Mrs. Serrano and Dr. Thompson visit Honduras Sister Schools

Mrs. Serrano and Principal Thompson recently returned from a visit to our sister schools near Tela, Honduras. Nestled in approximately four (4) kilometers into the Lancetilla Botanical Gardens, the pair worked closely with Information Technology (IT) expert and Rotarian Bob Gies to provide the school with access to the Internet! As part of the Mill Levy Override technology “refresh,” Greeley-Evans School District Six donated used laptops to the school in Honduras to also provide the necessary technology for students to navigate the Internet and eventually meet face-to-face with our Dos Rios students during their Spanish and Culture classes!

Students from Josefa Lastiri Morazán primary school present Mrs. Serrano, Dr. Thompson, and Bob Gies with a “thank you” banner.
While on the trip, Mrs. Serrano and Dr. Thompson were honored by the Honduras Department of Education, the National University of Forestry Science, Lancetilla Botanical Gardens, and the Josefa Lastiri Morazán primary school. They were presented with numerous honors and awards because of their important service work and collaboration with these organizations and the Greeley Centennial Rotary, Craig Rotary, and After-Hours Rotary Clubs, which have granted over $40,000 for service projects in the Lancetilla Botanical Gardens. These projects included the completion of a middle school classroom, purchasing new school furniture, adding electricity to the four sister schools, building numerous “clean stoves,” and the construction of a vocational sewing and technology center. Dr. Thompson is a member of Rotary International and is the Greeley Centennial World Community Service committee chairperson. Dos Rios Elementary students have also donated and fundraised enough to ship 17 pallet-sized boxes of school supplies and clothing to our sister schools over the past 5 years.

Awards presented to Mrs. Serrano, Dr. Thompson, and Bob Gies on behalf of Dos Rios Elementary, Craig Rotary, Greeley After-Hours Rotary, and Greeley Centennial Rotary.

Mrs. Serrano at the ribbon-cutting ceremony, signifying the opening of the new vocational technology center.
The new vocational center will afford students and parents numerous opportunities. Sewing will be taught to students and parents so that all students can have access to school uniforms, and thus, education. Parents will also be able to access the sewing center to promote economic independence. Technology will be taught to students and parents so that both can have increase educational opportunities. Mrs. Serrano and Dr. Thompson will be sharing more about their experiences in Honduras to the student body later this month during our next school-wide assembly.

As a secondary project, the team raised a new flag pole and flag, just in time for the Honduran national flag day.

Dos Rios 3rd Annual Color Run Announced for October 5!

Do you like to have fun and stay active? Save the date for this year’s Color Run on Saturday, October 5! There will be more chalk and participants can make three laps for 5K bragging rights! Sign-up sheets and more information will be coming out in Wednesday Folders and via social media! Registration and payments may also be made online. Please spread the word to your family and friends. We hope to see you all there!

Event Details:
- T-shirt provided (while supplies last)
- Unlimited chalk
- Food coupons and prizes at the end!
- All of the money we raise goes directly back to Dos Rios to help fund future fun events like the Color Run!
- A one-mile loop (three laps is 5k)
- We will have many color stations
Dos Rios Elementary Receives Top Performance Rating

Each year, Colorado schools receive performance ratings to let them and their communities know how well they are doing. This report is called a School Performance Framework (SPF). The overall ratings assigned are based on achievement and growth on state assessments, along with such postsecondary measures as graduation rates, dropout rates, college entrance exams and college matriculation rates at the secondary level. The ratings help the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and State Board of Education (SBE) make decisions about how to help struggling schools. CDE assesses performance based on three key performance indicators:

**Academic Achievement**
- Average scores on state assessments
- CMAS assessments in English language arts, math and science
- PSAT

**Academic Growth**
- Progress students make in their achievement on assessments from one year to the next. Growth is calculated on the following assessments:
  - CMAS assessments in English language arts and math
  - PSAT and SAT
  - ACCESS assessment for all students who are still learning the English language

**Postsecondary Readiness**
- High school and district ratings depend on the following factors which represent how well schools are preparing students for college and the workforce.
  - Graduation rates
  - Dropout rates
  - Average scores on the SAT
  - Matriculation into a college or career certificate program

Schools are assigned one of four plan types and districts are assigned one of five accreditation ratings:

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Dos Rios received the highest rating: Performance - Schools with a Performance Plan are meeting expectations on the majority of performance metrics. While we still have room for improvement, particularly in the area of achievement, our academic growth was significant, and our data for English Language Learners on the WIDA assessment exceeded state expectations!

Congratulations to all students, staff, parents, and community members who worked so hard last year!
SEPTEMBER Dates

2 – No School (Labor Day)
3 – Student Council
5 – School Accountability Meeting: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
5 - Parent Teacher Group Meeting: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
9 – MAS Club Begins
13 – Picture Day
17 – UNC/ZIRKEL Reading Mentors
17 - Student Council
18 – 3rd Grade Field Experience: High Plains Library
19 – 4th Grade Field Experience: Island Grove Park
24 – Hearing and Vision Screening
24 - UNC/ZIRKEL Reading Mentors
27 - PBIS Assembly: 2:15 p.m.
30 – No School for Students: Parent Teacher Conferences

OCTOBER Dates

1 – Student Council
3 - Parent Teacher Conferences
10 - Parent Teacher Group Meeting: 6:00-7:00 p.m.
11 – No School for Students
   (Teacher Professional Development)
14 – No School (Columbus Day)
15 - Student Council
18 – Picture Retakes
29 - Student Council