

# COUGAR PRINTS

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*Welcome to our school!*

## Attention Sixth Graders: Outdoor Ed Coming Up! by Jayden Bray and Brock Windels

Sixth graders, pack your bags. Outdoor Ed is at the end of October! We will be going to a location in Stone Canyon, and we'll be traveling by bus. In an interview with Charity Bray, middle school math teacher; she said that "parents can't come." Sorry parents, but you won't be going with your child. It takes place over October 23-25, so you should probably bring some overnight attire. It will most likely be a little chilly, so you might bring a jacket and some warm clothes. All 6th graders are invited to join us. This is a chance to get out of school for a few days, so I would suggest coming on this trip. According to seventh graders Destiny Kinman and Grant Collier, "the purpose is to learn about appreciating and conserving nature." This is meant to give you a chance to

be outside and "learn how to survive in the woods" claims seventh graders Abby Nelson and Londyn Taggart.

According to Mrs. Bray, we will be doing "archery, building a shelter," making a campfire, and so much more! We will be going on hikes and doing fun things such as a rope course and some stations that you will get to participate in. There will be many other activities that we will be participating in. All of our activities were chosen by Mrs. Bray, so if you want more information on the activities, or more information in general, she would be a good place to get some really good information. If you want to participate in any of these, you have to join us!

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## Our School, by Asher Harris

I have been in this school since the year it opened; then, it looked like blank, blank building. We didn't have the World Compass Academy sign on the elementary school building; I remember a couple things about it, it opened in 2015; then, the school only had 5th grade and lower. It was just the elementary school building, we had all female teachers and not that many teachers. We had no playground. No swings. No playbuilding and no climbing wall. All we had was the snake climbing toy. This school has grown so much; last year, the middle school portion opened; before we had the turf, we had a big patch of dirt; before the playground, this middle school

building area was our field. Clearly, our school has expanded and grown in size.

Fifth grader Caleb Whilhelm says "This school has grown in size, people, and money." Caleb started coming here when he was in 1st grade, the year World Compass Academy was built. He likes that we get to socialize here at school, and he likes the teachers that work here. His favorite thing on the playground is the tether ball that we had 2 years ago; now this tether; ball is gone. I cannot remember why it got taken off the playground but probably for a good reason.

This school should continue with everything it is doing; we have great teachers, great students, great admin, and

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## Spotlight on Mrs. Neubert by Lucia Miller and Rylee Shoemaker

Mrs. Neubert is our amazing middle school interim principal because she is very fun and likes to play. Her favorite color is teal or purple (she can't decide); her favorite food is chocolate cake, and her favorite animal is elephant or dog. In her free time, she likes to go camping, hiking, skiing, swimming with her family, or watching movies with friends.

She found out about WCA when she went to the MAC (Miller Activity Complex) and saw some people advertising it. She came to the school in the second year of WCA.

We asked her what made her want to be principal? She answered "I definitely wanted to help people because it is kinda my thing." In 5 years, she thinks the school will be full of great students and amazing teachers.



## Our School, cont.

by Asher Harris

great volunteers. There are some things that are going on this year that are pretty cool like the charter renewal. Do you know what the charter renewal is? The charter renewal takes place every 5 years. It is a reactivation for our whole school; even parents take part in it. According to the rules of Douglas County School District, charter schools have a license, and that license tells people that we would be learning curriculum that other schools might not be learning, like our World Languages. The district has to know that we are learning what the license says we would be learning. The reactivation happens this year, and it will have to happen again in 2024. The renewal happens in the main office of Downtown Castle Rock. The reactivation is cool because it is only for the charter schools.

This school has a fun learning environment. For example, this school has really made a positive impact on my life; it has made me a positive, kind, and nice person, I am sure this school can do that to you too. Dr. Borzych, other administration, and all staff members are doing as much as they can to make this school a fun learning environment like how they made a whole other school building to make room for all these students, and after CMAS testing they make it as fun as possible after the test if you try your best. Though there are some hopes that middle school students would like to see this school gain, such as more microwaves, a flag football team, and a longer passing period, I am certain that the Cougar Committee will do as much as they can. I am excited to see it grow with all my friends and many others along the way. See you in the hallways!!!

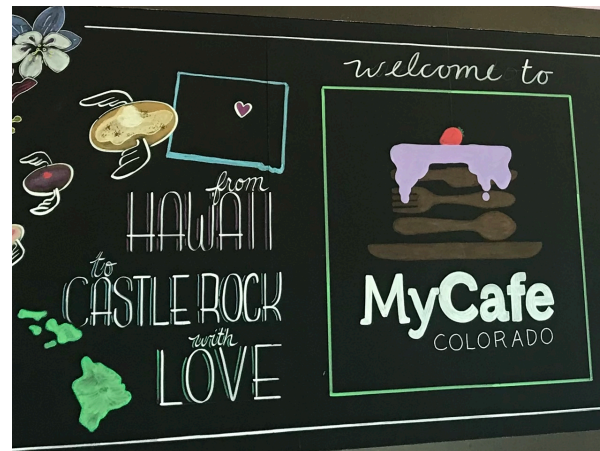
## My Cafe

A restaurant review by Rylee Shoemaker and Lucia Miller

It all started with managers Scotty and Janet, who had a little smoothie stand in Hawaii. Five years ago, they came on vacation here in Castle Rock and loved it so much they started a cafe--the New Hawaii Cafe.

The atmosphere is so bright and playful. It looks like Hawaii; we love all the beautiful colors on their bulletin boards. They also had a beautiful chalkboard that reads "gather." The place may not be big, but it sure makes up for its size in food.

We ate here on a Sunday a few weeks ago and found that the food here is amazing. I would recommend the french toast. It is very moist and good. The chicken teriyaki is pretty good, especially because the well-cooked chicken was seasoned well. The traditional Eggs Benedict is very good; the only thing they need to work on is making the eggs



runny; otherwise, it is delicious. However, the flight of pancakes is three piles of two pancakes of pancakes in different flavors. The flight pancakes were our personal favorite; the Lilikoi pancake is sweet and it is a little has kick of lemon to it. The Taro chocolate pancakes had a nice balance of sweetness and chocolate. The cookie batter, though, was our favorite. It was rich and crunchy.

The hours at the New Hawaii Cafe are 7:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you want to go there you have to go to 2240 Merchantile Street. We definitely recommend coming here.

## Catastrophic Hurricanes

by Nathan Hertzler

What do the names Harvey, Katrina, and Maria have in common? They are the most costly hurricanes in history. These 3 hurricanes cost a total of \$376 billion in damage. Oddly enough, it isn't always the strong winds that cause the damage; it is most often the flooding. Let's take a look at these 3 historic storms.

In 3rd place is Hurricane Maria according to Jade Scipioni's List of costliest US hurricanes. In 2017 a category 5 storm hit Domina, US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico. This was the worst storm to hit Puerto Rico in over 8 decades. The strong storm killed over 3,000 people. In 2nd place is Hurricane Harvey (Fox Business). The category 4 storm in 2017 hit Texas and Louisiana. The storm sat over the Houston metro area for 4 days feet of rain. Some places got up to 5 feet of rain. This caused terrible flooding, leaving \$125 billion in damage. The most expensive hurricane ever was Hurricane Katrina (Fox Business). As a category 5 storm it made landfall near Miami and weakened to a category 3 before devastating Louisiana. This 2005 storm killed 1,200 people and caused \$161 billion in damage, mostly due to the extreme flooding around New Orleans.

As you can see, these hurricanes not only devastated areas but also cost a lot of money. The damages come from storm surges, flooding from rainfall, and wind damage. Hurricanes are the worst storms on Earth. So, we need to watch carefully and give money to those affected by hurricanes. Harvey, Katrina, and Maria were the most costly hurricanes in history for many reasons.



## Outdoor Ed, cont. from page 1

by Jayden Bray and Brock Windels

Cambria Coxe, Abby Nelson, and Londyn Taggart all said that, "The food is great! The chefs make great food. We had quesadillas and orange chicken; for dessert, they even had gluten-free brownies."

There will be no electronics allowed while staying at Stone Canyon: "Students will have to unplug; no iPhones, or Apple watches" Ms. Bray warned. This will be good for the students to get offline and socialize with each other. Remember, Oct. 23-25, see you there!



## Do you see stars?

By Carlyn Kelley

If you would like to be part of this year's production of *I See Stars*, you can audition on October tenth through the eleventh, email Ms. Armstrong or take a sheet of paper down by her classroom.

Ms. Armstrong chose the play *I See Stars* to showcase everyone's talents. Even though there were rumors that Ms. Armstrong wrote the play, that is not true. Ms. Armstrong says "I did not write the play; it is from Broadway, and I hired someone to piece it all together [for elementary and middle schools]."

Students are curious about this play; Ms. Armstrong assures everyone that "the play will turn out beautifully, and I know that my students will always will be amazing."

The show premieres on April 9th and 10th, so come see *I See Stars* to find out.

# A review of hot lunch

by Aman Hasan

World Compass Academy makes the best hot lunch. Also the person who makes hot lunch is the best cook his name is Ernest. He has been working here since the school was built. The seventh graders believe Mr. Ernest is very nice. citing when he made a special dinner for a needy student.

My favorite hot lunch is the chicken noodle soup. Hot lunch preparation uses simple tools like this big pot and a frying pan. The school already has the fresh food ready for our lunchman, and then Ernest prepares and serves it. They serve different things everyday. Seventh grader Destiny Kinman's favorite lunchroom food is pizza and chicken nuggets. Sometimes they serve hamburgers and other ingredients. Everyday you need to pick different foods from an app on your parents' phone. There are different foods like salads or dumplings or other things to but you can only pick one thing, and you still have to pay between \$5 and \$10.

Not many people eat hot lunch but this year, it seems that more people have been coming and eating the hot lunch. Though people think cold lunch tastes better, I think hot lunch is better which I am proud of.



According to the school website, "My Kid's Lunch has provided hot school lunches to students at independent schools throughout the Denver Metro community for 18 years. We offer healthy menu choices each day. Fresh fruit and/or vegetables are included with all hot item menu choices. We are using more organic and local ingredients - some right from our own gardens! We look forward to serving your student."

If you'd like to order, the prices are:

\$4.41 – Standard Lunch

\$5.41 – Extra Large/Gluten Free Lunch

Extra Large meals will be offered for grades 3 and higher.



## Sports News and Other Tidbits:

Girls' Volleyball and Boys' Soccer  
Playoffs begin:

Tuesday Oct 1

Formal Uniform Day: October 1st  
After-School Clubs begin in October

Fall Break: October 14-18th

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