



News at the Castle

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher conferences for semester 1 will be held on Sept. 21st (arena style) & Nov. 2nd (in classrooms) from 4:30-8:00 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! I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Principal of Greeley Central High School. My name is Kent Henson and I have recently moved to Greeley after spending the last 31 years as an educator in Michigan. In addition to teaching high school science and coaching football for 19 years, I was also a high school assistant principal, high school principal and most recently assistant superintendent of secondary instruction. I have experience working with diverse communities, increasing graduation rates, college acceptance, and Advanced Placement participation. I am very excited to be able to work with you, your sons and daughters and the teachers at GCHS to help all students be successful as they transition toward career and college readiness.

I encourage all parents to partner with GCHS. One of the ways that you can do this is by communicating with your students teachers and by following your students attendance and grades on [Infinite Campus](http://www.infinitecampus.org). You can find links to teacher emails by going to our website at www.central.greeleyschools.org and selecting the Departments tab at the top of the page, then open the department you are looking for (ex., math, science, etc.) and select that link to view teachers emails.

To view your student's attendance and grades in Infinite Campus, go to the District website (www.greeleyschools.org) or Greeley Central's school website (www.central.greeleyschools.org) and click on the Infinite Campus (I.C.) link prominently displayed on the top right section of either site. This will allow you to login to the Student and Parent portal. If you are unable to login to I.C. (i.e., you have forgotten your username/password or get a message to contact the system administrator, please call the main office at (970) 348.5000.

In November, Greeley-Evans School District 6 is asking voters to approve a mill levy override. For more information about this proposal please click the picture to the right

2016 BALLOT MEASURE **3A**



I am looking forward to working with you this year!

Sincerely,
Kent Henson, Principal

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 - October 5th, November 16th, March 1st, April 19th

ARTS MAGNET PROGRAM—BEGINS ITS 11TH YEAR

With a decade under its belt the Arts Magnet Program continues its mission of providing students with a creative, challenging, and innovative learning experience. Number are up with a total of 390 students participating in the program, including our biggest freshmen class ever of 162, 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:

- The musically talented Friedman Jazz Quartet
- A trip to the Loveland sculpture garden

Upcoming events include a trip to the Denver Art Museum for AP Visual Art Students and Dance IV students.

Come find out what our incredible students are doing in AMP by attending the Thespian Troupe One Acts on October 6-7, our music concerts on October 12th and 26th, our Fall play Flowers for Algernon running November 10-12 at 7pm and the Dance 2016 Concert on Dec. 15-17 just to name a few. 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 2016

Thursdays Block 6; 12pm-1pm (Auditorium)

September 8 Gunst Mask Performance
September 15 Bob Hall African Drumming
September 22 Molina Speaks Storytelling
October 20 UNC's Miranda's Nightmare 1st act
November 3 Andrea Moore Slam Poetry
November 10 Thespian Troupe 657 Fall Play: Flowers for
..... Algernon
November 17 Taiko with Toni
December 1 Curious Theatre
December 8 Cleo Parker Robinson Dance

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 12-16 Fall Arts Week at the Castle (during lunch)
October 1 Greeley Invite Marching Contest Invite,
..... Dist. 6 stadium
Oct. 6-7 Thesp. Trp. 657 One Acts @ GCHS, 7pm
October 12 Fall Music Concert (Choir), 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS (continued)

October 19 Regional Qualifying Marching Contest
Oct. 20-22 UNC's "Miranda's Nightmare" Dance Concert
..... Th-5pm; Fri-5pm & 7:30pm; Sat-2pm—Aud.
October 26 Fall Music Concert (Orchestra), 7pm
Oct. 28-29 State Marching Band Finals
Oct. 26-Nov. 9 H.S. Travelling Arts Show, WCSD6 Admin Bldg.
November 14 Combined League Honor Jazz Band
Nov. 16-19 Mainstage Fall Play: "Flowers for Algernon",
..... Wed-7pm; Thu-7pm; Fri-7pm; Sat-7pm—Aud.
November 18 Java and Jazz, Atlas Theatre, 7pm
Dec. 1-3 State Thespian Convention
December 6 Holiday Music Concert I (bands) Aud.—7pm
December 9 Thesp. Trp. 657 Holiday Show; Aud. —6:30 pm
December 13 Holiday Music Concert II (choirs) Aud.—7pm
Dec. 13-14 Spring Musical Auditions; Aud. 3:30-5:30pm
Dec. 15-17 Winter Dance Concert; Aud. —7pm

Key Club International

Key Club is an international service organization with clubs throughout the United States and over 27 foreign countries. Key Club has been a staple in the Central community for many years. Our club meets every other Tuesday in room 304 at lunch with Ms. Heesacker being the faculty advisor. A schedule of events and meetings can be found on the bulletin board located on the wall near the south set of stairs on the third floor. We welcome new members throughout the year but encourage you to get involved soon. Membership dues of \$25 may be by check or cash and are due September 16th to Ms. Heesacker in room 304.

Key Clubbers have been busy already this year! From the end of this summer to now, we have had students help at the free craft booth at the Greeley Arts Picnic, hang posters for the City of Greeley and volunteer at local carnivals. We're kicking off the school year with a back to school service based ice-cream social on September 6th, sponsored by the Greeley Kiwanis Club, where we will what projects the year ahead will hold.

In the next couple of weeks we'll be helping with Maplewood Elementary's Field Day, concessions at Central, the Homecoming parade, etc. We hope you'll be able to join us in our valuable contribution to the community throughout the school year!

Ms. Heesacker



Attention Wildcat Juniors and Sophomores

The **2016 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 19th in the GCHS Library. **Cost of the test is \$15.00.** 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 11th at 3:00 p.m.

Northern Colorado Out of State College Fair is on Tuesday, September 27th from 6-8pm at Poudre H.S. in Fort Collins... there will be information from 186 different colleges & universities. [Click here to download this list of schools](#), which also includes the address for the event.

All Colorado juniors will now be taking the SAT test in April. All Colorado colleges prefer the SAT test without the writing portion. **ALL** colleges across the US accept the SAT test for entrance.



The SAT Test

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

SAT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE		DEADLINE FOR CHANGES
		Mail	Phone/ Online	
10/01/16	09/01/16	9/13/16	9/20/16	9/20/16
11/05/16	10/7/16	10/18/16	10/25/16	10/25/16
12/3/16	11/3/16	11/15/16	11/22/16	11/22/16
01/21/17	12/21/16	01/03/17	01/10/17	01/10/17
03/11/17	02/10/17	02/21/17	02/28/17	02/28/17
05/06/17	04/07/17	04/18/17	04/25/17	04/25/17
06/03/17	05/03/17	05/16/17	05/24/17	05/24/17

SAT Testing Information

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

Cost: \$54.50

For additional costs and services see: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/us-services-fees>

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

The ACT Test

ACT DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE FEE REQUIRED	PHOTO UPLOAD DEADLINE
10/22/16	11/16/16	11/17-30/16	10/14/16
12/10/16	11/4/16	11/5-18/16	12/2/16
02/11/17	01/13/17	1/14-20/17	02/03/17
04/8/17	03/03/17	03/4-17/17	03/31/17
06/10/17	05/05/17	05/06-19/17	06/02/17

The required date for all Juniors in the state of Colorado to take the ACT assessment will be determined soon. This test normally occurs in April.

ACT Testing Information

Register at www.actstudent.org

Cost: \$45.00 (no writing) \$57.00 (with essay)

For additional costs and services see:

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

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. 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 allows Greeley Central to offer a comprehensive menu of AP classes each year. This year there are more AP sections being taught at Central than any other school in town and more than in any time in the past. To continue this tradition, Greeley Central will have an informational meeting about Advanced Placement Nights this year.

This AP night will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Greeley Central Library. This night will cater to students and parents of sophomores and juniors who wish to gain more information about the Advanced Placement Program. This meeting proceeds class registration for the 2016–2017 school year and it 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 you for your future.

If you have questions with our AP program please feel free to contact Steve Burch, our AP Coordinator at stburch@greeleyschools.org.

WILDCAT FOUNDATION

"What IS the Wildcat Foundation", you may ask? The Wildcat Foundation is a group of parents and volunteers dedicated to making a robust athletic program by raising money and awareness to support ALL athletes at Greeley Central. You can call us the Wildcat Booster Club here at Greeley Central. We meet the 2nd MONDAY of every month in the school library at 5:30 PM 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 the Activities Office for more details at 970-348-5004.

Opportunities to help Support Greeley Central Athletics include:

- Tailgate Party: Come join the Wildcat Foundation on Friday, September 30th at the District 6 Stadium before the West vs. Central 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! This is the 51st Anniversary of this historic football contest!
- Help our cheerleaders support ALL GCHS teams during Homecoming sporting events including Boys Golf against Northridge on Monday, 9/19; Tennis match against Niwot at Centennial Courts Thursday, 9/22 at 3:30 PM; Softball against Northridge at the Greeley Youth Sport Complex on Thursday, 9/27 at 4 PM; Freshman and JV Football at D6 Stadium on Thursday, 9/29 at 4 and 6 PM; Soccer against Niwot at D6 Stadium on Thursday, 9/29 at 6 PM; Volleyball against Longmont at GCHS gymnasium on Thursday, 9/29 at 6 PM (C&D Team games begin at 4:30); Cross Country at Island Grove Event Center on Saturday, 10/1 at 8 AM
- Come out to enjoy and support additional Homecoming Activities including the Powder Puff Football Game at SD6 Stadium on Wednesday, 9/28 at 7:00 PM—the guest cheerleaders are sure to please for this game! Bring your lawn chair and camera for Central's traditional Homecoming Parade on Friday, 9/30 at 1:00—the Honor Guard is always on point!
- 50/50 Raffle to be held during home sporting events including Volleyball, Football, Soccer, Basketball and Wrestling
- King Soopers Cards – reloadable cards with proceeds going directly to Greeley Central Athletics
- Purchase a Bag Tag for your student's back pack, sports bag, instrument case or whatever you'd like their name on for \$12

Email the Wildcat Foundation Board members at gchs.wildcat.foundation@gmail.com and find out how you can help boost our Central Wildcats!

Let's hear it for Spirit!

GIFTED AND TALENTED NEWS

Amy Graefe is the Gifted and Talented (GT) Specialist at Greeley Central High School. This is her 22nd year in education, of which 20 years have involved coordinating programming for gifted learners. She taught seven years at the elementary level, nine years at the middle-school level, and this is her sixth year at high school. Her husband Troy also teaches and coaches at Greeley Central, and her daughters (Caitlin and Megan) both graduated from Central. In addition to her work in District 6, Mrs. Graefe also assists in coordinating 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 with an emphasis in Gifted Education.

Mrs. Graefe's priorities as GT Specialist include:

- Communicating with students, parents, teachers, and staff regarding gifted education and specific strengths and needs of gifted learners;
- 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 particular needs and strengths of individual students;
- Supporting teachers by:
 - ◊ Locating and providing appropriate materials,
 - ◊ Supporting differentiation techniques within the classroom,
 - ◊ Providing additional 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

Kent Henson
Claudia Koesler
Neil Krob
Marissa Lobato
Megan Martinez
John Montoya
Roger Pranke
Megan Schulz

Faculty (cont.)

Kramer Starr
Joni Wilson

Special Programs

Carlos Cruz
Brendan DeMarco
Marissa Sanchez
John Vsetcha
Jolynn Vannucci

Classified Staff

Britney Arevalo
Lisa Bradley
Mitch Gray
Julian Jaramillo
Jennifer Kessler
Lisa Williams



DECA MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING!!

If your student is interested in joining the Marketing Club DECA at Greeley Central High School this school year, they must turn in their \$40.00 annual State & National dues by FRIDAY, September 30th! If you need assistance with this membership fee, please let Mrs. Whiddon know immediately. Membership forms will be completed with Mrs. Whiddon when dues are submitted. Students should turn in dues to Mrs. Whiddon in Room 227.

Visit www.DECA.org to learn more about how DECA is the bridge for students from high school to college and career.

Support our DECA program by buying all your new Central gear at the Wildcat School Store!

Email: kwhiddon@greeleyschools.org

Phone: 970-348-5117

2016 GREELEY CENTRAL SPUD (YEARBOOK)

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:

- **December 1st, 2016**
- **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

SENIOR BABY ADS:

- If you would like to create and purchase a congratulations ad for your graduate, click this link:
♦ <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A00946900>

SENIOR QUOTE REQUIREMENTS:

- Quotes must be submitted digitally by going to the following link:
♦ https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7N9v0vllbis_nfGvKkIIxhG4i5Sk4iU3pt6IBtE-5ahM2pg/viewform
- **A limit of 15 words or less.** Make sure to include **YOUR** name and the **AUTHOR'S** name.

TWO METHODS FOR PHOTO SUBMISSIONS:

- Submit your photo digitally by going to the Jostens upload page: <https://images.jostens.com/405563592>
♦ Follow the directions given.
- Turn in the portrait and quote to the main office or directly to Mr. Vasa in room 104

PURCHASE A SPUD (YEARBOOK):

- To purchase a SPUD (Yearbook) directly from the Jostens website, click this link:
♦ <http://jostensyearbooks.com/?REF=A00946900>

For questions please contact Mr. Vasa, Yearbook Advisor

Ph: 970.348.5049 or Email: mvasa@greeleyschools.org

Wildcat Athletics



Wildcat athletics are in full swing! We have 8 programs going strong during the fall season. Please come out and support the “Cats” as they compete in Cross Country, Football, Boys Golf, Boys Soccer, Softball, Boys Tennis, Volleyball, and Cheer.

The boys tennis team is the unofficial “City Champions” defeating both Northridge and Greeley West last week and has their sights on the state tournament.

Our volleyball opened its season on Tuesday, September 6th at Longmont High School under coach Neal Finch with improved returning players and a positive outlook to finish high in the Northern League.

Football began play Friday, September 2nd at Berthoud High School under 2nd year head coach Gary Luster. This team has many strong returning players and expects to compete at a high level.

New head boys golf coach Anthony Cerise has a number of returning golfers from last year who are steadily improving and getting prepared for the Regional tournament on September 19th.

Our boys and girls cross country teams have high hopes of finishing in the top 4 at Regionals on October 20th and qualifying for the state meet.

Our veteran soccer team under 1st year head coach Megan Ruder includes 13 seniors and started off the season with a big 2-1 win over Windsor High School on August 30th.

Our softball team has new leadership under head coach Sean Miller and hopes to improve throughout the season in the tough Northern League Conference.

New head coach Kayla Deitering leads our cheer squad into the 2016-17 with high hopes of performing and competing in state-wide competitions.

Rick Schmitz
Greeley Central High School
Athletics/Activities Director
Assistant Principal

Greeley Central High School

Home of the Wildcats

When our beloved “Castle” was built in 1927, the landscape of Greeley, Colorado was significantly different. Potato fields and dirt roads surrounded this classic structure. Even with the major renovations Greeley’s first high school endured in 2000, this landmark of our community retains its traditional lines and values. The Wildcat community has always celebrated diversity, inclusion, and, of course, excellence in all of our educational programs and activities. Greeley Central regularly produces Boettcher Scholars. In fact, more Boettcher Scholars have graduated from GCHS than from any other school in Colorado. And, of course, our rich athletic history is unrivaled, as evidenced by the 24 state championship banners that hang in Baggot Gymnasium and the numerous individual and team champions whose black and white pictures adorn the first floor hallway of The Castle. Student athletes at Central understand the high expectations, both in the classroom and on the athletic fields. The “ghosts” of our past and the spirit of Willie the Wildcat will always cheer on Old Greeley High!



★ Greeley Central Versus Greeley West...A Rivalry 51 Years In The Making ★

It’s been said that if Greeley Central were to play Greeley West in Tiddlywinks at 6:00 AM on a Sunday in the dead of winter, the student bodies of both schools would show up to fill the venue and cheer on their classmates; such is the importance of any competition between the two schools. The rivalry between Greeley’s two oldest high schools, now 51 years old, is widely recognized as one of the most intense, unique, and certainly healthiest anywhere, at any level.

The Central-West rivalry could be described as the friendliest bitter rivalry around. Wildcat and Spartan students don’t necessarily consider each other enemies. They’ve grown up together, they attended the same elementary and middle schools, they now date, attend each others’ proms and homecomings, and will no doubt continue friendships long after high school. Many staff members at both schools spent part of their careers across town in the rival building. Long time Greeley West football coach Mark Roggy was on the Wildcat staff early in his career. John Christensen, the man for whom a Greeley Central scholarship is named, helped lead the Spartans to a baseball state championship before becoming the principal at Greeley Central. Current Spartan athletic director Jeff Cranson is married to Jaime, a counselor at Greeley Central. And Wildcat assistant basketball coach Bill Whitehead has taught at both schools, been an assistant coach and head coach at both schools, and served as the athletic director at Greeley West.

The civility of the rivalry also adds to the uniqueness. The gamesmanship that occurs between the students in the stands in their dress, cheers, and general mockery of each other sometimes is more entertaining than the games themselves.

