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CMAS

Gratitude

Colorado Measure for Academic
Success 2014-15

“Be thankful for what you have; you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough.” –Oprah Winfrey

Science:

*Ranked: 11th out of 45
Middle Schools

*Ranked: 24th out of 90
elementary schools

*5th grade: increase of 12%

Social Studies:

* 6th out of 46 Middle
Schools

* 20th out of 85 elementary
schools

* 3rd out of all 16 k-8 schools

* 5th grade: increase of 12%

* 7th Grade: increase of 18%

As we moved into the month of November this year, I have reflected about this one word: Gratitude. As I moved into my second year here, I continue to be thankful for what a remarkable community this school is. We truly set ourselves apart from the norm, building a strong community with such rich and diverse experiences. I am grateful for the opportunities to connect with such passionate staff members, parents and students who actively work together to make our community great.

I know that Highline has created experiences that we are all grateful for and I feel grateful to be apart of this successful story.

Save the Date!

Gratitude Day

Tuesday, Nov. 24th

Winter Concert

6-7pm

K-2: Dec. 10th

3-5: Dec. 15th

Colorado Gives

Day

Wednesday, Dec. 8th

* Type: Southeast if
you want donation to
go to our school!

Gratitude Celebration

Grade	Time of Gratitude Celebration
K	2:35pm
1	Montoya: 2pm Gravelly: 2:45pm
2	2:45pm
3	2:45pm
4	2:30pm
5	3:00pm
MS	Period 5 (end of day)

In honor of the many fall holidays celebrated in our school community, Highline will host its annual Gratitude celebration on Tuesday, November 24th. Each classroom needs at least three donated pies, dessert plates and forks for their celebration (no homemade pies, no Village Inn pies, and no nuts, please).

Pies should be delivered to the school on November 23rd or the morning of November 24th. **We would like parent volunteers to help with the celebration. If you can help or need more information, please contact the front office.**

PARCC

Last week the Colorado State Board of Education released the first state-level results of the new PARCC exams in English language arts and math. Because we are holding our students to higher expectations to ensure they are truly prepared for college and career, these results may appear to be lower than previous results on CSAP and TCAP. However, **please note PARCC results are not comparable to either CSAP or TCAP**. PARCC results for districts and schools are expected to be released to the public in December.



Meet our new PE Teacher: Harry Sledge!

Please welcome Harry Sledge, our new Physical Education Teacher, to Highline!

Coach Sledge has BA in Education and 7+ years of coaching experience in K - 12 settings in Cherry Creek, Aurora and Elbert County.

Here's a bit about Harry:

"I'm originally from Birmingham, Alabama... After high school, I served in the U.S. Navy and played on the All Navy basketball team for two years before accepting a basketball scholarship to attend Chadron State College, which is located in Chadron, Nebraska. Having attended urban schools as a youth, I also understand the need for leadership and strong role models for kids in a culturally diverse school. My dedication to the kids living in the area extends beyond teaching Physical Education; I also look forward to providing before and after school clubs and activities for the students."

Colorado Gives Day Highline Southeast



What: Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy through online giving. *This event is an essential fundraiser that helps the school meet this year's fundraising goal of \$85,000.*

Why: To continue to: replace old teacher laptops, maintain small class sizes, and continue our strong liberal arts program.

Who: You! Family, Friends, Co-workers, Local Businesses!

The Impact of all 360 families at Highline Southeast Giving:

- **If every family gave \$30 we would reach our goal of \$10,000**
- **If every family gave \$234 we would reach our goal of \$85,000**

Give what you can - every dollar counts!

IMPORTANT CHANGES- HANE is participating this year to support their school. All donors must type "SOUTHEAST" to ensure your donation supports the Southeast campus.

1. Log on to www.coloradogives.org
2. Search for Highline Academy
3. Click DONATE NOW
4. Enter Donation Amount
5. Click CO Gives Day

