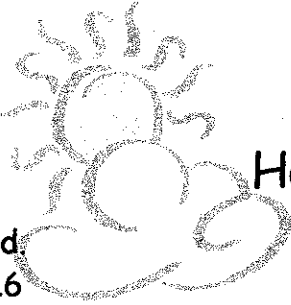


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## Learner's Celebration A Big Success

Last month over twenty Learners took part in a celebration showcasing a wide range of projects and performances. The celebration was held in conjunction with the December RC meeting. Power point and video presentations ranged from trilingual reading and writing to stock car racing and an African odyssey. Piano performances included seasonal songs, classical compositions, and a piano - guitar duet. There was a lot of singing, including the VISION choir, a trio, and a number of solo performances. VISION Learners were involved in all aspects of the production: sound, lighting, and stage introductions. VISION Outstanding Performers were recognized and honored. Culinary skills were also exhibited as members of the teen group prepared and served dinner. The event was so successful that another Talent Night is already in the planning stages. Watch for an announcement sometime soon in this newsletter. Thanks to all the Learners, Educators, and Staff who participated.

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## From The Director

Greetings and Happy New Year,

By now you all have probably heard that the VHCP's charter application was denied by the Delta County School Board. Although the school board and District Accountability Committee have stated their support for this program publicly, they felt that the application did not meet the requirements to their satisfaction. The charter application was submitted in September upon the belief, which was determined by recent interactions with the school board, that this board did not intend to continue the VHCP in a manner that was consistent with its mission and philosophy. We are pleased to hear that the board will support this program as a contract school next year and has stated in a public meeting, that they have no desire to determine policy for the program. The VHCP Board of Stewards met on December 15, 2006, after hearing the denial of the charter, to determine the next steps for this program. The Board of Stewards decided to embrace the good faith demonstrated by the school board and confirmed by the District Accountability Committee regarding the future of the VHCP. We are eager to enter into renewed contract negotiations with a mediator who will ensure that both sides are being heard and acknowledged. A letter was drafted and sent to the District Administration expressing our desire to move forward with the process in order to repair and build a relationship that truly serves the learners within this program. The program may appeal the decision to deny this charter application; however, our first choice is to move toward a renewed, cooperative relationship with the District Administration and the Delta County School Board. With both sides demonstrating good faith and desire to work cooperatively, the kids will be the benefactors of the great educational choice being offered within the Delta County School District.

Caryn Braddy

## **CSAP Support**

Practice CSAP test have been distributed to RCs and soon should be in the hands of Learners and Families. Additional samples and released items are archived and available in the office. CSAP tests are just one of a number of of assessment tools used by VISION to monitor and document learning. It is unfortunate that so much focus is placed on just this one test, especially in terms of program evaluation. Like it or not, it behooves everyone in the VISION program to put forth their best effort when it comes to CSAP testing. Significant improvement on this test is possible with some simple adjustments and strategies, including the practice tests. There is also staff available to support RCs and families with test preparation.

### **Attention Juniors and Seniors**

Now is the time to start thinking about postgraduate plans. If you are heading for college, technical school, or considering an apprenticeship, VISION Guidance Specialist Dick Nunamaker is available to help with applications, scholarships, and any other concerns. Dick can be reached at 874-4735 or 275-0641.

### **Math Help**

Starting on January 10th, Educator Julie Mulford will be available from 8:30 - 9:30 AM to provide support for any Learner. The Math Lab will continue on Wednesday mornings through the 25th of April. Julie can help with all levels of math, from basic skills through Algebra and Geometry.

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.

## **Policy Meeting**

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# Learner Pages

## VISION Outstanding Performers



This month's Academic Achievement Award recipient is Kayla Bellew. Kayla recently took the national ACT test and scored high in all areas. Next semester she will be taking college level classes. Kayla is a fifteen year old Junior. She has been in the VISION program since its inception.

The January Community Achievement Award goes to Taylor Berardi. Taylor is a nine year old third grader. She has been in the VISION program for two years. Taylor is active in the local 4-H program. Last summer she took second place in a number of 4-H horse competitions.



**Congratulations!**

**January**

**VISION OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS**

# 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. (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.

## January 10:

### Exploring World Cultures: China

We will cook, create a craft and do various activities to discover new things about this fascinating country.

TIME: 9am - 11am

AGE: 7 - 10 yrs

MATERIALS: None

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Paige Ellis



## January 10:

### Literature Fun: "Danny The Dinosaur"

We will read "Danny the Dinosaur" by Syd Hoff. We will then do many activities, create a craft and make a snack that goes along with this classic book.

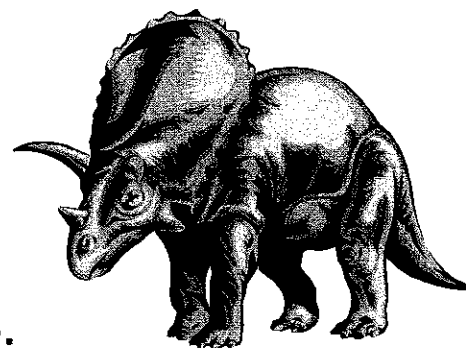
TIME: 1 - 3pm

AGE: k - 2nd grade

MATERIALS: none

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Paige Ellis



## January 10:

### Mime Class

Today we will learn the basics of mime - concept of motion, story plots, costumes, make-up and much more.

TIME: 9am - 3pm

AGE: 8 and up

MATERIALS: None

LIMIT: 15 Learners

TEACHER: Mike Ackerman



## January 17:

### Gallup Into Some Fun

This will be a fun filled class about horses, with activity pages including Criss Cross, cryptograms, letter arrangements, creative words, mazes, word search, word unscrambles, and color pages.

TIME: 1pm - 3pm

AGE: 6 - 10 yrs

MATERIALS: None

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Kathy Gates



## January 17:

### Cooking Class

Today we will be making chicken wellington (older Learners) and mice cookies (younger Learners).

TIME: 9:30 am - Noon

AGE: 5 and up

MATERIALS: None

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Inge Cheatham



# Powderhorn Ski Days

Our ski school days at Powderhorn have been confirmed for two full days of lessons, January 31 and February 7th and one half day of lessons for February 14th. The price has increased and will be \$20 for the full day and \$15 for the half day. **Please remember these prices are for the ski school participants only, not for those just wanting to ski.** Forms are available in the office.

## Seventh & Eighth Grade Spelling Bee

If you are in 7th or 8th grade and are interested in participating in the district spelling bee please contact Elaine at the office by January 10th!!

### January 24:

#### RC/Parent/Learner Valentine Sewing Project

This project is set up for RCs or parents to have special time with their Learner today. We will be working on a Valentine pillow or quilt piece and beginners will learn beginning machine stitches and quilt piecing. Intermediate learners will have the potential for a finished project to display at the Vision Fair!

TIME: 9:30am - noon Beginners  
12:30 - 3:00 Intermediate

MATERIALS: \$ 7, sewing machine, scissors, seam rippers, thread \*

LIMIT: 5 Learners

TEACHER: Lorena Gladding



\*If you need to borrow a machine call Lorena Gladding at 249-7707.

### January 31:

#### Wonders of Cake Mixes

Come and learn all the different things you can make using cake mixes!!

TIME: 9am - 11 5yrs - 8yrs  
11:30 - 1:30 9 yrs and up

MATERIALS: None

LIMIT: 8 Learners

TEACHER: Debora Fisk



### February 7:

#### Valentine Crafts & Treats

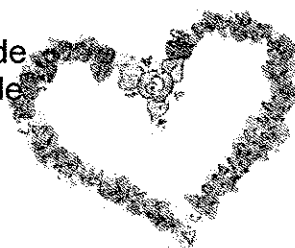
Come make age appropriate crafts and treats in time for Valentines Day!

TIME: 1-2pm K - 2nd grade  
2:30 4pm 3-6th grade

MATERIALS: \$5

LIMIT: 10 Learners

TEACHER: Jennifer Quinn



### January 24:

#### Portfolio Class

Today we will be sharing ideas on how to put together a great portfolio. Come with school papers, pictures and ideas to share.

TIME: 9am - 4pm

AGE: 5 and up

MATERIALS: None

LIMIT: 12 Learners

TEACHER: Lynette Clock / Jennifer Quinn



### January 31:

#### Valentine Cross Stitch / Cookies in a Jar

This class will be in two parts - cross stitch jar lids in the morning and making cookie mix in a jar in the afternoon. You can sign up for one or both classes.

TIME: 9am - noon - Cross stitch

Age: 10 and up

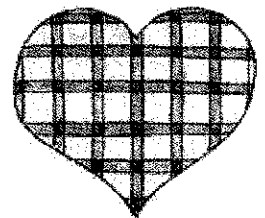
1:30 - 2:30pm - Cookies in a Jar

Age: 5 and up

MATERIALS: \$5 per class

LIMIT: 12 Learners

TEACHER: Lynette Clock



### February 7:

#### Vision Science Fair

The Delta Vision Science Fair is scheduled for today with set-up from 9 - 10am and judging from 10 - 11am. Our fair is open for 3rd grade and older, however the district fair in Grand Junction is only open to 6th grade and older. Please call the office to sign up!! Julie Mulford is the Educator in charge.

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