



Dear D51 Families and Colleagues:

As we near the end of the school year, I am proud to continue to share some of the amazing accomplishments and events that are taking place within our district. From academic achievements to extracurricular successes, our students and staff are truly demonstrating their commitment to excellence. With only five weeks left before summer break, we will continue to strive for excellence and work hard to finish the year on a high note. It is important that we all maintain our focus and determination on supporting our students' academic, social, and emotional success and continue to support one another as we approach the end of the school year. A strong finish will better prepare our kiddos for a strong start when they return in the fall. Thanks to our amazing teachers, staff, and admin for working hard every day to make sure this happens, and thank you to our families for being Engaged and Supportive Partners with us as we help our students grow together. As the largest school district on the Western Slope, that's no small feat, but we are making it happen by being a unified D51 Family focused on our Strategic Plan Focus Areas of having Prepared & Supported Students and Staff with the support of Engaged & Supportive Community Partners.

MASONIC AWARDS

For decades, local Masons have celebrated dedicated students and standout teachers in the Grand Valley, and this week I had the opportunity to attend the Fraternity of Free & Accepted Masons of Colorado's 2023 Annual Public School Awards Ceremony. Read more [here](#).

ATHLETIC SIGNING DAY

Athletic Signing Day is a proud moment for not only the athletes who intend to go on to college sports, but also for their families, coaches, and communities. This week, we had the opportunity to recognize several D51 athletes for signing their National Letter of Intent to participate in college athletics. Read more [here](#).

FCCLA STATE

Earlier this month, members of our Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) teams competed at the FCCLA State Competition. The students competed in multiple events representing various projects they completed at school and in the community. These students prepared for several months and were excited to have the opportunity to show their hard work. Read more [here](#).

STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER

This week, we held our Student of the Quarter celebration that honored 8th and 12th-grade students from our middle schools and high schools. This celebration recognized students who exemplify great character and model leadership at their respective schools. Read more [here](#).

LEADERSHIP D51 CLASS GRADUATES

This week we held the final class for our inaugural Leadership D51 Program cohort. Read more [here](#).

D51 UPCOMING EVENTS

- **CO West Invitational Music Performance Festival**
April 20-22, Palisade High School
- **Loma Elementary Playground Ribbon Cutting**
April 20, Loma Elementary School, 4:30 (ribbon cutting ceremony 5:00 p.m.)
- **D51 Athletics**
Spring sports continue. Click [here](#) for the D51 athletic calendar.

BOARD UPDATE: RECAP OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

On April 13 the Board of Education held a Special Board Meeting in the Harry Butler Board Room. For highlights from the meeting, click [here](#).

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