



Welcome Back to School!

Dear readers,

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Welcome back to the start of the school year at STAR Academy! We really enjoyed seeing everyone at the Ice Cream Social and “back to School Night”. What a great turnout! Star Academy was filled with parents and students eager to see their classrooms and meet their teachers. We appreciate all who came out and those that brought in school supplies. We really enjoyed visiting and meeting new people and reacquainting with returning families. We welcome and encourage your continued support and presence in our school. We are always seeking volunteers in the classroom... you CAN make a difference! Parent involvement is a key “*pillar*” at Star Academy. Parent volunteers are encouraged and welcome...please see classroom teachers. In addition, you can also help the school out by joining PTO. The PTO’s first function of the year is the Scholastic Book Fair Sept. 13-17. What a great support of literacy.

We are also seeking parents and community members to join the School Accountability Council. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact information with the front office.

Finally, as with the start of any school year, we ask for your patience and cooperation especially at morning drop-off and at dismissal in the afternoon. Please be careful and **SLOW DOWN** when driving in the parking lot and know that in the morning, parents may park and walk their student into the building OR drop off in front of school—just follow the signs! In the afternoon, parents are encouraged to pick up their students in the building at the classroom doors. If you prefer to pick up outside, PLEASE let the teachers know. Please be in close communication with the classroom teachers on your student’s progress. Good communication helps with student success.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Ms. Blair, Mrs. Castro, or Mr. Torrez in the front office. We would be happy to assist you! Have a great week!

Joe Torrez
Chief Administrative Officer

Daily Schedule

	Airport Campus (K-3)	Adams Campus (4-8)
Open for Breakfast.....	7:15 am	7:30 am
Classrooms Open.....	7:30 am	7:45 am
Class Begins.....	7:45 am	8:00 am
Dismissal.....	3:15 pm	3:30 pm

Special points of interest:

- Picture Day
Sept. 21 Grades K-3
Sept. 23 Grades 4-8
- Focus on Dress Code
- Basketball warm up
Wednesday mornings
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Early Dismissal Friday
- Scouts, Choir and more

Welcome New Staff



Pamela Quarles, K-8 Art

Hometown: Lake Charles, LA
BA with a concentration in photography from McNeese State University in Louisiana.
Ms. Quarles has 2 sons, 4 dogs and 3 cats. Her hobbies include breeding

Clydesdales, art and anything fun with her sons.



Lisa Deen, Paragon Plus/ Fine Arts

Hometown: Aurora, CO
BA from St. Olaf College; M.A. from University of Northern Colorado.
Ms. Deen enjoys painting,

cooking and gardening.

Favorite Quote: *"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Ghandi*



Mariah McAfee, K-8 PE

Hometown: Seattle, WA
University of Texas at Austin / Kineiology: All Level Physical Education Certification.
Her interests include USRowing Referee, Athletics, Rowing, Sports, Reading, Photography, Olympic Training, Physical Education and Health.
Favorite Quote: *"One day we share the battle, one day we share the victory..." for*

"Inches" speech footage of the 2002 Canadian Rowing Team



Diane Homes, Fourth Grade

Hometown: Walnut Creek, CA
BA in Anthropology from University of Colorado, Boulder; Masters in Plains Indian Archeology from Colorado State University; Masters in Curriculum & Instruction with and emphasis in Reading.
Ms. Homes enjoys hiking, travel, gardening and antiques.

Favorite Quote: *"Rise up, rise up again until lambs become lions*

(never give up)."



Marie Pizzolatto, Secretary

Hometown: Houma, LA
Working on AA in General Studies and Science then

pursuing a BS in Nutrition. Mrs. Pizzolatto and her husband, Mark have 8 children; four are students at STAR Academy.

Her interests include gluten free cooking, sewing, reading and most fun of all, any activities with her children.

Favorite Quote: *"Pray as if it all depends on God; work as if it all depends on you."*



Amy Posch, First Grade

Hometown: Baldwin, NY
Associate of Applied Science and Bachelors of Business Administration from Briarcliffe College and Master of

Science in Childhood Education and Special Education from Molloy College in Rockville Center, New York.

Mrs. Posch is married to her best friend, Robb and has one cat.

She enjoys reading, baseball games and travel to Disney World and Disneyland.

Favorite Quote: *"Keep moving forward!." Walt Disney*



Jamie Mitchell, First Grade

Hometown: Calhan, CO
BS in Elementary Education from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Mrs. Mitchell and her husband, Donovan enjoy time at the lake in summer and snowmobiling and snowboarding in winter. They spend time with youth in their community where Mr. Mitchell is a youth pastor

Favorite Quote: *"The art of teaching is so important that it must be practiced by individuals dedicated to excellence." unknown*

Welcome Back Returning Staff



Deborah Paul, Second Grade
Hometown: Tucson, AZ
BA minor in Liberal Arts with a teaching license from Regis University. Mrs. Paul and her husband Richard have one son and 3 dogs. Her interests include dog training, hiking, knitting, crocheting, swimming, biking. She enjoys reading adventure stories and science fiction.

Favorite Quote: "Truly wonderful, the mind of a child is." Yoda from Star Wars, Episode 2



Katie Colson, First Grade
Hometown: Covina, CA
BA in Liberal Studies, MA in Education. Ms. Colson enjoys singing on her church's worship team, going to movies and spend-

ing time with friends.
Favorite Quote: "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today. Let's begin." Mother Theresa



Vicki Willson, 5-8th Math
Hometown: Tulsa, OK
Bachelors from the University of New Mexico
Mrs. Willson and her husband Dave have three

sons. She enjoys gardening, camping, baking and reading.
Favorite Quote: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5



Sara Coddnigton, Nurse
Hometown: Denver, CO
Associate of Occupational Studies with 6 certifications from College America.
Ms. Coddnigton has 2 children, 2

dogs and 3 cats. She loves to read and be read to. She spends time with family and encourages her children to be active in sports.
Favorite Quote: "Every child is unique



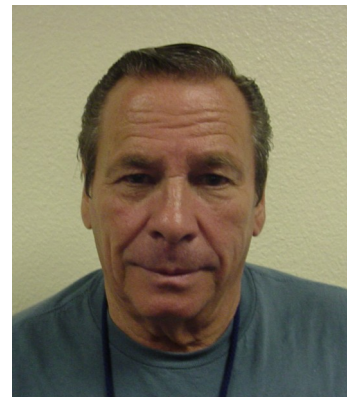
Charity Garner, First Grade
Hometown: Cody, WY
BS in Elementary education from Montana State University

at Billings.
Mrs. Garner and her husband Bryan are expecting the arrival of their baby boy November 12th. They have 2 cats. She enjoys Stampin Up card making, martial arts, reading and shopping.
Favorite Quote: "One person can make a difference, and everyone should try." JFK



Suzanne Martinez, Kindergarten
Hometown: Colorado Springs, CO
Bachelor of Science from Doanne College; Teaching Certification from Colorado Christian

University.
Mrs. Martinez and her husband Chris have 3 children and 2 dogs. She enjoys playing, fishing and camping with her kids.
Favorite Quote: "Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Chuck Brian, Bldg Manager
Hometown: Zillah, WA
Associate Degrees in Auto and Auto Body.
Mr. Brian and his wife, Mary, have 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-

grandson.
He likes camping and fishing.



Counseling Corner—Actions Do Speak Louder Than Words By Matt Borchers

I imagine you thought the awesome responsibility of parenting was what you consciously teach your child. Surprise! The most important lessons come unintentionally in who you are being in your everyday life.

What do I mean by that? How you act every day—what you do and what you do not do, what you say and what you do not say...your ideas, your actions, your thoughts (expressed verbally and even those expressed without words) all tell who you are, what you think and how and what you feel.

Basically, how you respond or react to life events, how you interpret your world to create your reality—all those pieces comprise the whole person you are. And who tags along

on the journey from the time he/ she leaves the womb until the time they leave your home? Yes, your child.

Tell me something, when you want to learn a skill or duplicate something another person does, how do you learn how to do that thing? Seriously, do you think you can learn anything, any thing at all, just by reading about it? When you see your child act as you do she is educating herself on how to do what you are doing. She probably does not make conscious choices about imitating or emulating you and your behaviors.

Your young person is learning how to be a person who lives in your home—your mini-society, if you will. They do things according to the unwritten unspoken "rules" of the

family.

So be aware of what you unconsciously teach your kid about life and the world: about money, about love, about learning, about work, about friendship, about nutrition, etc. In other words, live consciously rather than on automatic. Pay attention to your words and the messages you send.

Parenting is a 24/7/365 job, with no retirement. Remember, [your ideas and actions](http://EzineArticles.com/?expert=Ali_Bierman) continually enter a young innocent mind – when you think about it *and* when you do not think about it. In every moment, you shape the life of your child.

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For Your Information

Student Handbook and Student Planner

A limited number of Student Handbooks have been published in an effort to "go green." The Handbook is available online at www.staracademycolorado.org. Ask at the office of either campus if you cannot access the file or need a

printed copy.

Each student should have their own personal planner given to them by their teacher. Students should be bringing the planner home every day. Look at the planner

with your student for homework assignments and projects in progress. Some teachers want the planner signed to verify it is being reviewed or non-written work is completed. The parent/teacher section allows for communication to or from the teacher.

Special Focus: Dress Code

A reminder about the dress code:

Tops: White, red, light blue or navy polo or collared shirts. Shirts must be tucked into pants/shorts/skirts.

Bottoms: Navy blue or khaki pants/shorts/skirts/jumpers (no denim jeans or cargo pants). The hemlines in skirts, jumpers and shorts will not be shorter than **two inches above the knee**.

Belts: Belts must be worn with pants that have loops. Belts

are optional for kindergartners.

Shoes: Shoes should be in basic colors: black/brown/navy or white, same color on both feet. Shoelaces must be tied at all times.

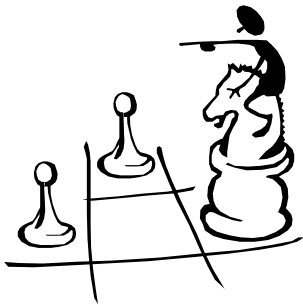
Other details: Students are not allowed to wear clothing that is torn or has holes.

Students are not permitted to wear hats inside the building. Students may not wear makeup. Students are allowed a maximum of one

earring per ear. No other piercing jewelry will be allowed (ex. Eye brow, nose, lip, etc.) Necklaces, bracelets or rings should not be a distraction and may need to be removed for safety during some activities. The school is not liable for any losses.

Items not covered above, but considered inappropriate, unsafe or a distraction from the learning environment are subject to review by the administration and teachers.





Student Activities

This year there we will have both **Boys and Girls Basketball** teams. Boys will begin playing in October. Girls will begin their season in January. It will cost \$30 per student to join the team. With a \$10 down payment, the students who will be playing can begin practicing on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am in the Adams gym. Contact Mr. Borchers for more information.

Other activities planned include **Chess Club, Art Club, Drama Club and Choir**. Chess club will begin in January after boys basketball is finished. Announcements will be made once details and arrangements have been made. Both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts have brought

information about joining a local troupe. Flyers with information are available in the lobby of both campuses.



Health and Physical Education

This year your students are going to get more than just Physical Education. I think that it is very important that they know about their bodies and how to keep them healthy. With that, your students are going to learn about nutrition (food pyramid, healthy eating habits), cardio-

vascular system (heart, lungs, and blood), flexibility (static, dynamic), strength and endurance. All of these topics are important the understanding of students health. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Mariah McAfee
Physical Education Teacher K-8 STAR Academy
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Parent Teacher Organization

Upcoming Events at Star Academy

Scholastic Fall Book Fair
September 13 – 17, 2010
Star Academy Airport Campus Library
Morning hours:
7:30 am – 9:00 am
Afternoon hours:
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Watch for updates!!

Without YOU, there can't be a successful PTO!

Upcoming Fundraisers:

- Scholastic Book Fair
- ABC Fundraiser
- Carnival

Volunteers for Field Trips
Skate City Volunteers
Track & Field Day

If you are interested in joining the PTO at Star Academy, the next meeting will be on Friday, September 17, 2010 at 5:30 pm in the Library on the Star Academy Airport campus.

What is Going on at School?

School Accountability Council

The School Accountability Council will meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 5:15 pm. The Council consists of staff members and parents who

will make recommendations to the Board of Directors and provide oversight on school accountability. The Council also needs a member of the community who is not con-

nected to the school to serve as an impartial participant. Who do you know who could serve in this role?

September 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 School Account- ability 5:15 pm	2	3 Spirit Assembly & Early Dismissal 1:00	4
5	6 NO SCHOOL Labor Day Skate City 10am-4pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Scholastic Book Fair Airport Library	14 Book Fair	15 Book Fair 5:15pm SAC Meeting	16 Book Fair 2:15pm k-3 2:30pm 4-8 Paragon	17 Book Fair	18 Valley Hi Community Free Fun Day
19	20	21 Picture Day K-3	22	23 Picture Day 4-8	24 NO SCHOOL Teacher Work Day	25
26	27	28 6:00 Board Meeting	29	30		

STAR ACADEMY
Airport Campus (K-3)
 2520 Airport Rd.
 719-638-6554

Adams Campus (4-8)
 2101 Manitoba Dr.
 719-328-2510

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www.staracademycolorado.org



STAR Academy prepares students to succeed in our increasingly global culture by developing critical skills and knowledge through core academics, a humanities approach to cross-disciplinary learning, and the aggressive integration of the arts and technology.



Friday, September 3: Spirit Assembly and Early Release

The Spirit Assembly for K-3 will be held at 8:15 am in the gym at the Airport campus. The Spirit Assembly for 4-8

will be held at 9:15 am in the gym at the Adams campus. All students will be released at 1:00 pm. Lunch hour will be

moved ahead at the Adams campus so students will have time to finish lunch before dismissal.

Skate City: Labor Day Hot Dog Skate and Roller Skating Classes

Skate City is hosting a Labor Day Hot Dog Skate from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is \$4.00 with coupon and in-

cludes a hot dog and Pepsi. Skate City will be offering skating lessons for on Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 11

until Oct. 16. The fee is \$30.00. The registration forms and Labor Day coupons are available in the office.

Valley Hi Community Free Fun Day

A community fun day will be hosted at 3195 Airport Rd. at the corner of Chelton Road on Saturday, September 18 from 10am to 3pm. There will be

free food, games and bounce house. Salem Baptist Church and American Charities will co-sponsor a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament and 6 on 6 Vol-

leyball Tournament plus kickball and wiffleball for all ages. Register for the tournaments by Sept. 11. Call 380-0117 for more information.