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## THE WASH PARK

# KID TIMES 4.0

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# INTRODUCTION

WELCOME to the fourth edition of The Wash Park Kid Times! In this edition, you will read fun facts, kid written, parent written and even educator articles that are about local schools! Each edition has a theme and next edition (in December) will be about fun winter activities and Holiday time! This edition also includes the Kids Korner! We will have one more edition in December and then take a break until the summer editions.

*Tristan Champion Regini*

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*Here you will find my entrepreneurial endeavors that are currently underway.*

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*There are links to the ONLINE version of my newspaper, including previous and current editions. You can also learn about my ongoing project raising money for Children's Hospital in honor of my friend Cade who was made better by the Doctor's there. I am raising money to help the brain cancer unit. Interview with August edition of Urban Life Wash Park. You can also read about me in an interview with the "Urban Life Wash Park" magazine!*

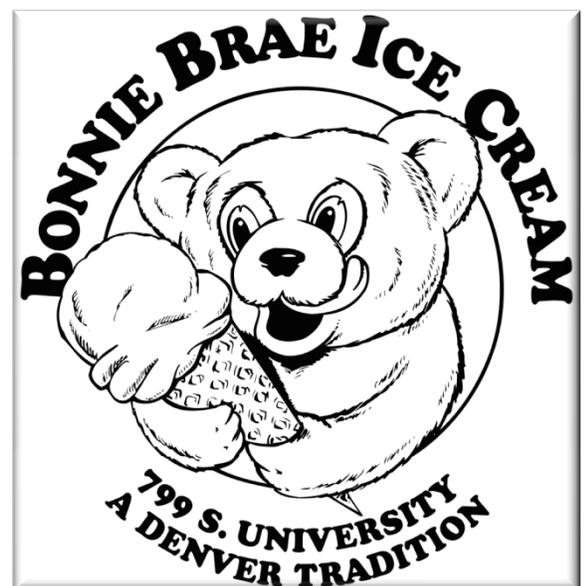
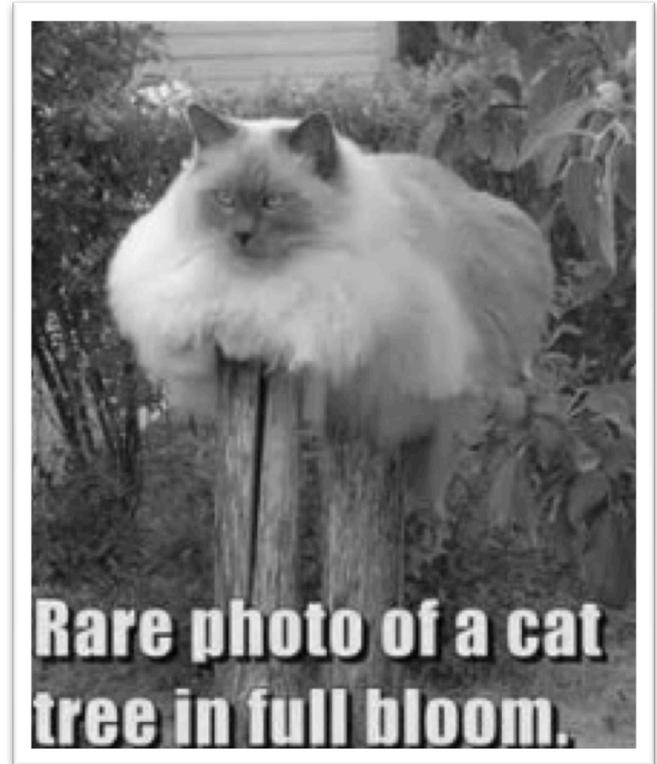
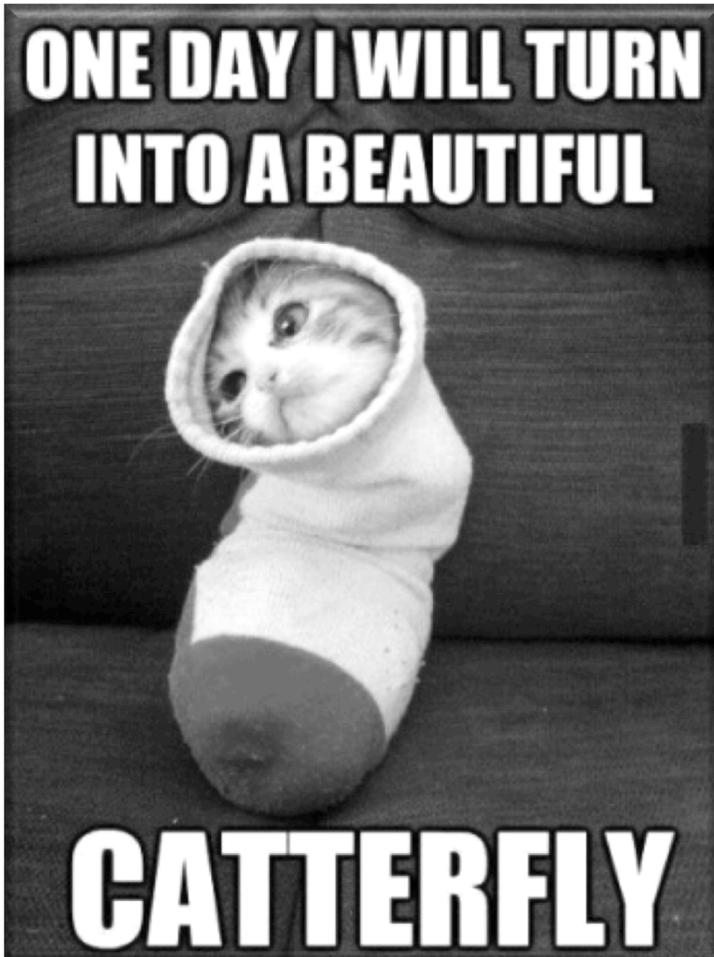
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# Kids Korner

## Kids Memes

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# STEELE ELEMENTARY.

**AN AMAZING SCHOOL.  
320 SOUTH MARION PKWY.  
I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY  
FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS  
TO GO TO THE AWESOME  
DPS SCHOOL, STEELE  
ELEMENTARY. I MET MANY  
PEOPLE, INCLUDING MY  
PRINCIPAL, MR. KEVIN GREELEY.**



**Here is a questionnaire we gave to Mr. Greeley**

1. **When I was at Steele Elementary you were our (awesome) principal! What is your role in Denver Public Schools now?** I am now the Senior Manager for Principal Development and Career Pathways. Pretty fancy title huh? Basically I support new and aspiring principals to be the best leader that they can be.
2. **What was your favorite thing about Steele and the kids at Steele? Are you sad to leave them?** I do miss the students, staff and parents of Steele very much. Steele was like a second home to me and I was always very honored and proud to be the principal there. There were a lot of things I loved about Steele; if I had to pick a favorite I would say it was the way in which everyone supported one another and accepted each other for who they were. I truly loved the way the students were comfortable being themselves. I really miss lunchtime conversations with 4th and 5th graders, I always tried to do that at least once a week.
3. **What inspired you to become a teacher? Why did it inspire you?** I became a teacher because I wanted to help people. I didn't make this decision until after I graduated from college. I vividly remember sitting on a bus in a rural village in Ecuador. I saw students playing in the street and I wondered why they weren't in school and if they even had a school to go to. I reflected on the amazing amount of human potential that is never realized because we don't reach all of the kids in the world. I also knew I was one person and a great



way to make a little bit of a difference would be to become a teacher. When I got back to the states I applied for a Masters Program at my old university.

4. **Was your first job being a principal? If it wasn't then what was your first job?**

My first teaching job was as a special education teacher in Maui, HI. It was not as glamorous as it sounds! It was really challenging and I learned a lot. I also learned how to surf which was pretty cool. I had a lot of jobs before I started teaching. I delivered newspapers in middle school, washed dishes in a restaurant and pumped gas in high school. (I grew up in N.J. where people weren't allowed to pump their own gas). I also waited on tables, bartended and worked on a tree farm in college.

5. **What do you like to do when you're not teaching?** I love to spend time with my family, get outside and in the mountains as much as possible and also love to read and watch movies.

## Thanks, Mr. Greeley, for being a great principal for five years of my life!

Here are reviews on Steele by current students:

“The best part about Steele is that you get to do art, PE, drama, and music.” *Leila Dawson, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*

“I love Steele Elementary because of its peaceful environment. People are nice to one another and follow the Steele code.” *Noelle Thompson, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade*

“I love Steele Elementary because the Steele code is something cool to live by, the teachers are really nice, and I love going to the Steele carnival in October.” *Keya Ashley, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade*

*Speaking of the Steele Carnival – I will be doing a lemonade stand at the Steele Carnival again this year. Sunday October 8, 11am -1pm. ALL proceeds will be going to Steele Elementary and Children's Hospital, for my ongoing donation to the Hospital's Cancer unit there. COME SEE ME AT STEELE!!!*





After Steele, many of my friends split up for Middle School. Here are more schools that Wash Park residents go to:

## **DSA**

I go to DSA (Denver School of the Arts). At DSA, you can do an art major. My art major is Theatre. I am an avid for Theatre. You have to go through a sort of hard audition to get in, but once you are in, it is SOOOOOOOOOO worth it!!\* I have theatre class everyday before my regular classes and right now we are doing Claymation. It is AWESOME! I love all the teachers. They are very smart and teach me very well. The only thing I don't like (and when I say don't like I mean don't like at all!) are the lockers. They are tiny! You have to share with someone as well! And when you are in middle school you have tons of books and folders and papers to keep track of... well, you get the idea. All in all (except for the lockers), DSA is a great school!



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\*(Good luck Harrison H!)

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# Morey Middle School

**BELIEFS:** At Morey, the Staff believe in building a strong community of hard-working, smart, caring, and thoughtful individuals. They try to mold minds to make the student strong academically and mentally. Morey is a school that is caring, open-minded, and always ready to take on a challenge.

**STATS:** Morey Middle School has around 300 students, including some in the H.G.T. program. Through the staff's hard work, they have created a successful student community. In English, Morey was 18% above the 40% state average. In Math, Morey's average was 38% compared with the state average of 27%. In Science, Morey was 12% above the 29% average. In Social Studies, Morey was 18% above the state 18% average. Finally, in Algebra, Morey rose to 65% compared with the State 30%. Obviously they were very successful they even made an acronym for it! Socially-conscious, Uniquely-gifted, Community-focused, Challenge-seeking, Empathetic, Solutions-oriented, Self-directed. S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

**ELECTIVES, AETER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES, AND DISCOVERY SEMINAR:** Morey has a large choice of electives including: S.T.E.M. Flight and Space, S.T.E.M. Design and Modeling, Spanish, P.E., Music and more! Morey even has its very own swimming pool and two gyms! There are also a large variety of afterschool programs: Chess, Strategy, and Magic club, Gardening and Cooking club, Colorado Uplift, Music club, Improv, Explosive Science, Robotics club, and Minecraft club. After school sports include: Cross-Country, soccer, softball, flag football, girls volleyball, basketball, floor hockey, and baseball. There are also weekly Discovery Seminars which are created by teachers. Teachers will choose whatever they want to, and put it into action (And best of all, it doesn't have to be educational!).

## **INTERVIEWS:**

Noah Tonk (Principal): *"I love the commitment and creativity our staff to doing whatever it takes for students, and I love the way we personalize the approach to our kids academically and emotionally."*  
*"Negatives... I don't see negatives, I see challenges... We have a large variety of kids here, so it is hard to meet demands, but it is great for students to meet people different from them."*

Julian Lowdermilk (6<sup>th</sup> Grader): *"Morey is a good school with good teachers. But I would give us more reading time and more free time... I like the Quiet Zone is a place during recess where we be quiet and play some games...it's a place where we get to cool down and calm down."*

Chris Herrmann (Language Arts Teacher): *"I enjoy teaching here because I love the kids and I love my coworkers."* What to change? *"I would want all the kids to have the opportunity to be able to leave all that troubles them at the door before they walk in, this would allow them to be 100% focused and enable them to enjoy every day in the classroom."*

Miss Janes (Math Teacher): *"I like teaching because I like to see kids learn. Morey is a fun place too, especially during spring discovery week."*

Matthew Chu-Fong Sprague (6<sup>th</sup> Grader): *"My favorite subject is Language Arts because the teacher is super fun and nice, and tells jokes a lot."*

Carver Harr (6<sup>th</sup> Grader): *"I enjoy Morey because I like the electives, because it is fun and you get to choose."*

**BY: CADEN HUYNH-SMITH (interviewing assisted by Julian Lowdermilk)**

# DSST Byers

Rita Cunha, 7th grade



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Dsst Byers is by far the most innovative and academically challenging school that I have gone to. And let me tell you, I've gone to lots of schools in many countries. Dsst Byers does this in more ways than one. All kids and some adults know it's hard to abide by the rules at times. Byers helps eliminate this problem by helping the students be the best version of themselves by enforcing the core values, responsibility, curiosity, integrity, doing your best, courage, and respect. Now, I live by these core values and everyone else should too. The way they enforce rules seems strict at first but it's only for the best and you get used to it anyways. Another great thing at Byers is that each person's identity and differences are celebrated. This is evident from day one. The school is diverse and has many different people with many different personalities. I also said that Byers was academically challenging. Now don't get freaked out when I say this, because yes, I get that homework and all those things aren't always the best, but did you ever imagine for all of that to be fun? Well guess what, the way they teach at Byers is interactive and fun. I learn so many things each day and not even one second of the school day am I bored. Although I am a new student at Byers I've had so many experiences. Some of which are all the friends I've made and all the memories I've already had with them, the fun and (a bit) eccentric teachers that are so welcoming, and the things we are and going to learn. For those who are choosing a middle school to go to next year, I guarantee you Dsst Byers won't disappoint.

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# DSST BYERS

Walking in on the dark carpet of my new big school I felt my heart thumping and I was very shy. Today was the first day of school at my new school going into 6th grade. Grabbing my paper to get started for the day I wandered into the hallway confused of where to go. I asked the front desk of where to go and navigated through the maze of rooms when I found the right one. My shyness made me almost hide my face. I found my spot, wishing to run back home. I almost felt like crying. The day started and was still no fun. Everybody felt very excited and welcomed here...but not me. I noticed my friends in the hallway, which cheered me up. Talking to them at break made me smile. All of a sudden my fear of my new big school left me and I was truly a DSST Byers Falcon now. The worries of the strictness flew away and was gone forever and I knew I did not regret my decision of joining the DSST Byers Falcons community. DSST is a great school for 6th-10th grade students. DSST operates 9 of the top 12 schools in Denver and has a 100% college acceptance rate which definitely makes me feel proud to be in such a strong school system. DSST is a awesome school thanks to the kind, energetic, tenacious, speedy, precise teachers and students that show our 6 core values: Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Curiosity, Courage and Doing Your Best, everyday. This is why I now love DSST Byers.



Dylan Savage, 6th grade, 12 years old



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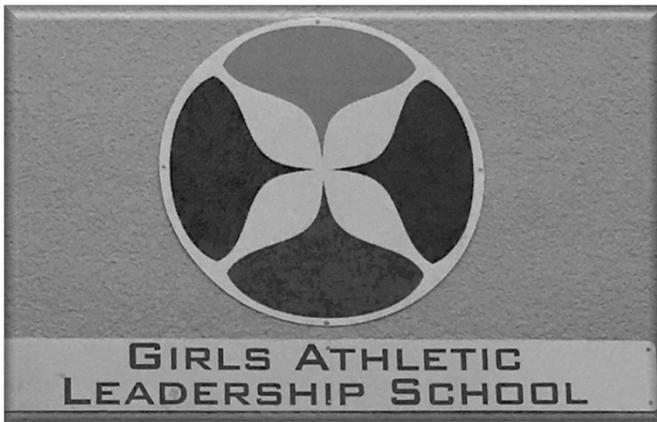
A chess players worst nightmare



# GALS

My name is Ali H and I am a 6th grader at Girls Athletic Leadership School or GALS. I love GALS because it is all about being active and empowering ourselves and women all around the world. My favorite thing about GALS is one of our blocks in the morning, it is called Movement. Every morning in Movement we either run around the block, a park, take laps around our field, or simply do fun games. I love 6th grade at GALS and I am looking forward to a great year!

Ali Homans, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



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## Hill Middle School

Middle School. The few 5th graders that will go to my school, Hill Campus of Arts and Science, be warned. It's fun, but relatively... different. Here is some advice to survive in HCAS!

-Don't get up in the 7th and 8th graders business. Most of 7th and 8th graders are way bigger than I thought. They will call you babies. And they don't like babies telling them what to do.

-Try not to be late.

After you are tardy to one class 3 times, you get a 1 hour detention, and as far as I know, you don't want one.

-When you gotta go, you gotta go.

When you want to go to the bathroom, you have to tell the teacher, then write down when you went, and have four minutes to go. Not to bad? Yeah it is. In Hill, you can only go to the bathroom once per class... Per WEEK!

And the most important rule of all...

**GO TO SCHOOL.**

**-Oliver Radcliff, Age 11**

**(Oliver also did the "Sunday funnies" comics for this edition!!)**

## Merrill Middle School

My name is Nikki Dawson and I am a reading interventionist at Merrill Middle School. A reading interventionist helps students who are struggling with their reading. If kids go to an interventionist at school it does not mean they are not smart. It means they are simply learning to read at a different pace than the other kids in the class. Learning to be a better reader is very important. Think about this, if you struggle with reading it means that you will struggle while reading all of your school work including math, science, and social studies. At Merrill I give kids strategies for choosing "just right" books to read, strategies for figuring out words they are stuck on, and opportunities to get more reading in during their day. I am very proud to be working at a job where I know I'll be making a difference in these kids' lives. As better readers they will be more successful in school, they'll have higher self-esteem, they'll be more prepared to go to the next grade, and they will have a better chance at getting into college and having the career of their choice when they grow up. **READING INTERVENTIONISTS ROCK!!!**

By Nikki Dawson, Merrill Interventionist



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