



GOOD NEWS UPDATE

September 25, 2019

Littleton STEM Academy

At Littleton STEM Academy, we KNOW the significance of celebrating along our learning journey as well as supporting students' social-emotional learning (SEL). On September 19, our Kindergarten students and teachers shared their celebration of emergent literacy through an Alphabet Parade. In turn, we embraced their celebration and the opportunity to support our youngest learners' social-emotional learning. We, as a collective learning community, are committed to creating an active, engaging learning environment that promotes a life-long love of learning AND reading!



The Littleton STEM Academy Makerspace is growing. We continue to discover positive outcomes from this project! As we strive for optimal growth and development in each of our students, *Ms. Maria Gutierrez* (our Librarian), embraces the opportunity to collaborate with classroom teachers to support students' social-emotional ability to learn. According to the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence (2012), this is especially important for children of trauma or adverse childhood experiences, as well as children navigating new experiences such as new siblings or family members. We KNOW social-emotional learning (SEL) is critical - not only for academic success but also life-long success!



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The September 14th Littleton Stem Academy PTA's Peter Piper Pizza Family Night was a success! Our school community participation was outstanding. Besides raising funds for our school, we were given an awesome opportunity to build and foster trusting relationships that support the optimal success of our students and families. Our students, parents, and staff cheered, laughed and of course, took pictures as our Principal, [*Mr. Jim Verrill*](#), participated in the ice cream eating contest not once, but twice! He was a fierce competitor for the students and they loved it!





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Estrella Vista STEM Academy

Growing Into Who We Are Meant To Be!

Inspirer of the Month- *Ms. Evangelina McCue*, Kindergarten Paraprofessional

Estrella Vista staff and students would like to celebrate *Ms. Evangelina McCue*, Kindergarten Paraprofessional, for being recognized as Estrella Vista Inspirer of the Month for the month of September. Some of the great nomination statements made from students and staff about *Ms. McCue* included: “*Ms. McCue* establishes TRUST by always doing what she says he will”; “*Ms. McCue* RESPECTS all students and staff and works to build strong relationships with students.”; “*Ms. McCue* demonstrates INTEGRITY by stepping in helping out wherever she is needed. “*Ms. McCue* COLLABORATES with staff and students to help everyone to be successful.”

“*Ms. McCue* is DEDICATED to putting the student’s needs above everything else”. *Ms. McCue* goes above and beyond and always has a smile on her face. Thank you *Ms. McCue* and congratulations on this achievement!



PTSA Peter Piper Night- Thank you to our Hawk PTSA who has started the year with a BANG! The parent group raised around \$600 at the Peter Piper Back to School Event night on September 6th. In addition, the group will welcome the year at their first PTSA meeting on September 24th. We are excited for the many new things and events for this year!





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Kids at Hope Grandparents Luncheon- Grandparents day was celebrated on September 13th, during all grade level lunches. We had 148 Grandparents come for lunch that day. Students were able to celebrate their Grandparents for being an ACE in their life and show them around their school experience. Some classes participated by eating as a community in the cafeteria and others made the event more personal and had classroom gatherings in their homerooms. Students had the opportunity to make their Grandparents gifts and reflect on their gratitude toward them. This was an opportunity to bring a child's family and friends together and allow them to share making memories as one. At Estrella Vista, we believe all students are capable of success and it starts first with the people they surround themselves with and that believe in them too. A big thank you to the Kids at Hope Committee, *Ms. Laura Montano* and *Ms. Alyssa Nelson* for all their hard work to make the event a success.





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EVES Hawk Pride in Athletics- Thank you to our boys basketball coaches, *Mr. Stephen Batchelder* and *Mr. Bronson Goodsell*, girls' soccer coaches, *Ms. Jesse Reyes* and *Ms. Heather Began*, and our cheer coaches, *Mr. Antonio Bryant* and *Ms. Rachel Vlieg*. We appreciate all the time and effort spent toward their players to not only help them with their skills in their sport, but also help with their grades and the development of their character. We are proud of all of our athlete's hard work and dedication toward improvement. Go Hawks!





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Kids at Hope Harmony Day- Harmony Day was an event brought together by the Kids at Hope Committee. This was the second annual celebration culture in diversity. One way to build stronger relationships is to get to know each other deeper. Students were invited to dress in clothing that represented their cultural backgrounds. Some also brought in foods that show cased their ancestry tastes and traditions. Overall, it was a great day to celebrate where we come from and to find similarities in culture fashion, food, and even entertainment. A big thank you to the Kids at Hope Committee, *Ms. Laura Montano* and *Ms. Alyssa Nelson* for all their hard work to make the event a success.

