborhood
- Keep trash bins tightly closed and do not leave pet food outdoors

If a wild or domestic animal seems sick or threatening, stay away from the animal and call the North East Regional Office of the Division of Wildlife office at 970-472-4300 or the local animal control office.
or shy away when approached, it may be sick.

