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Four Mile and Daystar Host Joint Week of Prayer and Outdoor Education »



"Outdoor school was fun! It was nice to make more friends. Week of prayer was also interesting," said Seth Coe, a 4th grader at Four Mile Adventist Christian School.

During the first week of November, the Daystar Christian School in Pueblo, and the Four Mile school in Canon City, joined together with the Rocky Mountain Conference (RMC) Youth Department for a Fall Week of Prayer and Outdoor Education experience.

Two of the days were spent in Pueblo and the other two days in Canon City. "It was a blessing to have the enthusiasm and passion for Jesus and young people shown to our two small schools by the RMC," said Michelle Velbis, principal of Daystar.

"Sometimes the smaller schools don't have the experiences and resources of the bigger schools, but the RMC brought their best and lots of love to our students," said Michelle.

"I liked all of the games we played because they taught us teamwork," said Audra Bennett, 5th grader at Daystar. First grader, Katarina Black agreed, "Teamwork helps us all to get done faster."

Singing songs, reading from the Bible, object lessons, teamwork, and problem solving were just some of the activities.

Friday, November 13, 2015

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Upcoming Events

RMC Staff Meeting

November 17, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Finance Committee

December 8, 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

"Outdoor school and week of prayer were wonderful experiences. I loved seeing the students making new friends. It was great to see the students not only challenged, but also to watch them overcome those challenges. It was even better to have them see Jesus during the week of prayer," said Michelle Coe, principal of Four Mile.

Pedro Cristos, 6th grader, and newcomer to Christian schools said, "I like learning about God. I wouldn't have had these opportunities at public school that I have had this week. It was extremely fun." [Michelle Velbis; photo by Michelle Velbis]

Daystar Students Win City-wide Art Contest »



"The award made me feel special and excited because I had the opportunity to try something new," said Isabella Kilfoy, Daystar 4th grader who titled her sci-fi character *Sumo Pacman*.

Pueblo County Libraries hosted a city-wide contest to create your own sci-fi character during the month of October. After more than 1,000 entries, judges chose six entries per grade to receive a certificate, prize, and to have their work displayed at the main branch for the month of November.

Daystar Christian School in Pueblo has three students who won and were represented at the awards ceremony on November 8 at the Rawlings Library in downtown Pueblo. The three Daystar students were Isabella Kilfoy, 4th grade, Collin Velbis, 6th grade and Grant Velbis, 8th grade. They also had the privilege of watching a presentation by Tory Belleci from the show, *Mythbusters*.

"It was a pleasant and unexpected surprise to win an award," said Collin Velbis, a 6th grader at Daystar. His entry was titled *Professor Sneezlesnazzle*.

Grant Velbis, 8th grader, whose work was titled Captain Hare & Rex said, "It felt cool to be a part of the contest and to represent our school. And it was a rare opportunity to see one of the hosts of *Mythbusters*."

Lauren Patton, the Daystar Christian School art teacher said, "I feel very privileged to be their art teacher and very proud of each individual's creativity and effort. I look forward to their future progress and development as artists." [Michelle Velbis]

Mile High Academy Program to be Featured in a Documentary »

Executive Committee

December 8, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

GVR Board

December 15, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm.

RMC Property & Trust Committee

December 16, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Pastors Meetings

January 9, 2015
Sunday Registration: 4-6 p.m.

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Mile High Academy was selected by the North American Division Office of Education to be featured in a documentary showcasing its implementation of the 21st Century Learning Program, a program that advocates for 21st century readiness for every student.

A North American Division (NAD) film crew visited the Denver school on November 5 to film school life in action. In a collaborative effort between NAD and schools such as Mile High Academy, the film project seeks to showcase what 21st Century Learning looks like within Adventist education.

Twenty-first Century Learning incorporates collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and communication to prepare students for life. Teachers at Mile High Academy encourage students to be critical thinkers -- not just memorizers of data -- who collaborate in order to build productive relationships, to create and to become innovators in order to make the world a better place. They communicate with each other and the world in order to pass on knowledge and understanding. These are essential skills that Mile High Academy intends to pass on to students, preparing them beyond the classroom for future studies and for the workplace.

Toakase Vunileva, MHA principal, assisted the crew and explained how the new program is implemented. In an effort to film the teachers and students in their natural learning environments, the crew stopped spontaneously wherever learning was in progress. That meant catching students in study spaces, common areas and classrooms. Learning happens everywhere on the Mile High Academy campus.

"Walking with the film crew, taking a whole day to observe the school in motion, it reaffirms what I already know about MHA, and that we're doing great things," said Ms. Vunileva when asked how she felt about participation in the project on campus.

By partnering with the North American Division, Mile High Academy is incorporating a contemporary approach of 21st Century Learning. Mile High Academy is joining a larger group of forward thinkers who believe that collaboration is essential to be leaders in today's society and church. [Agape Hammond]

WORDS TO PONDER

“Every human being, created in the image of God, is endowed with a power akin to that of the Creator—individuality, power to think and to do. The men in whom this power is developed are the men who bear responsibilities, who are leaders in enterprise, and who influence character. It is the work of true education to develop this power, to train the youth to be

constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

thinkers, and not mere reflectors of other men’s thought. Instead of confining their study to that which men have said or written, let students be directed to the sources of truth, to the vast fields opened for research in nature and revelation. Let them contemplate the great facts of duty and destiny, and the mind will expand and strengthen.” (Ellen G. White, *Education*, p. 17).



Sitting is The New Smoking: Ways a Sedentary Lifestyle is Killing You » From the driver's seat to the office chair and then the couch at home, Americans are spending more time seated than ever, and researchers say it's wreaking havoc on our bodies. "Sitting is more dangerous than smoking, kills more people than HIV and is more treacherous than parachuting. We are sitting ourselves to death," says Dr. James Levine. Researchers have found and continue to find evidence that prolonged sitting increases the risk of developing several serious illnesses like various types of cancer, heart disease and Type 2 diabetes. The effects of long-term sitting are not reversible through exercise or other good habits. Sitting, like smoking, is very clearly bad for our health and the only way to minimize the risk is to limit the time we spend sitting each day. [Excerpted from Huffpost Healthy Living]

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CORRECTIONS

The photo in the November 6 *NewsNuggets* for the Golden Church was incorrect. The church shown was a church in Bellevue, Nebraska, a suburb south of Omaha.

Steve Nelson, the new pastor for the Worland, Ten Sleep, Cody and Powell churches in Wyoming has served in the Iowa-Missouri Conference for the past four years in Council Bluffs (not Council Bluff) and Bedford.

Steve's wife, Samantha, directs The Hope of Survivors (not Hope for Survivors Ministry), a ministry that supports victims of clergy sexual abuse through biblical counseling and support services.

RMC EVENTS



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Franktown Church » David Asscherick will present an evangelistic series beginning at 6:30 pm. Thursday, **November 5** and continuing through Sunday, **November 15**. Registration is recommended. To register or for questions, call 303-688-8687 or email wendy@franktownsda.org.

Friday Night Live » Join this (FnL) grass-roots movement at 7 p.m. Friday night, **November 13** for food, conversation and connecting with God through worship and small-group discussion. Bring friends and join their facebook page for more details -- Northern CO SDA Young Adults.

Mile High Academy » The first Fall Festival at their new home will be held from 6-9 p.m. **November 14** with games, food, fun, prizes, and more. Join them at 1733 Dad Clark Drive, Highlands Ranch 80126. For more information, call 303-744-1069 or go to www.milehighacademy.org.

Mile High Academy » The 8th grade class of Mile High Academy is collecting pairs of shoes as a fundraiser for their class trip to Washington DC this year. You can help them and others by donating your new or used pairs of shoes. The shoes will be sent overseas where micro-businesses will be set up so that individuals can learn to make a living and support their families. Drop off your shoes at the designated collection bin at your church or at MHA.

Campion Academy & HMS Richards School » A Fall Festival is coming to the two schools in Loveland. The community and churches are invited to join for a carnival of food, fun and games at 3-6 p.m. Sunday, **November 15**, at the Campion Academy gymnasium. Bronco fans have the opportunity of watching the game on a big screen -- new this year. If you would like to be involved, volunteers are needed for the event. For more information, contact hmsrichardselementary@gmail.com or 970-667-2427.

Adventist Community Services » You are invited to help ACS collect food and other items for those in need. This program feeds nearly 40,000 people during the holiday season. Contributors can take their items to Porter Adventist Hospital lobby at 11:30 a.m. **November 19**.

A celebration will take place at noon with Debbie Jackson from ACS. The attached [list](#) gives suggestions for items to bring. You can also write a check, payable to ACS -- Community L.I.F.T. to help purchase food for those in need. Your donations will

purchase six cans for every one we can purchase in the grocery store. For more information, call Jim Feldbush at 303-765-3513 or email jimfeldbush@centura.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



ACS Community LIFT is accepting applications for a part-time (32 hrs/wk, M-Th) Medical Assistant at its Denver location. Applicants must be certified as a Medical Assistant and have at least two years experience working in a medical clinic, hospital, doctor's office or other health care setting. For a complete job description and application, visit <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-medical-assistant>.



The **Rocky Mountain Conference** is currently accepting applications for a part-time (20 hours per week, M-Th) Assistant to help out in its Treasury Department. To learn more about this position and how to apply, please visit: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-treasury-assistant>.



The **Voice of Prophecy** in Loveland, Colorado, is looking for a full-time departmental assistant, as well as a DISCOVER Bible School trainer. View the full job descriptions and apply at vop.com/jobs.

FROM THE EDITOR

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--Editor

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