



R5 High School Phoenix Gazette

Hello R5 Community,

We have reached the final month of the 2023-24 school year which means the R5 High School Graduation is here! We look forward to celebrating the R5 class of 2024 with our community on Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 9am at Stocker Stadium. Our learners and staff have been working very hard and are excited for this annual event of celebration. All learners who are walking with us at the graduation ceremony are required to attend our R5 High School Graduation Practice on Monday, May 13, 2024 at 9am at Stocker Stadium. Learners will NOT be allowed to walk at graduation on Tuesday if they do not attend practice on Monday. Please help us communicate this with them.

Another amazing event we have this month is our Sweet Success Graduation Banquet on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 6:30pm in the Harry Butler Board Room at R5 High School. All graduating learners and their immediate parents/guardians are invited to attend this event as we celebrate our graduates and award winners for 2024. Only graduating learners and their immediate parents/guardians are invited to attend this event. We look forward to celebrating with you and hope you can join us.

An important deadline to communicate with everyone is Wednesday, May 8th at 3pm. This is the deadline for learners to submit work and projects to earn credit and be eligible to walk in the R5 Graduation Ceremony. Any learners wanting to walk at graduation will need to have their work and projects turned in by 3pm on May 8th. Teachers need time to grade work/projects and our staff needs time to process transcripts in the system to ensure fidelity with graduation requirements. Learners may turn in work and projects past May 8th to graduate but they will not be allowed to walk in the ceremony. Please help us communicate this with your learners.

As we close out this school year, we will be celebrating with our learners on Thursday May 9th in our traditional activity day at Las Colonias Park. It is a great way for learners to celebrate together and enjoy time with our staff to continue building a strong culture at R5 High School. The last day of school for this year is Thursday May 23rd. We will be working with all learners until this date to help them finalize their work and earn credit. We do have summer school options available for learners interested in making up credit or accelerating their credits to get ahead. For more information on dates, times, and how to enroll, see additional details on page 2 of this newsletter. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to a successful end of the year together.

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WHAT IS THE DISTRICT 51 FOUNDATION?

The D51 Foundation (D51F) raises money to support our local schools, prioritizing funding for professional learning, technology and innovation, and staff and student wellness. Our mission is to raise funds for academic growth and achievement while promoting outreach to benefit kids and our community.

WWW.D51FOUNDATION.ORG

MONDAY
MAY 6TH

90S DAY

DRESS LIKE THEY WOULD IN THE 90S!

TUESDAY
MAY 7TH

TIE-DYE DAY

WEAR ANY TIE DYE YOU HAVE!
EX: SOCKS, HATS, SHIRTS

WEDNESDAY
MAY 8TH

JERSEY DAY

SELF EXPLANATORY, WEAR YOUR
FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM JERSEY!

**SPIRIT
WEEK**

THURSDAY
MAY 9TH
BEACH DAY

FIELD TRIP TO LAS COLONIAS! BRING "BEACH" ATTIRE!
SUNSCREEN, HATS,
SWIMSUITS (SCHOOL APPROPRIATED)

FRIDAY
MAY 10TH

R5 SPIRIT DAY

WEAR YOUR R5 SCHOOL COLORS!

R5 HIGH SCHOOL 2024

SUMMER EXTENDED LEARNING

MONDAY - THURSDAY JUNE 3RD - JUNE 27TH



SIGN UP NOW



The R5
Student of the Month
award goes to **Rebekah Goering**

Rebekah is deserving of this because she:

DEMONSTRATES EXCEPTIONAL WORK HABITS BY ALWAYS BEING PREPARED, ORGANIZED, AND READY TO LEARN WHILE BEING ENGAGED IN ALL ASPECTS OF LEARNING WITH A CONTINUAL FOCUS ON BEING PRESENT AND FOCUSED ON HER GROWTH AS AN INDIVIDUAL.

BUILDS POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH CONTINUAL POLITENESS AND SPREADING POSITIVITY TO EVERYONE AROUND HER AS AN EXAMPLE OF LIGHT AND KINDNESS.

EXHIBITS PROFESSIONALISM IN MULTIPLE WAYS BY MANAGING HER TECHNOLOGY AT ALL TIMES, PUSHING HERSELF TO DO MORE, LEARN MORE, AND ACHIEVE MORE, ADVOCATING FOR HER OWN NEEDS AND THE NEEDS OF OTHERS, AND SETTING AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT TRULY MEANS TO EXHIBIT THE R5 RESPECT AGREEMENTS ON A DAILY BASIS.



The R5
ROCKSTAR
of the Month Award

has been presented to *Denae Nesbit* because she:

- Exhibits outstanding Work Habits by always being on-time and using all of her time with purpose, demonstrates impeccable organizational skills and is always prepared for every learner and every class.
- Builds Positive Relationships by saying good morning to everyone she crosses paths with, always gives others the benefit of the doubt, is politeful and helpful and always seeks to listen to others.
- Portrays the highest level of Professionalism through her knowledge and support for anyone with technology and systems, always learns and asks for feedback on her work, and is the backbone of the R5 community with a willingness to seek continual improvement for everyone involved.



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Jon Mariz
Social Studies



This is my 6th year at R5 High School. I am a native of Grand Junction, graduating from Grand Junction HS and earning my undergraduate degree from Colorado Mesa University in History. Currently working on my MA in American History through Gettysburg College.

Favorite Book- Anything from Rick Atkinson and Timothy

Snyder
Hobbies- Taking advantage of Colorado's beautiful scenery! Hiking, Hunting, fishing, Gravel riding, road bike riding. I also love sitting on the beach doing absolutely nothing!

"I can alter my life by altering my attitude. He who would have nothing to do with thorns must never attempt to gather flowers." ---Henry David Thoreau

Quote(s): "Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail." ---Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRE-ORDER YOUR 23/24
YEARBOOK



JUST SCAN THE QR CODE,
ENTER YOUR INFORMATION
& PAY AT THE FRONT DESK



IMPORTANT DATES

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- May 23rd - Last Day of School

GRADUATION

R5 High School

2024 GRADUATION INFORMATION

Here are some critical dates for graduation – so mark your calendars!

- **FEBRUARY 23RD DEADLINE** – Parents and/or students are responsible for purchasing learner caps and gowns. You can order your basic package (approximately \$50.00) from Jostens at www.jostens.com or you can call 970-242-5030.
 - Jostens needs your height and weight ahead of your order so they can ensure they have your correct size on hand. Watch for the Height and Weight QR code (on the announcements, in the Phoenix Gazette, and at the front office) and please enter your information as soon as you can. Entering your height and weight in the QR code **DOES NOT ORDER YOUR CAP AND GOWN**.
- **FEBRUARY 7TH @ 9:45 AM** – SENIOR CLASS MEETING – Meet in the Harry Butler Boardroom (at R5) at 9:45 a.m. We will provide you with important details about graduation; nominating/voting on a class song, flower, and motto. A representative from Josten's will be available for questions regarding caps, gowns, rings, and special orders. **Your parents and/or guardians are welcome to attend this meeting.**
- **MAY 3RD – DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING YOUR GRADUATION SPEECH.** If you would like to make a speech at graduation, please prepare a 3-5 minute speech, type it out, and email your submission to Mrs. Nesbit @ denae.nesbit@d51schools.org or Ms. Casey @ sutton.casey@d51schools.org by this date.
- **MAY 3RD – LAST DAY TO TAKE WORKKEYS TEST.** ***THIS IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.***
- **MAY 8TH** – All assignments that are due for credit, must be turned in to your teachers by 3:00 p.m.



- **WEEK BEFORE GRADUATION** – Pick up your cap and gown from the front office at R5. **TAKE IT OUT OF THE PACKAGE AND HANG IT UP!** To remove creases: put it in the dryer (on a low setting) for a short time with a wet washcloth.

- **MONDAY, MAY 13TH, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. @ Stocker Stadium – GRADUATION REHEARSAL**
 - **BRING YOUR CAP AND GOWN (CLASS PHOTO WILL BE TAKEN).**
 - Young men – please dress in long pants and nice shoes.
 - Young women – please dress in long pants, dresses or skirts, and nice shoes.
 - **PRACTICE IS MANDATORY IF YOU WANT TO WALK IN THE CEREMONY**
 - Once rehearsal is finished, graduate speakers will meet at the stage to go over and practice their speeches.
- **TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. – GRADUATION DAY!**
 - **BRING YOUR CAP AND GOWN!**
 - Young men – please dress in long pants and nice shoes.
 - Young women – please dress in long pants, dresses or skirts, and nice shoes.
 - Please arrive at Stocker Stadium by 8:30 a.m. for the Graduation Line-Up.

INFORMACIÓN

Escuela Preparatoria R5

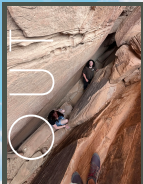
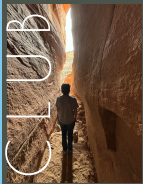
2024 INFORMACIÓN DE GRADUACIÓN

¡He aquí algunas fechas importantes para la graduación, así que apúntelas en su calendario!

- **23 DE FEBRERO ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA COMPRAR** - Los padres o estudiantes son responsables de comprar los gorros y capas de graduación del estudiante. Usted puede ordenar su paquete básico (aproximadamente \$50.00) de Jostens en www.jostens.com o puede llamar al 970-242-5030.
 - Jostens necesita su estatura y peso antes de su pedido para asegurarse de que tienen su talla correcta. Busque el código QR de estatura y peso (en los anuncios, en la Phoenix Gazette y en la oficina) y por favor ingrese su información tan pronto como pueda. Al ingresar su estatura y peso en el código QR NO ORDENA SU GORRO Y CAPA DE GRADUACIÓN.
- **7 DE FEBRERO** - REUNIÓN DE ESTUDIANTES DEL GRADO 12 (Senior) a las 9:45 a.m. en Harry Butler Boardroom (dentro de R5). Proporcionaremos detalles importantes sobre la graduación: nominación/votación para elegir una canción, una flor, un lema, etc., para la clase que se gradúa. Un representante de Josten's estará disponible para responder a preguntas relacionadas con gorros, capas, anillos y pedidos especiales. **Sus padres o tutores pueden asistir a esta reunión.**
- **3 DE MAYO** - **Último día para entregar sus discursos de graduación.** Si desea dar un discurso durante la ceremonia de graduación, por favor, prepare uno que dure entre 3 y 5 minutos, escríbalo en la computadora y envíelo por correo electrónico a la Sra. Nesbit a denae.nesbit@d51schools.org o Srta. Casey a sutton.casey@d51schools.org antes de esta fecha.
- **3 DE MAYO** - **ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA TOMAR EL EXAMEN WORKKEYS. ES OBLIGATORIO PARA GRADUARSE.**
- **8 DE MAYO** - Todas las tareas que deben recibir crédito necesitan ser entregadas a los maestros antes de las 3:00 p.m.



- **UNA SEMANA ANTES DE LA GRADUACIÓN** - Recoja su capa y gorro de graduación en la oficina de la escuela R5. ¡EN CASA, SÁQUELOS DEL PAQUETE Y CUÉLGUELOS! Para quitar las arrugas: póngalos en la secadora (a temperatura baja) junto con un paño/trapo húmedo durante pocos minutos.
- **LUNES, 13 DE MAYO DEL 2024** - **PRÁCTICA DE CEREMONIA DE GRADUACIÓN** en Stocker Stadium a las 9:00 a.m.
 - **TRAIGA SU CAPA Y GORRO DE GRADUACIÓN. (SE TOMARÁ UNA FOTO DE LA CLASE).**
 - Hombres - deben traer pantalón y unos zapatos bonitos.
 - Mujeres - deben traer pantalón, vestido o falda y unos zapatos bonitos.
 - **LA PRÁCTICA ES OBLIGATORIA SI DESEA PARTICIPAR EN LA CEREMONIA**
 - Una vez finalizado el ensayo, los oradores que se gradúan, se reunirán en el escenario para repasar y practicar sus discursos.
- **MARTES 14 DE MAYO DEL 2024** - 9:00 a.m. - **¡DÍA DE LA GRADUACIÓN!**
 - **¡TRAIGA SU CAPA Y GORRA DE GRADUACIÓN!**
 - Hombres - deben traer pantalón y unos zapatos bonitos.
 - Mujeres - deben traer pantalón, vestido o falda y unos zapatos bonitos.
 - Por favor llegue a Stocker Stadium a las 8:30 a.m. para formar una fila para la ceremonia de graduación.



Teacher Cadet

Career Center 2935 North Avenue
Space is limited



What is Teacher Cadet?

An innovative course designed to provide high school students with hands-on experience in the classroom and insight into the world of teaching.

The course provides:

- Mini-teaching internships
- Professional shadow experience
- Observations of learners at all age groups.
- Information and support from D51 educators on career opportunities in the field of education

Program Benefits

- Relevant field experience in the educational setting (D51 classrooms and programs of all levels)
- Off-site observation hours for CDA Portfolio
- Complete Professional Portfolio.
- Opportunities for dual credits, high school credits and college credits
- CDA preparation and exam

(CDA - Child Development Associate Certification)

Course Requirements

- Minimum 3.0 on a 4.0 unweighted GPA scale.
- Three outstanding teacher recommendations.
- Well written essay response to the prompt in the application.
- You must be in good standing with behavior, tardies, grades, attitude, etc.
 - Available to Juniors and Seniors

Application

Print using the [Application Link](#) or use the QR Code

Submit a completed application, essay and references to your counselor.

For Questions: Contact Stacey Marsh
smarsh@d51schools.org or call the Career Center at
970-254-6000



If you need help outside of regular school hours and this is a crisis situation, please use one of the following resources:

- Call 9-1-1 Emergency Line
- Safe2Tell - call 1-877-542-SAFE to submit an anonymous report to law enforcement and school administration
- Suicide Prevention Lifeline @ 988lifeline.org or call 1-800-273-TALK
- Colorado Crisis: 1-844-493-8255 or Text: 38255



2024 Environmental Global Citizens Seminar



April 30th, 2024

- What can a high school student do now to preserve our state's natural resources?
- What does it mean to be a global citizen?
- What environmental programs can you study in college?
- What are some environmental career options?
- Come learn how to **CARE**:

Consider the natural resources where you live in Colorado
Act now in high school
Review college programs
Embark on your career

For more information
visit www.cwscollegeoutreach.org



Virtual

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (MST)

(for Students, Parents,
& Educators)



2024 Seminario de Ciudadanos Ambientales Globales



30 de abril de 2024

- ¿Qué puede hacer un estudiante de secundaria ahora para preservar los recursos naturales de nuestro estado?
- ¿Qué significa ser un ciudadano global?
- ¿Qué programas ambientales se pueden estudiar en la universidad?
- ¿Cuáles son algunas opciones de carrera ambiental?
- Por favor, **CUIDA** - ven y aprende:

Considera los recursos naturales donde vives en Colorado
Utiliza tu tiempo sabiamente en la escuela secundaria
Investiga programas universitarios
Descubre tus oportunidades profesionales
¡Actúa ahora!

Para más información
visita www.cwscollegeoutreach.org



Virtual

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm (MST)

(para los Estudiantes,
Parientes y Educadores)



STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Cortney Vaterio
Assistant Principal



I was born and raised in the Grand Valley and am a proud graduate of R5. I have worked in D51 for 18 years, 11 of those at R5, GMYSC, Detention School, and the Expulsion Program. I have two adult sons, one of whom also graduated from R5. I enjoy camping, hunting, watching football and hockey, and chasing around students at R5. I have extreme pride in our school community and love helping our students achieve their goals.

If you need assistance with anything at R5, please visit the R5 website or call the main office at 970-254-6880 during the hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm M-F

Save the Dates!!

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OUR STAFF IS COMMITTED EACH AND EVERY DAY TO THEIR WORK, OUR MISSION.

R5 USES RESTORATIVE PRACTICES AND PROJECT-BASED LEARNING TO SUPPORT LEARNERS IN BECOMING THRIVING CITIZENS. R5 IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING ALL LEARNERS WILL DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS, CULTURAL AND SELF-AWARENESS, AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP THROUGH AN INDIVIDUALIZED WHOLE-PERSON APPROACH, COMMANDING HIGH EXPECTATIONS AND PROVIDING MASTERY LEARNING WITH A COMPASSIONATE, RESPONSIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE ENVIRONMENT. . . TO GUARANTEE THAT 100% OF OUR GRADUATES WILL BE POST-SECONDARY READY.