

Delta

# VISION

February 2007

Home and Community Program

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**Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

## Talent Show and Performance Showcase

Delta VISION HCP will be having a performance night and talent show on Friday, February 16, 2007 at the Bill Heddles Recreation Center. If you like to perform, this night is for you. Singers, dancers, gymnast, musicians, poets, and any other type of performers are welcome and encouraged. A stage and small sound system will be set up to accommodate a wide variety of activities. Contact Gerry at 874-8777 to reserve a spot on the program. The program will run from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Learners must sign up by February 12th to participate.

## Teens Plan Prom

The VISION teen group invites all teens to participate in the planning of this year's Junior - Senior Prom. Meetings will take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month in the VISION office at 5:30 PM. If you have questions or want more information you can contact Marie, Mike or Caty at 874-8226. The last two proms have a been blast. Take advantage of this opportunity to meet other VISION learners and have tons of fun.

## Book Club Orders

Just a reminder that Scholastic Book Club Catalogues are always available in the office. These book clubs are a great way to purchase good literature at discount prices. Orders are due in the office on the fifth of each month. A check made out to Scholastic must accompany each order.

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## What's Happening with the Charter Application?

On January 3, 2007 the VISION Board of Stewards submitted a letter to the Delta County School District of our intent to appeal their denial of our charter application. We strongly believe that becoming a charter school is the most beneficial next step for the program and our families for the following reasons:

- ⊖ In becoming a charter school, clearer agreements and contracts between VISION HCP and the local school district will be established. Currently, if there is a dispute, the school district's view or interpretation of any legal matters supersedes anything the program might decide. As a charter school, any potential disputes can be resolved by a third party—the Colorado Board of Education.
- ⊖ As a charter school, clearly defined working roles between both parties will be established. Both VISION and the local school district will know at the onset where the boundaries of authority and policy decision begin and end.
- ⊖ The VISION HCP and our families would have the backing and support of established charter school law as well as other benefits associated with becoming a charter school.

In light of this, a formal appeal from VISION has been sent to the Colorado Board of Education. A more in-depth briefing that details VISION's response to the denial of the charter application will soon follow. The preparation of these documents is being handled by attorney Eric Hall of Rothgerber Johnson & Lyons—specialists in charter school law. Legal fees are currently being paid for by a special grant that VISION has received specifically for these matters, and not from any program funds.

From the date that VISION formally filed the appeal (January 12, 2007), the Colorado Board of Education has 60 days to either uphold the local school district's denial of our application, or ask the local school board to reconsider the charter application based upon stated criteria. If they decide to uphold the denial, VISION will proceed with negotiations to continue operating as a contract school with the local school district. (Our current contract with the local school district extends to 2008, but renewed waivers are needed for the 2007-2008 school year operation.) If the Colorado Board of Education decides in favor of the appeal, VISION's charter application will go back to the local school district for another review.

We greatly appreciate the support that we have received and continue to receive from our families. It is the Directors' and the Board's desire to keep our families informed as we continue down this path. If you have any questions along the way, please contact any of the three offices. Stewards' phone numbers can be obtained through the offices.

Sincerely,

The Directors of the VISION Home & Community Program

### VISION HCP Stewards:

Surface Creek:	Don Pyle, Tracy Gibson, and Sharon Peterson
North Fork:	Denise Claire Laverty, Jim Link, and Dev Carey
Delta:	Dick Nunamaker, Trona Denny, and Barbara Hulet

## CSAP Testing

This Spring all Colorado public school students will once again be taking the Colorado State Assessment Program (CSAP) tests. This assessment is given to all 3<sup>rd</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> graders and is designed to provide a picture of student performance to schools, districts, educators, parents and the community.

Our District Assessment Coordinator at the District Office has confirmed with the Colorado Department of Education that the VISION Home and Community Program must comply with the new law concerning home-based education. This reads that "students in a home-based educational program must be assessed in a location (excluding private residences) mutually agreed upon by the parents/guardians and the student's district of enrollment."

In order to best comply with this new regulation, we have arranged for administration of all tests, except third grade reading (see below), at the First Baptist Church on Pioneer Rd. in Delta. All Learners who test at the church will be in small group settings. There will be no more than twenty students per grade in these groups. There are also opportunities for your RC to arrange to use other community buildings to administer the CSAP to your Learners. If other locations are utilized, we are requesting that all test sites try to honor the following schedule. We recognize that many of our Learners need to test individually and we support that choice. Please speak to your RC about where and when your Learners will be taking the CSAP. We look forward to the opportunity for our Learners to demonstrate their academic achievements.

### Third grade schedule

	Feb. 6th	March 13	March 20
9:00-10:00	Read 1	Write 1	Math 1
10:00-10:15	Break	Break	Break
10:20-11:20	Read 2	Write 2	Math 2

### Third Grade Reading CSAP Test

**February 6th 9:00 - 11:20**  
**Delta VISION Office**

Talk to your RC for details

### Fourth, sixth, seventh, and ninth grade

	March 13	March 14	March 20	March 21	March 27
9:00-10:00	Write 1	Read 1	Write 3	Math 1	Math 3
10:00-10:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:20-11:20	Write 2	Read 2	Read 3	Math 2	

### Fifth, eighth, and tenth grade schedules

	March 13	March 14	March 20	March 21	March 27	March 28
9:00-10:00	Science 1	Science 3	Math 2	Write 1	Read 1	Write 3
10:00-10:15	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
10:20-11:20	Science 2	Math 1	Math 3	Write 2	Read 2	Read 3

All Science testing must be completed by March 22

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## **Policy Meeting**

A policy meeting is tentatively scheduled for the third Tuesday of every month at noon, unless no policy proposals have been submitted during the prior week. Call the office for the latest information.

## **New Books**

Dozens of new books have been added to the library and are available for checkout. As always, most of these new books have a corresponding Accelerated Reader (AC) quiz. The AC quizzes are a simple and fun way to monitor reading progress.

## **Recycling Program**

Empty inkjet and laser toner cartridges as well as cell phones can be recycled. There is a drop off box in the office. This recycling project is a fundraiser for the "Rachel's Challenge" Character Education Programs within our community.

# Learner Pages

## VISION Outstanding Performers



Michael Griffiths is the recipient of this month's Academic Achievement Award. Michael is taking six academic classes with an overall GPA of 3.6. In addition to his academic success he is an accomplished musician, playing flute in the Cedaredge Middle School's Advanced and Jazz Bands, Delta County Honor Band, and the Western Slope Select Band

The February Community Achievement Award award winner is Sara Gladding. Sara is a ten year old fourth grader. She has been in the VISION program for five years. Sara entered the San Juan Photo Show in the K - 5 division. Her digital photo of a friend received a third place award.



**Congratulations!**

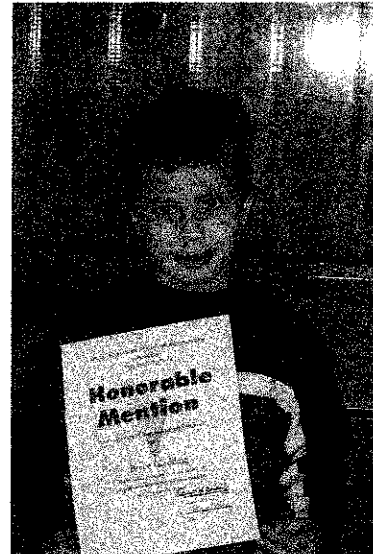
**February**

**VISION OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS**

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## VISION Outstanding Performance Honorable Mentions

Bryce Gladding is a six year old first grader. He received an Honorable Mention for a photo he entered in the San Juan Photo show.



Anna Tiffany loves to race cars. From go carts to stock cars, she has raced them all. Anna has been racing at Thunder Mountain Speedway for seven years. She has been recognized as the Most Improved Driver, and Go-Kart Points Champion. Anna would like to attend race car driving school, and some day compete in NASCAR racing.

We are always looking for submissions for the Learner Pages. Call Gerry at 874-8777 or talk to your RC. Be sure that submissions include names, ages, phone numbers, and your RC's name.

# Wednesday Classes

There is a new procedure to sign up for Wednesday Classes in order to give Learners an equal opportunity to participate. From now on, we will not let Learners sign up until two days after the newsletter has been mailed. Please remember to bring a lunch if you are coming for the entire day and also call the office to sign up for the classes that interest you because space is limited. (There may be a cost for materials if they are provided by the teacher). **If you are unable to attend please call the office to let us know so others can participate.**

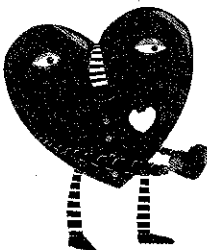
## February 14:

### Valentine Bucket & Cards

Today we will be making Valentine presents for your favorite people! Come and be creative with us.

TIME: 10am - Noon 7-12 yrs  
1pm - 3pm 13-15 yrs

MATERIALS: \$5 and paint shirt  
LIMIT: 10 Learners  
TEACHER: Greta Foster



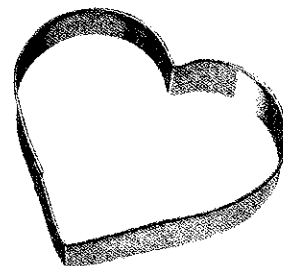
## February 14:

### Valentine Cookie Bake

Come join us in baking and decorating Valentine Cookies!

TIME: 9am - 11am 5-8 yrs  
1pm - 3pm 9 and up

MATERIALS: None  
LIMIT: 10 Learners  
TEACHER: Debora Fisk



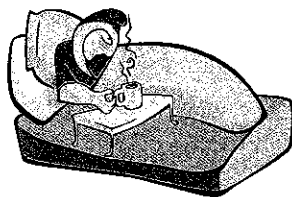
## February 21:

### Blast Off Breakfast

Today we will learn quick but healthy ways to start your day; life beyond sugar bombs! We will have two class times to choose from.

TIME: 10am - Noon or 1pm - 3pm  
AGE: 10 and up

MATERIALS: None  
LIMIT: 10 Learners  
TEACHER: Liz Ackerman



## February 21:

### Science Pitted Against Science

Science isn't always cut and dried like some scientists would like you to think. Come and learn more about this idea by studying rocks, crystals and how water affects ground surface.

TIME: 10am - 3pm  
AGE: Middle & High School  
MATERIALS: Pen & paper  
LIMIT: 12 Learners  
TEACHER: Mike Ackerman

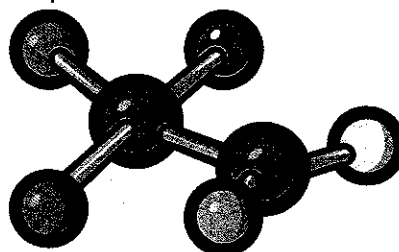


## February 28:

### CSAP Science Help for 8th Grade

Today we will reviewing terminology, science concepts and even some test taking skills that may help you when you take the CSAP test.

TIME: 10am - noon  
AGE: 8th grade  
MATERIALS: Paper, pencil  
LIMIT: 12 Learners  
TEACHER: Julie Mulford





### **Powderhorn Ski Days**

We have two ski days left this season, February 7th (full day lesson) and February 14th (half day lesson). You can still join the group if you have skied or snowboarded before. Make sure you call the office by the Friday before to sign up and have rental and liability forms (available in the office) with you when you arrive at Powderhorn. These forms only need to be turned in once during ski-school. **Mike Burns will be providing a van for Learners who need a ride to Powderhorn, however you must contact him in advance to be assured of a seat. His phone number is 314-1927.**

### **6th Grade Spelling Bee**

If you are a 6th grader and interested in participating in the spelling bee this year contact Elaine at the Vision Office by February 5th.

### **Math Help Class**

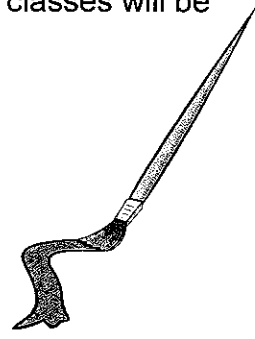
Julie Mulford continues to be available on Wednesday mornings from 8:30 - 9:30 to help with any math question you may have.

#### **February 28:**

##### **Pottery Class**

This class will offer different techniques in pottery painting and finishing while working on a round covered box. A sample will be displayed in the office. Two classes will be offered to choose from.

AGE: all  
TIME: 10am - 11:30  
          Noon - 1:30  
MATERIALS: None  
LIMIT: 10 Learners  
TEACHER: Gini McNair



#### **March 7:**

##### **Soap Making Class**

Back by popular demand, we will learn the process and history of soap making. You will be amazed by all the ingredients you add to make your soap unique. Two classes are offered to choose from.

TIME: 9am - Noon  
          Noon - 3pm  
AGE: 10 and up  
MATERIALS: \$5  
LIMIT: 10 Learners  
TEACHER: Heidi Simpson



#### **March 7:**

##### **Character Building - Virtues**

Today our goal is to build a positive self image, through discussion and role-play activities, reflection questions, drawing, posters, quotes, art and poetry or any new ideas the students may have for creativity.

TIME: 1pm - 3pm  
AGE: 8 - 12 yrs  
MATERIALS: pencil, paper, colored pencils  
LIMIT: 10 Learners  
TEACHER: Kathy Gates

