



Neighborhood School Facts

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2014-2015 Calendar

Modified

Opened

Fall 2008

Size

824 students as of September 2014

Grades Served

Kindergarten–6th grade
DCSD Preschool on site
Bison Buddies — Before and after care

Program Feeder Area

Castle Rock Middle School
Castle View High School

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Live, Love, Laugh, Learn, Leave a Legacy

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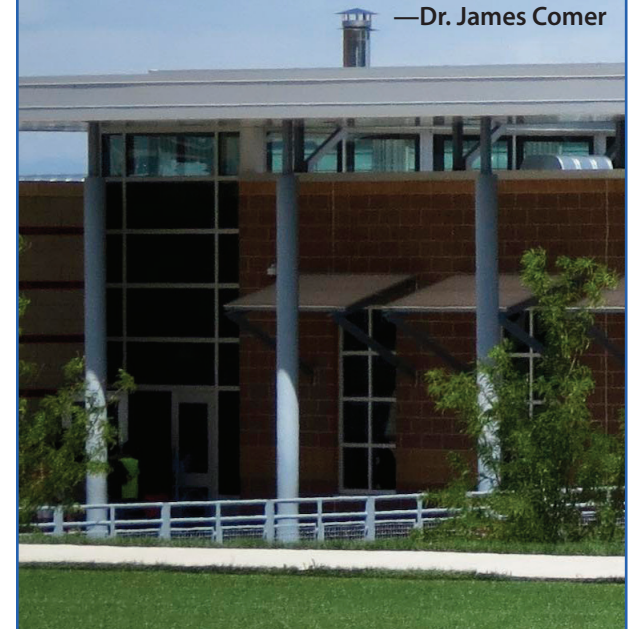
Clear Sky Elementary believes all children can learn. Therefore, our mission is to foster a collaborative community where each learner is valued and inspired to pursue his/her full potential within a safe and inviting student centered environment.



CLEAR SKY
Elementary

*"No significant learning
occurs without a
significant relationship."*

—Dr. James Comer



Live, Love, Laugh, Learn, Leave a Legacy

We Are BISON STRONG!

Because we believe relationships are so important, we teach the skills necessary to build them. Our BISON acronym represents the following important lifelong character traits that allow us to create an environment that fosters significant learning:

- B** Be respectful
- I** Integrity
- S** Safe
- O** Own it
- N** Never give up

Positive Behavior Support

Positive Behavior Support (PBIS) is a school-wide program using positively stated learning and behavior expectations. BISON Bravo slips and stickers are opportunities for CSE staff to recognize students demonstrating the behaviors of a BISON.

Student of the Month

To emphasize our PBIS character development program, each month classroom teachers choose one student to be recognized for their BISON strong behavior. Students' photos are posted in the hallway.



Project Based Learning

Clear Sky is a Project Based Learning (PBL) school. This means that students will be engaged in collaborative in-depth extended studies of authentic topics. PBL projects contain significant content, employ 21st century skills and emphasize inquiry. We believe PBL allows students to be engaged in significant learning. It is our goal this year to have at least three projects at each grade level. Please go to The Buck Institute at www.bie.org to learn more about project based learning.

Specials

Our school specials include library, health, music, physical education and art. Students build significant relationships with teachers who introduce them to the arts.

Special Events

Clear Sky offers a spelling bee, a field day, a science fair, two Scholastic Book Fairs and grade-level music programs. Our 5th grade students take a field trip to Ameritowne, while our 6th grade students participate in the Outdoor Ed program at the DCSD Outdoor Education Center. Each year our graduating 6th grade class also creates and implements a "Leave a Legacy" project.

Interventions

Clear Sky has award-winning intervention programs for our students. It's the significant relationships established with our amazing staff that allows students to make great gains in their growth.

- **Reading Recovery and Response to Intervention (RtI)**
- **Special Education** — *Moderate needs, 504, Significant Support Needs (SSN)*
- **Gifted and Talented** — *Classroom and grade level differentiation including small groups. Enrichment opportunities include Junior Great Books (1st–6th grade) and Math Olympiad (4th–6th grade). Identified gifted students attend an Autonomous Learner Model group that meets weekly.*

Student Involvement

We offer many ways for students to engage in their educational experience.

- **Choir** (3rd–6th grade) — *Perform at Sky Sox and Rockies games. Held their first musical, "Pirates of Penzance," last spring.*
- **Band/Orchestra** (4th–6th grade) — *Before and after school enrichment program offered through Castle View Elementary Instrumental Music.*
- **Battle of the Books** (3rd–6th grade)
- **Student Council** (3rd–6th grade)
- **Clear Sky Ambassadors** (5th–6th grade) — *Responsible for the welcoming of new families to our school. They give tours and provide information from their unique point of view.*

Our before and after school activities include school-sponsored clubs led by CSE staff:

- Dodge Ball
- Green Team
- Friends for Change
- Claymation
- Art
- Exploring Music
- Photography
- Pokemon Trading Card Game
- Geocaching
- Mad Science
- Spanish Enrichment
- CheerFit
- Kid Stage
- LEGO
- Chess

Parent Teacher Organization

We have great relationships with our parents and value the contributions they make to Clear Sky. Parent involvement in the classrooms and in the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is very high at Clear Sky. The PTO helps raise money for the school, provides opportunities for teacher grants, facilitates family and community events, and appreciates the Clear Sky faculty for the abundant teaching they display to our students.

