



The Beak

From The Raven's Beak

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7:45-2:45

Vision

To inspire each student to understand and pursue his/her unique potential.

Mission

To develop young people of character who acquire three essential qualities of the educated individual, citizen and worker. (See student handbook for entire mission statement)

QUANTUM LEARNING PARENT SEMINAR:

Thank you for joining us for a great Quantum Learning Parent Seminar. We enjoyed the greatest attendance of learning as a community since we initiated the implementation of our new pedagogy. The Quantum Learning principles centered around a core premise that 'there is no comprehension without picturing.' The 'Bed Side Five' is a quick review of what the students learned in school that day. Help by going over vocabulary words from English, three new theorems in geometry or a sequence of events in history. By doing a theta scan before sleeping, a student impresses upon the mind that this is important, thus increasing the chance for long-term memory.

We appreciate your comments and feedback, and yes we have scheduled another Quantum Learning Parent Seminar featuring John LeTellier on January 4th at 7pm.

A special thank you to our District Eleven Board of Education for their support; both Jan Tanner and Tom Strand attended the seminar, displaying their strong commitment to innovative models of learning. Director Bob Null has invited the CIVA community to attend District 11's community meetings. The first meeting will be on October 5th at 6:30 at Wasson High School Cafeteria.

CHARTER RENEWAL

CIVA is currently going through a renewal process with District 11 our authorizing agency. We will be making a presentation to the District 11's Board of Education in January of 2011. We need to demonstrate that we are being true to our mission and vision and we need your help to do so. We need our parents and students to write letters of support about how your son/daughter has benefited from their education at CIVA Charter High School.

Please drop them off or email them to Ms. Landry (landrij@d11.org) or Ms. Voss (vosssi@d11.org).

Staying back for OLE? We have a fun week planned. Those students staying back on OLE are required to be in attendance at school 7:45 am to 2:45 pm Tuesday through Friday. We have created some of the same experiences here at school that students will share up on OLE. Please help your child remember to ***bring a lunch every day as we won't have lunch services that week.*** We have community service projects scheduled, so your child can earn community service hours toward their 35 hour per year commitment. Students need to dress appropriate to work outside, and participate in group activities. Student will earn 5% for all core classes for attendance and participation this week. .

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct 8 th	No school for students that went on OLE
Oct 11-14	College Week
Oct 13	Colorado College Planning help 7pm
Oct 14	ACT Plan Test (sophomores)
Oct 15 th	Teacher work day-no students
Oct 27 th	Data Driven Conferences 4pm-7pm
Oct 28 th	Data Driven Conferences 8am-7pm
Oct 29 th	Teacher Work Day-no students
Oct 29 th	Haunted Homecoming 7:00pm
Nov 11 th	Veteran's Day-school closed
Nov 18 th /19 th	CIVA Revue 7pm
Nov 24 th -27 th	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 9 th	Christmas Coffee Performance 7-8:30pm
Dec 20-Jan 4 th	Winter Break-school closed

Data Driven Conferences:

All students are required to have a conference. Please contact

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the office to schedule a time to come in on Oct 27, 4-7pm or Oct 28, 8-7pm

PHOTO IDS/MAKE-UP PICTURES:

Make up pictures will be taken on 11/2 from 8-10:30am. All students must have a 2010/2011 CIVA student ID card. Replacement cards are \$6.00.

SPORTS/ACTIVITIES:

Students wishing to participate in any sport must have a yellow D11 Athletic Participation Form on file and a blue Emergency Information Card. Fees are \$50 per sport. Any student participating in any after school activity must have on file a signed Student/Activity acknowledgement form. This is located in the back of the Student Activity Handbook. Please contact Ms. Cook at 633-1306, ext 113 with any questions.

Seniors Corner

Senior pictures are due by October 29, 2010.

Preferred format is:

- * Portrait Layout (greater in height than width)
- * Color output of image on smooth photo paper (if only digital image is available, please contact Todd Guller at (719) 337-7594)
- * 5" W x 7" H or larger (as long as it remains in portrait layout)
- * Write full name of student as you would like it to appear in the CIVA Yearbook on an address label or masking tape and place on backside of photo (no stickers and do not write directly on photo paper as it will mar the image!)
- * Indicate interest in the purchase of a "special section" Senior Dedication Page (half and full page dedication page ads are available). Details and costs will be forwarded upon interest.
- * Photos will be returned by beginning of February.
- * Private pages, personal to the student, may be purchased. Private pages will only be printed in the Yearbook(s) purchased by that student. Contact Todd Guller at (719) 337-7594 for details and cost.

Seniors Parents: We are having a college week here at CIVA, October 11 – 14th. We will have college speakers here to speak to your graduates and help get them ready to put in applications and essays. Plan on attending our evening with Colorado College Planning Oct 13th at 7pm for help with college planning help.

You can find graduation planning help at Jostens.com. Check it out!

Southern Colorado Out-of-State College Fair, Monday, October 4, 2010, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Phil Long Expo Center, 1515 Auto Mall Loop

154 Colleges and Universities will be represented!

LADY RAVENS Volleyball Schedule:

- 10/4 – CPS (Away) – 5:30
- 10/7 – CSDB (Home) – 3:30
PPP (Home) – 5:30
- 10/12 – RMCA (Home) – 5:30
- 10/16 – CSL League Tournament (City Auditorium) – TBA
- 10-19 – Calhan (Away) – 6:00
- 10/21 – CSDB (Home) – 3:30
- District tournament – Oct 26
- State Tournament – TBA

RAVEN Ultimate Practice:

- 10/14 – Compass Montessori - Unicorns - 3:30 (away)
- 10/23 – Ultimate Nightmare Tourney at Broomfield
- TBD – East (home)
- 11/3 - Colorado Academy 3:30 (away)
- 11/13-14 – State tournament at Colorado Academy
- M-W-F 3-5pm @ Goose Gossage Park on Mark Dabbling.

Health Information: Before your child needs it, make sure your child has insurance, good vision and cavities are taken care of! Your child will learn better if they feel better and can see!

Need insurance for your student? Call Kim Hess, at Peak Vista @ 630-6440 X 6387 to see if you qualify.

Need **glasses** for your student? If your child has Medicaid, you can call "Your Child's Eyes" @ 329-1221 or "Bright Eyes" @ 667-0665. If you do not have vision insurance, you can page your school nurse, Kate @ pager: 261-0702, on school days, 8a-3:30pm. If adults need glasses, they can call Bill Newman @ 227-1452.

Does your child have **Dental needs**? If your child has Medicaid, you can call Small Smiles @ 442-0071, Academy Kids Dental (& vision) @ 391-2336 or Dr. Bashi @ 528-8292. If your child does not have dental insurance, contact your school nurse, Kate @ pager: 261-0702 on school days from 8am-3:30pm. **Need to see the doctor right now and you do not have insurance? Call the SET Clinic @ 776-8850!**

How sick is too sick? 3 reasons to keep sick kids at home:

1. Child can't participate comfortably in school activities, extreme signs of tiredness, unexplained irritability or persistent crying.
2. Child needs more care that school can provide.
3. Child has any of the following symptoms:
Diarrhea, fever, flu symptoms (fever over 100* F, aches), coughing, rash with fever, vomiting, chicken pox, conjunctivitis (pink eye), croup, hepatitis A, herpes, impetigo, roseola, strep throat, measles, mumps, rubella, pertussis.

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We NEED your HELP!

CIVA currently has two Foreign Exchange Students looking for a permanent home for the 10/11 school year. We invite you to meet Diego Goncalves and Sui-Shing (Nicolas) Ng and welcome them to the CIVA family. Unfortunately, if we can't find them a CIVA family they may have to leave our little CIVA family.

Diego loves most sports. His favorite is soccer! He is also a guitar player and likes music. Diego does not mind helping out around the house and wants to learn about the American culture and have any opportunity to site see and experience the American family life.

Sui-Shing goes by Nicholas; he plays the guitar and likes all types of music. He enjoys the outdoors like swimming and car racing. He is looking forward to being able to practice his English and learn all he can about the American culture.

CETUSA.org would love to find a permanent home for both of these students as soon as possible in order to get them settled in. Please call the CIVA office if you are interested.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS:

CIVA will be participating in the **2010 Coats for Colorado Campaign – 10/1 -11/30** Please help keep thousands of Coloradans warm this winter. They really need children's coats, and as you can imagine, schools are the best source of children's coats. For every two (2) coats donated students will receive 1 hour of community service towards their requirement of 35 per year. Please bring your gently used or new coats to the school office between October 1 and November 30.

The Great Pumpkin Patch – 10/1 – 29

CIVA is creating a community partnership with the Colorado Rotary Club and BizKidz International. The help build entrepreneurship and an understanding of the free enterprise system. We are including a Pumpkin Order form, please enter how many pumpkins you would like to purchase and send it back in with your student by Monday 10/13. BizKidz International will coordinate with local farmers to provide the pumpkins do be delivered to the school for pickup. Students will earn \$1.00 credit toward spring OLE for every pumpkin they sell. Please help your child earn part of their OLE Fee. Any questions please contact Ms. Voss.

Harvest of Love - 11/1-19

CIVA is participating in the Colorado Harvest of Love again this year. With more Coloradoans out of work the need is very great to restock the pantry. Most needed items are; canned fruit/vegetables, soup, canned meat/tuna, peanut butter, and cereal/oatmeal. For every 10 items donated, students receive 1 hour of community service towards their requirement of 35 per year. Please bring your canned or dry food items to the office by Thursday 11/18th. Your child could earn all 35 hours of service by participating in these community projects.

Upcoming Service Events:

Christmas Unlimited, more information to follow. Stay tuned!

What's happening in classes?

Beginning Spanish: The Beginning Spanish students are continuing to stay focused during class allowing us to utilize class time efficiently! I am continually impressed with their ability to quickly absorb new information! They have learned a significant amount of new vocabulary over the past two weeks. We have used word associations to help promote the mastery of these words rather than just the presence of them in short term memory. Students are continuing to use the vocabulary words they have learned on a regular basis to add to phrases they are beginning to construct on their own. The more they commit to their own additional practice of new vocabulary outside of class, the broader their word bank will become as they face opportunities to communicate in Spanish on a more regular basis. I look forward to all this group of students will accomplish in the acquisition of Spanish this year!

American Sign Language: The ASL students are continuing to plug away at new vocabulary and cultural lessons each week! Students have mastered our first two units of vocabulary and will most likely be very comfortable with our third unit by the time you read this article! They are an eager group of students who are encouraging each other to continue to learn these language skills quickly as they are individually finding opportunities to use ASL in the Colorado Springs community! We will be working on more "transcription" or identification of short stories being signed to the students to improve their understanding in the units to come! They are continuing to gain confidence practicing with one another and presenting in small groups to the rest of the class. I'm continually impressed with each of their willingness to try something new!

Health: On a recent day in Health, students were surprised to hear, "Close your notebooks and place them under your desks". It was not a test day. They were additionally surprised when a can of shaving cream made it's way around the room covering the desks of each student. The day prior, students had taken a near-collegiant amount of notes regarding Physical Fitness, the types of exercise, and the parts of a workout routine. This was day two of our Physical Fitness unit. Why not review by drawing pictures to illustrate our notes in shaving cream?! We reviewed our notes by creating a graphic organizer on the board as a class. Students then illustrated each type of exercise by identifying examples of interest to them in the shaving cream on their desks. Learning and an excuse to clean desktops all in one class period? You can mark that, "Success" on the calendar.

Advanced Spanish: The Advanced Spanish students have been reviewing the differences between verbs and subjects in the Spanish language. When we put these two parts of language together in Spanish the combining of verb and subject becomes a "conjugation". Last year the students were exposed to present tense conjugations (i.e.: "We eat pizza. I go to the mall. My family likes cheese...."). This year the students have continued to review this skill and are working on the mastery of the preterite tense! We will continue to explore additional uses for the preterite this quarter before pursuing further uses of verb and subject conjugations in the months to come! Who knows, maybe someday we'll all be conjugating verbs in our sleep!

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FLASH!, FLASH!, FLASH! NEW NEWS!**

What: D-11 BOE Community Meeting

When: Tuesday, October 5th, 6:30 pm

Where: Wasson High School Cafeteria

This community meeting is the first of 8 community “Get Together.” The purpose of these meetings is to hold informal conversations between the audience (community members) and members of the Board of Education and key staff members – The audiences will share their choices of subjects, questions and comments. We will have microphones for the audience speakers and also language translators. Again this is everyone’s and anyone’s chance to have direct dialogues with individual members of the BOE, and/or the whole BOE and key staff members. The more attendees the better!

Because this is our Charter Renewal year, this is a great opportunity for CIVA’s parents to share the great things happening here!

The dates and locations are:

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| 10/5 – Wasson HS | 11/9 - Coronado HS |
| 11/30 – D-11 Board Rm | 1/4 – Mitchell HS |
| 2/1 - D-11 Board Rm | 3/1 - Palmer HS |
| 4/5 – Doherty HS | 5/3 – D-11 Board Rm |

Federal Impact Aid Survey:

District 11 will be asking all families to complete the Federal Impact Aid survey beginning October 27, 2010. Be sure to see Ms. Joni during your conference time in October to complete your survey. Why is it important to complete this survey? Property taxes are a significant revenue source for the district. Federal properties do not pay taxes. Federal Impact Aid provides funding to District 11 based on a count of students living on federal property or whose parents are employed by the federal government. The results of this survey are submitted to the federal government and additional funding is provided to District 11 based on the number of students impacted. These funds help District 11 continue to provide high quality education for all students. Thank you in advance for returning your completed survey.

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Pumpkin Patch Order Form

Purchaser Name _____

Address: _____

Phone # _____

Purchased from, (student name): _____

pumpkins: _____ Cost: \$5.00 each (students receive \$1.00 toward spring OLE for every pumpkin sold.

Total Due: \$ _____

Students please collect money and return with order forms to Ms. Voss by Wednesday 10/13.



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