



News at the Castle

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Oct. 1st (arena style) & Nov. 12th (in classrooms) from 4:00-8:00 p.m. These events are an important aspect of the home and school partnership. Teachers will provide updates on student progress, class activities and other curricular issues. Please make every effort to attend this event and visit with your son's/daughter's teacher(s).

Healthy Equation

Energy = Food & Fuel + Activity, the physical kind + ZZZ's..... as in sleep.

Begin the day with fuel for your brain and muscles; it can be milk, fruit, cheese, cereal in a bag, or a PB&J you make the night before. Activity or Exercise includes the stairs in the castle, walking to and from school. Add on some dancing, skateboarding or another activity you enjoy to strengthen your heart and lungs. Sleep helps the body heal, grow and reduces stress. Make a plan to get 7 – 8 hours most nights. This will give you energy to work toward your dreams and goals. Laugh and play every day to keep stress away.

Lori McCarty
School Nurse Greeley Central



Message from the Principal

Welcome back Wildcats! Time continues to fly by as summer has passed and we are already into the 5th week of school. The new class of Cats "Class of 2017" seemed to have made a smooth transition while the seniors are focused and ready to prove themselves this year.

All of our students reported back to school on Thursday, August 14th. We held an all-school assembly in the gym to celebrate our school culture, history, and traditions.

The response from students at our opening assembly showed a great deal of pride in our school and we crowned a new "king of dance", in Health Science Academy's Joshua Fuller. A good time was had by all as we kicked off the 2014-15 school year in fine style. The first few weeks were packed with activity as our homecoming week was extremely early. The limitations surrounding our football schedule dictated that we hold homecoming on the week of September 2nd, thus this year marked the earliest homecoming date on record. The unexpected results were that although feeling very rushed our students made the transition back to school at a record pace. School spirit has been outstanding and our young freshman feel right at home. We had a record 38 registered groups in the parade with the Freshmen taking home 1st place in the class float competition.

We continue to encourage parents to partner with GCHS. Please take the time to interact with our teacher's and remember that information about grades and attendance are available 24/7 on the internet at www.central.greeleyschools.org.

This year, we are again asking for help from our students and parents as we look to continue our academic performance in all areas. Our new bell schedule is designed to help foster continued academic growth but as always attendance is the key component to student achievement. Student attendance is critical to the educational process. We must be committed to do all we can to get every student to every class on time.

We are looking forward to a great school year. Welcome back 'Cats!

SAC/PAC team

Each school is responsible for establishing a School Accountability Committee which should, at a minimum level, include the following number of people in these identified positions:

1. The Principal.
2. One parent who provides instruction in the school.
3. Three parents of students enrolled in the school.
4. At least one adult member of an organization of parents, teachers, and students recognized by the school.
5. At least one person from the community.

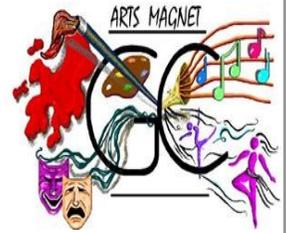
SAC/PAC members are responsible for the following:

- Recommending to the principal of the school the priorities for spending money.
- Making recommendations to the principal concerning preparation of a school's performance or Improvement Plan.
- Making recommendations to the local school board concerning preparations of a school's requiring Priority Improvement or a Turnaround Plan if such a plan is required.
- Meet at least quarterly to discuss the state of the school and determine whether the school leadership, personnel, and infrastructure are following the appropriate plan for improvement.

Meeting Dates - September 24th, November 19th, March 11th, April 22nd

ARTS MAGNET PROGRAM

The 9th year of the Arts Magnet Program at the Castle proves to be very exciting & has already been an art filled year, with performances of a wide variety. More than 350 students are participating in the ninth year of Greeley Central's Performing and Visual Arts Magnet program—including over 137 new freshmen - the biggest incoming class we have ever had! In this program, talented students are given rare opportunities to study and experience a wide range of arts including theatre, dance, music, voice, sculpture, painting and photography. We are looking forward to many performances this fall and the upcoming trips. So far we have already experienced:



- Learned how to play the djembe drums.
- Danced and painted with famed performance artist, Armando Silva
- Perfected our mime skills
- Visited the Loveland sculpture garden

Upcoming events include a trip to Denver for World Dance Day on November 20 and a visit to the UCCC to see "Anything Goes" on Saturday, November 23.

Come find out what our incredible students are doing in AMP by attending the music concerts on October 14th and 16th, our Fall play "The Bold, the Young, and the Murdered" running November 6-8 and the Dance 2014 Concert paired with the One Acts November 20-22. See You There!

Please feel free to call or email the Arts Magnet Office anytime at 970-348-5093 or cblack@greeleyschools.org

ARTS MAGNET GUEST ARTISTS FALL 2014

Thursdays Block 6
12pm-1pm (Auditorium)

October 2..... Michael Gunst, Mask Theatre
October 9..... Hannah Kahn, Modern Dance Company
October 16..... Gwylm Cano, Film/Directing
October 23..... Lara Ruggles, Singer/Songwriter
November 1..... Field Trip - UNC's *Side Show*
November 13..... Blackhand Drummers
November 18..... Field Trip - Denver Art Museum
November 23..... Field Trip - UCCC *Anything Goes*

UPCOMING EVENTS @ GCHS

October 14 & 16...H.S. Travelling Arts Show WSD6 Admin Bldg
October 29-November 21.....
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November 6-8..... 7:00pm - Fall Play: "The Bold, the Young,
and the Murdered" - GCHS Auditorium
November 20-22. 7:00pm - Fall Dance Concert/One Acts
GCHS Auditorium
December 2..... 7:00pm - Winter Music Concert (Choirs/Perc./
Jazz Bands) - GCHS Auditorium
December 3..... 7:00pm - Festival of Trees Holiday Music
Concert, UCCC \$2/\$1
December 17..... 7:00pm - Winter Music Concert (Orchestras/
Band/Wind Ensemble, GCHS Auditorium
January 13-15..... After school - Spring Musical Auditions
GCHS Auditorium

Key Club International

Key Club is an international service organization with clubs throughout the United States and over 27 foreign countries. Our club meets every other Monday at 1:50pm, right after the early release, in room 150 of the science wing. A schedule of events and meetings can be found on the school web site under "Clubs and Activities;" look for the Key Club page. We welcome new members throughout the year but encourage you to get involved soon. Membership dues of \$20 may be paid on-line at the school web store or by check. Dues are due by the end of October.



Key Clubbers have been busy already this year! In July we had 16 students who marched in the Stampede Parade and picked up after horses, 34 students who helped at the free craft booth at the Greeley Arts Picnic and 14 students who hung up "Neighborhood Nights" posters for the city of Greeley. We kicked off the school year with a back to service ice-cream social, sponsored by the Greeley Kiwanis Club, where we learned what projects the year ahead will hold. On August 30th nearly 60 Key Clubbers spent half a day at Maplewood Elementary School helping them for the fourth year in a row with their field day. I think our members had as much fun as the elementary school kids. Our highlight last month however was organizing the time-honored Homecoming Parade, which was held September 12th. The students at Maplewood Elementary and Scott Elementary Schools came out to watch our Homecoming Parade, and Chappelow Middle School's marching band as well as numerous returning alumni participated in the parade.

October is a busy month for us as we Trick-or-Treat for canned goods for the Weld County Food Bank and sponsor a room at Central's Trick-or-Treat Street. We will also be collecting money at the Central vs. Mountain View's football game to donate to Project Eliminate: Unicef's campaign to vaccinate all expectant mothers worldwide and thus eliminate infant deaths due to the horrors of Tetanus.

Attention Wildcat Juniors and Sophomores

The 2014 PSAT qualifying test that students must take to enter National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions for college scholarships will be offered at Central on Wednesday, October 15th. Cost of the test is \$14.00. This is also good practice for the SAT reasoning test and gives you feedback about critical academic skills. Please sign up and pay Nancy Kern in the finance office. Deadline for sign up is Tuesday, October 14th at 3:00 p.m.



The ACT Test

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
Oct. 25, 2014	Sept. 19, 2014	September 20–October 3, 2014
Dec. 13, 2014	Nov. 7, 2014	November 8–21, 2014
Feb. 7, 2015	Jan. 9, 2015	January 10–16, 2015
Apr. 18, 2015	Mar. 13, 2015	March 14–27, 2015
Jun. 13, 2015	May 8, 2015	May 9–22, 2015

ACT Testing Information

Register at www.actstudent.org

Cost: \$36.50 (no writing) \$52.50 (plus writing)

For additional costs and services see:

<http://actstudent.org/regist/actfees.html>

Note: ALL Colorado colleges prefer the ACT test without writing portion. ALL colleges across the USA now accept the ACT test for entrance.

April, 28th will be the required date for all Juniors in the state of Colorado to take the ACT assessment.

The SAT Test

U.S. Registration Deadlines (Expire at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time, U.S.A.)

Test Date	Tests Offered	Regular Registration Closes	Late Registration Closes (Late Fee Applies)
Nov. 8, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	Oct. 9, 2014	Oct. 28, 2014
Dec. 6, 2014	SAT & Subject Tests	Nov. 6, 2014	Nov. 24, 2014
Jan. 24, 2015	SAT & Subject Tests	Dec. 29, 2014	Jan. 13, 2015
Mar. 14, 2015	SAT Test Only	Feb. 13, 2015	Mar. 3, 2015
May 2, 2015	SAT & Subject Tests	Apr. 6, 2015	Apr. 21, 2015
Jun. 6, 2015	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2015	May 27, 2015

SAT Testing Information

Register at <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/>

Cost: \$50.00

For additional costs and services see:

<http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/us-services-fees>

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION NIGHTS

Ninety-five students from Greeley-Evans School District 6 high schools have earned prestigious AP Scholar Awards from the National College Board for their exceptional achievement on Advanced Placement exams, and Greeley Central High School led among traditional and charter high schools with 35 AP scholars. Patrick Ryan qualified as a National AP Scholar, the College Board's highest honor.

The success of the AP program is a direct result of the commitment of our administration, staff, and students. Students that continue to challenge themselves academically allow Greeley Central to offer a comprehensive menu of AP classes each year. This year there are more AP sections being taught at Central than at any other school in town and more than at any other time in our history.

In an effort to continue this impressive tradition, Greeley Central will provide two opportunities for families to learn more about our Advanced Placement Program. The first will be the High School Expo, held at the University Ballroom at UNC on November 6th at 6:00 pm. This evening is geared toward incoming freshman and will help parents and students gain a better understanding of what GCHS has to offer each student.

The second opportunity will be AP Night, held on February 19th at 7:00 pm in the Greeley Central Library. This night will cater to students and parents of current freshmen, sophomores, and juniors who wish to gain more information about the Advanced Placement Program.

This meeting precedes class registration for the 2015–2016 school year and will help guide students in their class selections. AP teachers from each subject area, as well as former Wildcats, will be on hand to discuss how AP classes will help prepare students for their futures.

WILDCAT FOUNDATION

“What IS the Wildcat Foundation”, you may ask? The Wildcat Foundation is a group of parents dedicated to raising money to support ALL athletics at Greeley Central. You could call us the Booster Club here at Greeley Central. We meet the 2nd MONDAY of every month in the school library at 6:00pm and welcome any and all parents who would like to help support our students in the athletic arena. There are many ways to aid in the Foundation's efforts if you are unable to donate your time. You can make one-time donations, you can purchase sports passes, or you can attend Foundation sponsored events. We'd love to see all you parents throughout the year! Sports passes can still be purchased for all home games. You can buy single season passes, personal year passes or family passes. Contact Megan in the Main Office for details.

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- Tailgate Party: Come join the Wildcat Foundation on September 26th at the District 6 Stadium before the Central vs. West football game for our annual Tailgate Party starting at 5:30pm. Come join us for dinner in the parking lot before the big game, mingle with parents, teachers and students and get into the Wildcat Spirit! All proceeds are used to help ALL athletic programs at Central so come out and support our Wildcats and bring a crowd!
 - Concessions at home games
 - 50/50 Raffle to be held at most home sporting events – Fall Sports (Volleyball, Football and Soccer)
 - King Soopers Cards – reloadable cards with proceeds going directly to Greeley Central Athletics
- Make a difference and become a part of the Wildcat Family!

GIFTED AND TALENTED NEWS

Amy Graefe is the Gifted and Talented (GT) Specialist at Greeley Central High School. This is her 20th year in education, of which 18 years have involved working directly with gifted learners. She taught seven years at the elementary level, nine years at the middle-school level, and this is her fourth year at high school. Her husband Troy also teaches and coaches at Greeley Central. One daughter (Caitlin) graduated from Central, and her other daughter (Megan) is a senior at Central.

In addition to her work in District 6, Mrs. Graefe is also the coordinator of the Center for the Education & Study of Gifted, Talented, Creative Learners at the University of Northern Colorado. She has a master's degree in Gifted Education, an educational specialist's degree in Educational Leadership, and is currently working on her doctorate in Educational Psychology.

Mrs. Graefe's priorities as GT Facilitator include:

- Communicating with students, parents, teachers, and staff regarding gifted education and specific gifts, talents, and needs of GT students;
- Identifying GT students by gathering a body of evidence to support the identification;
- Developing and implementing Advanced Learning Plans for GT students that:
 - Support gifts and talents,
 - Support academic strengths and needs,
 - Support social/emotional needs (i.e. perfectionism, isolation, underachievement),
 - Support career and college goals,
 - Communicate to parents and staff the needs and strengths of the student;
- Support teachers by:
 - Locating and providing appropriate materials,
 - Supporting differentiation techniques within the classroom,
 - Providing instructional support to students as needed,
 - Collaborating on creating and meeting student goals.

If you have questions or concerns about your gifted and talented student, please contact Mrs. Graefe at agraefe@greeleyschools.org or at 970-348-5149.

NEW FACES IN THE CASTLE

Faculty

Heather Bourdon
Nikki Chacon
Janelle Charterina
Rachael Dohrn
Laura Emery
Joshua Fuller
Rachel Godwin
Elise Harvey
Nathan Harvey

Faculty

Rachel Heesacker
Patrick Herold
Elizabeth LeFebre
Elizabeth Peebles
Jackie Stacy
Kate Simpson
Lori McCarty - Nurse

Office Staff

Anne Marie Bettencourt
Rocky Byrd
Emilia Cramer
Machaelle Maxwell

Administration

Rick Schmitz - A.D.



DECA MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING!!

If your student is interested in joining the Marketing Club D.E.C.A. at Greeley Central High School this school year, they must turn in their \$25.00 annual State & National dues by TUESDAY, October 1st! Membership forms are online this year and will be completed with Mr. Herold when dues are submitted.

Students should turn in dues to Mr. Herold in Room 227.

Email: pherold@greeleyschools.org
Phone: 970-348-5117

2015 GREELEY CENTRAL SPUD Senior Portrait & Quote

The time has come for YOU to get your senior portrait and quote into the yearbook!
This is a long-standing tradition here at GCHS...don't be left out!!

Photo& Quote Deadline for Yearbook:

- **November 1st, 2014**
- **NO EXCEPTIONS ON THE DEADLINE**

Photo Requirements:

- 300 DPI-jpeg or tiff file OR
- One full color photo with glossy finish (proofs are allowed)
- Size: 2 ½ by 3 ½ inches, with a crop of 2 by 2 5/8 inches, wallet size
- Professional school photos are permitted
- Black and white photos will NOT be accepted

Quote Requirements:

- A limit of 50 words or less. Make sure to include **YOUR** name and the **AUTHOR'S** name.
- Quotes should be on a separate sheet of paper and not on the back of your senior photo.
- They must be typed and spelled the way you want them to be printed!

TWO METHODS FOR SUBMISSION:

- Submit your photo digitally (you must turn in your quote to the main office) by going to the GCHS Yearbook webpage at <http://www.central.greeleyschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3994>
 - ◆ Follow the directions given.
- Turn in the portrait and quote to the main office or directly to Mrs. Charterina in room 106

For questions contact Mrs. Charterina, Yearbook Advisor

Ph: 970.348.5048 or Email: jcharterina@greeleyschools.org

Wildcat Athletics



Wildcat fall athletics are now in full swing! We have nine programs going strong at this time. Please come out and support the "Cats" as they compete in Cross Country, Football, Boys Golf, Boys Soccer, Girls Softball, Boys Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Cheer, and Dance/Poms.

The Boys Tennis team coached by Dave Mamich started out strong this year by defeating both Northridge and Greeley West last week. They continue to be a team on the rise in the Northern Conference.

2nd year head coach Neal Finch's volleyball program has continued to improve and defeated Fort Morgan in 3 games on August 21st. The Wildcats are also making preparations to host the Greeley Invite on October 4th.

In his ninth year as head coach for the Wildcat football team, Mike Heatherly and his staff are getting ready to make a run at one of the top spots in the tough Northern Conference. Don't miss the cross town rival game with Greeley West on September 26th.

1st year golf coach Bill Whitehead has a young team that is eager to improve and take on the challenge of getting better every day. Good luck in the next few weeks in Regional action.

Our cross country teams are working extremely hard and preparing for a successful season. They are looking forward to traveling to Glenwood Springs and hosting the Andy Myers Invitational on October 3rd.

2nd year coach Anthony Charterina is looking forward to building another competitive squad that looks to challenge for one of the top spots in the league. They also look forward to playing arch-rival Greeley West on September 17th.

Our girls' softball team picked up their first win of the season on Saturday, August 22nd against Platte Valley. They also lost a tough game to Brush 12-11. Head coach Liz Mock-Murphy looks to improve every game.

The Cheer and Dance teams are also practicing hard every day to promote spirit and perform outstanding routines at many of our games.

