



MONTHLY NEWS

From the Desk of
Andre' L. Ponder, Superintendent



"Monthly Motivation"

"If you have to put someone on a pedestal, put teachers. They are society's heroes."

Guy Kawasaki



The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People – Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood – CHARACTER AND COMMUNICATION – This principle is the key to effective interpersonal communication. Communication is the most important skill in life.

APRIL 2022

Calendar of Events

- April 1 – April Fool's Day
- April 5 – Board Meeting
- April 8 – Staff PD (*Dr. DaMond Holt*)
- April 14 – Budget Committee Meeting
- April 15 – Stakeholders Meeting
- April 16 – Easter Sunday
- April 19 – Board Meeting
- April 22 – Earth Day

"Let the Games begin"

"Baseball, Softball, Golf & Track and Field"

Admin Corner

- Admin Meetings – 1st & 3rd Tues
- Leadership Meetings – 2nd & 4th Wed



Featured Employee of the Month

Tom Gallegos (Maintenance Supervisor)



"Building positive relationships with students: What brain science says"

1. Positive **relationships** build motivation.
2. Positive **relationships** create safe spaces for learning.
3. Positive **relationships** build new pathways for learning.
4. Positive **relationships** improve student behavior.

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Special Thank You – Dr. DaMond Holt – Hurting people hurt People! Dr. Holt currently works for Metropolitan State University of Denver Western Educational Equity Assistance Center (WEEAC) as a National Trauma Expert. Dr. Holt is a Certified Traumatologist through Traumatology Institute, and a Certified Mental Health Specialist, Bullying Prevention Specialist, Trauma Crisis Specialist through the American School Counselor's Association, and a Licensed Restorative Practice Trainer through IIRP. He is a Certified in Nutrition and Integrative Medicine for Mental Health and Trauma & PTSD Hypnotherapist. His work and research are an asset-based approach to trauma that has a strong focus on resilience above trauma instead of a deficit-based approach. Chronic Stress, Complex Trauma, PTSD, and Long-Term Grief can have neurological and psychological effects that can impair brain development in children.