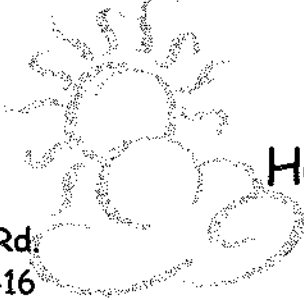


Delta

# VISION



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#### Parent Support Conference and Picnic

On Tuesday, July 17th, there will be a conference and picnic for all VISION Learners, Families, and Staff. This event will be held at the First Baptist Church from 1:00 - 8:00 PM. There will be games and activities for Learners, and speakers and workshops for Parents and Staff. A nursery will be provided. Please contact the office if you have suggestions or ideas for this event. There will be more details in the July newsletter.

#### Schwan's Fundraiser

VISION Learners and Families will soon have an opportunity to earn gift card prizes for themselves while providing quality products for friends and family from a Schwan's special catalog. Thirty percent of all orders will go directly to Delta VISION Hcp. Once the orders have been taken, Schwan's will deliver anywhere in the country that they do business. Internet orders will also apply to our efforts. Your RC will soon have more specific details.

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**The Delta VISION office will be closed  
from June 17th through June 29th**

## From the Director

It is the end of the school year, although nothing seems to be winding down. There are many meetings, decisions, trainings, celebrations, assessments, and details to attend to before we call it a year. With that in mind, I would like to share a district update:

- June 7<sup>th</sup> - time TBA - work session involving the Board of Stewards and the School Board. It is our hope that the Stewards will clearly articulate our long term goals of accountability in conjunction with the Site Team visit from April 2006 and concerns that the School Board has expressed. The items that will be highlighted are as follows:
  - o Governance - A newly seated non-conflicted Board of Stewards has addressed the School Board's concern regarding conflict of interest. The program has become a non-profit with adopted by-laws at the suggestion of both the site team and the School Board
  - o Academic rigor - It has become clear that the program has not translated your Learner's educational path well for the district. The program will be training RCs in the art of translation so that the documentation that each RC prepares will articulate the choices made for individual Learners. Part of the RC's job is to ensure that choices are made using all of the information that the state of Colorado deems important. Thus, we will be providing specific information regarding the Colorado Model Content Standards to you so that the choices that form a Learning Plan, which will still be individualized and formulated by the consensus group, are consciously made in the best interest of the child while using every resource.
  - o Highly Qualified - According to the federal act No Child Left Behind, all teachers employed by a school must be highly qualified. The program and the district have tried to understand how this Act applies to an alternative choice program that has independent contractors and Resource Consultants. As in all things, the VHCP desires to comply with the law; the difficulty is that the law was created without thought for a program with our structure. The program has an idea regarding the use of highly qualified individuals as a resource and support for Learners within the program which will be provided at this work session.
  - o Funding Guidelines - The majority of funding has been processed without issue and families have provided the necessary documentation outlined within the guidelines. There are a few items that certain members of the district's administration, and possibly the school board, feel are still questionable. This is an ongoing discussion that we wish to bring to the table as one that is ultimately resolved.

These are the major issues that will be presented and discussed at the upcoming work session with the school board. It is our hope that upon viewing the progress in these areas, the school board will allow the VHCP to once again concentrate on providing opportunities for Learners and improving itself via the use of the Accountability Plan for Colorado Charter School (the plan we have been using for five years).

Thank you for a great year with your children. They are the ones for whom we strive for excellence. Their perseverance, excitement, and zeal for learning new things should be a lesson for us all.

## **VISION Mascot and School Colors**

The DVHCP is ready for a mascot and school colors. A mascot will separate us from other schools, identifies us, and brings us good luck. A mascot for our program should be fast, intelligent and independent, just like the Learners in this program. We would like to have something different from other schools in the surrounding areas. We want your suggestions!!! Please leave suggestions at the front desk of the DVHCP office, addressed to Presli and Camri Hulet. Please submit your written suggestions or your original artwork by June 30, 2007. We will compile the suggestions and have a table at the Delta VISION Parent Support Conference and Picnic on July 17<sup>th</sup> in order to have a final vote. We hope to have an official mascot and school colors by the start of the 2007-2008 school year.

### **Summer Reading**

The VISION library has bunches of books for check out as well as a number of books to give away. We are also trying to build a library of videos and DVDs. If you have any videos or DVDs you would like to contribute, please drop them by the office.

### **Vet Visits VISION**

On May 4th, Tom Schiefer retired DVM gave a presentation to VISION students from the Delta, North Fork, and Surface Creek programs. He shared experiences from his career of almost forty years and answered questions from the Learners.

### **Dibels Assesment**

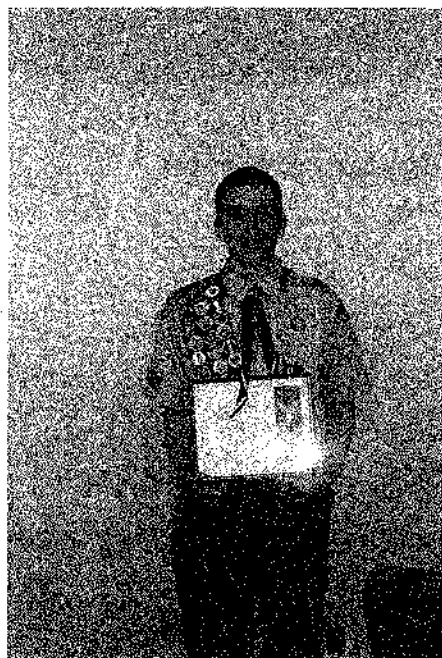
In order to be in compliance with Colorado Basic Literacy Act (CBLA), all VISION Learners in kindergarten, first, and second grades must be evaluated with the Dibels reading inventory. The test takes less than fifteen minutes and measures phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. This evaluation will make easier to make informed choices for next years learning plans. Caryn Braddy (kindergarten), Cristen Chermak (first grade), or Gerry Lell (second grade) will be contacting families in the near future to make appointments for these evaluations.

# Learner Pages

## VISION Outstanding Performers



The Academic Achievement Award for June goes to Skylar Ransier. Skylar is a fourth grader who has put in a lot of effort to improve her writing skills. Using Pudewah writing techniques from the Curriculum Institute For Excellence In Writing, her writing skills have improved dramatically over this last school year.



The June Community Achievement Award recipient is Tim Duncan. In April, Tim earned the rank of Eagle Scout (Troop 497), the highest rank attainable with the Boy Scouts of America. His Eagle Scout project involved mapping all the trees in the Pioneer Town Arboretum in Cedaredge. The map will be used as a hand out for visitors to the site. Tim and his team of helpers learned a great deal about the different species of trees. Tim also passed his GED test in April, and graduated with the rest of the VISION Seniors on May 31st.

**Congratulations!**

**June**

**VISION OUTSTANDING PERFORMERS**

There is more on the back.

# Learner Pages

## Animal Homes

Birds live in nests.

Birds don't only live in trees. They live in lots of other places.

Eagles have very big nests in very high places like rocks.

Tigers live in jungles.

Beetles live in the grass.

Wolves and foxes live in caves and dens which are holes.

Rats live in holes in the ground.

Sharks and dolphins live in oceans of water.

A beaver lives on a dam in a lake or a river near a forest.

A duck lives in pond.

Pigs live on farms.

A bunny might live near a garden. It is a vegetarian.

Birds build nests.

Animal Homes is a serial poem written by the following Learners from a Wednesday class with the same name.

Evan Ellis

Sam More

Scotty DaCosta

Patrick DaCosta

Isaac Fuller

Samantha Quinn

Paige Ferguson

Chase Ferguson

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.

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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.