



R5 High School Phoenix Gazette

Hello R5 Community,

We hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and were able to spend time enjoying warmer weather, the outdoors, and time with friends and family. Our team here at R5 certainly needed a break and some time to catch up with ourselves after a busy third quarter. We continue to offer as many creative learning experiences and personal supports as possible to the learners we serve and strive to support their success on a daily basis.

April has arrived which means testing season is upon us. The state of Colorado requires all schools to conduct state standardized testing and high schools to conduct SAT and PSAT testing in the month of April. We ask for your support in helping us ensure learners are showing up to school on testing days and giving their very best to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. The results of these tests are used to rate R5 as a school by the state and we use the data from the tests to make instructional decisions to ensure we are providing the very best learning experiences for all learners who walk through our doors. CMAS testing is scheduled for April 9th and PSAT and SAT testing are scheduled for April 16th and 17th.

Following our testing season we have our final Learner Showcases of the year scheduled for Thursday April 18th from 3-6:15 pm here at R5 High School. We hope you will come join us to see what your learners have been working on and the progress they are making. Teachers always look forward to connecting with families and supporting learners in sharing their hard work.

As April draws to a close, all efforts are focused on the R5 High School Graduation Ceremony scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 9am at Stoker Stadium. Each day we will be focusing on connecting with learners who are within reach of graduating by this date and encouraging them to continue showing up each day to complete the necessary work. We ask for your help and support with this as well to ensure those who can graduate, do graduate. It takes a village and we want to celebrate them with you at the finish line!

Please reach out if you have any questions at any time.

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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

SPRING PLANT SALE

Saturday
May 11th, 2024
@R5 High School
8:00 am - noon

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE
R5 HIGH SCHOOL AQUAPONICS/GARDEN PROGRAM



STAFF HIGHLIGHT - Michelle Thomas



I am originally from Oklahoma but have lived in Colorado for over half my life and in the Grand Valley for the past 14 years. This makes year 9 in education and my second year at R5. I have taught middle school science and 7th-grade math. I am blessed to have discovered this hidden gem of a school!

Our R5 community is the most welcoming where people are uplifting towards one another and valued. This quarter, I am excited to blend my love of science and yoga for a club on Fridays, Science of Mindfulness. When not working, I love hanging out with my pupperdoodles, Daisy and Buddy. You can also find me taking classes to learn new things, pondering the cosmos, hiking, snowboarding, or taking a road trip!

"The value of an education in a liberal arts college is not the learning of many facts, but the training of the mind to think something that cannot be learned from textbooks." - Einstein, 1921

IMPORTANT DATES

April 4th - Principal Accountability Meeting
April 12th - No School
April 18th - Student Showcases



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 *Sherah Dacosta* because she:
Demonstrates exceptional work habits by being committed to learning and growing from mistakes through continued research and works to improve the Garden and Aquaponics Programs and practices presence and self-focus by learning from others while promoting safety, calm, healing from trauma, and inner peace for learners through her work.

Builds positive and healthy relationships with all by demonstrating care and concern, listening to understand, advocating for the needs of others, and deeply caring for the most impacted learners at R5 High School.

Exhibits professionalism by bringing her best self each day to be present for those in need, owning her communication, and being willing to go the extra mile for anything that is needed on a daily basis.



STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Jeanie Echer
Young Parent Program
Early Childhood Lead Teacher

Hello, my name is Jeanie Echer.

I have been with the R-5 High School Young Parent Program for 7 years as an Early Childhood Lead Teacher in the infant room. I have been in the Early Childhood field for over 39 years with all ages.

My passion has always been working and caring for young children, and being a good role model for you young parents in our program.

I am married to my husband of 37 years. We have two adult kids and I am a proud first time grandma to my grandson.

PRE-ORDER YOUR 23/24
YEARBOOK



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



**PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE
QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

CONNECT * DISCUSS * REFLECT
11:30AM - 12:30PM

SEPTEMBER 7TH - NOVEMBER 2ND - FEBRUARY 8TH - APRIL 4TH

PLEASE EMAIL LINDSEY CHITWOOD AT LINDSEY.CHITWOOD@DS1SCHOOLS.ORG, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

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 – Meeting in the Harry Linder Boardroom (at R5) at 9:45 a.m. We will provide you with important details about graduation; nominating/voting on a class speaker. Elections will be held. A representative from Jostens will be available for questions regarding caps, gowns, rings, and special orders. **Your parent 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 5-minute speech, type it out, and email your submission to Mrs. Nesbit @ denae.nesbit@denaer5.org or Ms. Casey @ carlton.casey@ds15schools.org as data is due on this date.
- **MAY 3RD – LEARNING TARGETS PARKEYS TEST. THIS IS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION.**
- **MAY 14TH** – All assignments that are due for credit must be submitted to your teachers by 3:00 p.m.
- **ONE WEEK BEFORE GRADUATION** – Pick up your cap and gown from the front office at R5. TAKE IT OUT OF THE PACKAGE IMMEDIATELY! 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.



LAST DAY TO ORDER CAPS AND GOWNS IS APRIL 1ST!!!!

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 en Harry Butler Boardroom (dentro de R5). Proporcionaremos detalles importantes para la graduación: nominación/votación para elegir una canción para cantar, votación para elegir la clase que se gradúa. Un representante de Jostens estará disponible para responder a preguntas relacionadas con gorros, capas, gorritos y pedidos especiales. Los padres o tutores pueden asistir a esta reunión.

- **3 DE MAYO** - Último día para entregar sus esculturas de graduación. Si desea dar un discurso durante la ceremonia de graduación, por favor, prepare uno que dure entre 3 y 5 minutos, escribalo en una computadora y envíelo por correo electrónico a casey.nesbit@schu.edu. Casey a sutton.casey@schu.edu antes de esta fecha.

- **3 DE MAYO** - ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA TOMAR SU EXAMEN DE LLAVES. ES OBLIGATORIO PARA GRADUARSE.

- **8 DE MAYO** - Todas las tarjetas deben recibir crédito necesario y entregadas a los maestros antes de las 3:00 p.m.

- **JUEVES ANTES DE LA GRADUACIÓN** - Recoja su capa y gorro de graduación en la oficina de la escuela. ¡EN CASA, SÁQUELOS DEL PLIEGUE 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 GORRO 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.



¡EL ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA PEDIR GORROS Y VESTIDOS ES EL 1 DE ABRIL !!!!



STUDENT SHOWCASES

3:15 PM - 6:15 PM

THURSDAY

APRIL 18TH

@ R5 HIGH SCHOOL



Please take the Robust Options Survey

The survey will be available for all parent, guardians and community members from March 5th until April 15th.



English



Spanish

School District 51
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Staff Highlight

Nicole Lee - Registrar

Hi!

I'm Nicole Lee. The 23/24 school year marks my 5th year with R5 High School and my 3rd year as the Registrar.

I was a stay at home mom before I started at R5 and have enjoyed the relationships I have built with our students and my coworkers.

I love animals and people like to tease that we have a mini zoo! We have 2 box turtles (that I have had since I was 8 years old), a bearded dragon, 3 dogs, 2 cats and 2 guinea pigs (one is a skinny pig, a hairless guinea pig).

I also have 2 beautiful daughters who keep me busy with cheer, track and competitive dance.

I have been married to my husband Mark for 18 years this year. When we aren't traveling for cheer or dance or at football games on Friday nights we love to go camping, boating or be out riding our townie bikes.



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



R5 TESTING schedule

SAT- Tuesday, April 16th

(Make-Up Test: Tuesday, April 23rd)
Juniors Only. No School for sophomores or seniors.

PSAT - Wednesday, April 17th

(Make-Up Test: Wednesday, April 24th)
Sophomores Only. No School for juniors or seniors.

CMAS - Tuesday, April 9th

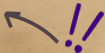
(Make-Up Test: Thursday, April 11th)

All learners are expected to be at school
on make-up testing days

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!!

- April 12th - Teacher Compensation Day (no school)
- April 18th - Student Showcases
- May 14th - GRADUATION DAY! (no school)
- May 23rd - Last of School



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.