

*Guffey Community Charter School's  
2008-2009  
Annual Report to the School District  
& Guffey School Community*

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### *Guffey School Things That We're Proud Of 2008-2009*

- AMAZING community support for fundraisers, Halloween, advertising poster, volunteers, snowboarding program, Board-a-thon, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, mentor-ships, and many special programs.
- Successfully completed another great year of preschool with the help of a generous community.
- 5th Annual Read-in.
- 6th Annual School/Community Pet Parade & Open House.
- All school Physical Education program.
- Special Education Services and Nancy Roth our Speech Language Consultant.
- Snowboarding Program.
- Partnered with Whispering Aspens 4H Club to offer Baking, Jewelry Making, Robotics, and Dog as in- school projects.
- 6th Annual Alumni Spaghetti Dinner.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Breakfast.
- Continued use of the *MAP* testing done in the fall, which is an assessment tool to measure academic progress via computer-adaptive testing, from the Northwest Evaluation Association for grades 2nd-8<sup>th</sup>.
- Affirmations from staff that school exceeds Ends, as evidenced by monthly monitoring reports presented to the Board.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Spirit Week in Fall.
- All School - All Town Scavenger Hunt.
- Halloween Parade.
- Hula Hooping Day.
- Field Day.
- School - Community Flu Clinic.
- Valentine's Day Cookie Fundraiser.
- Guffey Geology Community Dinner.
- Successful Presentation Celebration and the graduation of our the school's 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Eighth Graders.
- Community volunteers helping students with reading and math.
- Awesome artwork displays in our school which highlighted Elements of Art.
- All-school original Winter Play called "The Perfect Job".
- First Light Party to celebrate the Everhart Telescope.
- Spring Display and 10 Year School Celebration.

- 3rd Year of Sort & Study.
- 3rd Year of Reading & Spelling Rewards Program.
- Two Community Clothing Exchanges.
- 4H Sponsored Friendship Baskets and making Friendship Fudge.
- Attending *Imagination Celebration* theatre performances.
- Successful completion of Social Studies theme, U.S. History.
- Fieldtrip to Ute Pass Elementary School to perform Fat Cat & Hot Dog.
- Went to the Pueblo Zoo and Raptor Center.
- Visited the Fairplay District Court
- Went to Guffey Gulch.
- Bakery Project baked bread in Canon City.
- Jewelry visited a local artist house and made jewelry with a professional.
- Dog class had a half day play date with their dogs.
- 1-5<sup>th</sup> graders met Iditarod competitor Kurt Reich in Divide and followed his team as they raced in the 2009 Iditarod. Later he visited our school.
- Field trip to South Park City.
- Fire starter production of over 5000 and SOLD out in sales.
- Successfully completed science study of Physical Science with many hands-on activities.
- Science trips to Denver Museum of Natural Science to see the newest exhibit, Exhibition Health.
- Cresson Dancers performed for our school.
- Arneson family shared their coin collections.
- We had visits from Judge Richard Mandel, Park County Investigator Betty Royse, County Commissioner Dick Hodges, Master Sculptor Louise Peterson, and VFW friends Pat Lane and Fergus Lewis.
- Guffey Playgroup for children ages birth to 6 years old.
- 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders People vs. A. Wolf performance.
- Winter & Spring Clothing/Toy Exchange.
- 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders community supported lemonade, cookie, and root beer float sales.
- Crumbs the class pet for Mrs. MacDonald's room.
- In school recycling of paper, tin and plastic.

## ANNUAL PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT AND SCHOOL ACCOUNTABILITY

Our school's improvement strategies are based on the work of the school's accountability committee. The accountability committee meets monthly and consists of two staff members, three parents, and one community member. This year's committee set the following goals for the 2007-2008 school improvement. In addition, there is a brief explanation of the progress made. Further information on the work of the school's accountability team can be found in the school's administration office.

### Accountability Committee Year End Report

Goals for this 2008-2009 school year were:

1. We will continue to help with **eighth grade celebrations**. This goal was **completed**. The Accountability Committee helped to prepare the eighth grade alumni dinner in October. We also helped to prepare the eighth grade breakfast in March. We helped with the eighth grade Presentation Celebration in May.
2. We will continue to support the **Ends Policy 7 - Community Connections**. This goal was **completed**. The Accountability Committee helped to support the Telescope Party in September and the Guffey Volcano Presentation Dinner in October.
3. We will continue to help with **school events**. This goal was **completed**. The Accountability Committee helped with the Pet Parade in September, we helped with the Winter Program in December, we gave input into the school's 10 year birthday party and Spring Program held in May.
4. We will review the school's **discipline policy**. This goal was **completed**. The Accountability Committee reviewed the school's discipline policy and made minor recommendations for improvements.
5. We will review the school's **science curriculum**. This goal was **completed**. The Accountability Committee reviewed the school's science

curriculum and agreed it was well written and complete. No further recommendations were made.

6. We will continue to work on **parent surveys**. This goal was **completed**. The Accountability Committee gave input to the end of year parent survey.

7. We will continue to **monitor attendance/enrollment trends**. This goal was **completed**. Our attendance rate this year was 91%.

### **STUDENT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT INFORMATION**

*Student Progress Report: Based on Classroom Assessments, Formal Testing (DRA2, QRI, CSAP, MAP), and Teacher Observation*

**In our primary student grouping (1st-3<sup>rd</sup> grades)**

- 50% of our students are working above grade level
- 25% of our students are working at grade level
- 25% of our students are working below grade level

**In our intermediate student grouping (4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> grade)**

- 12% of our students are working above grade level
- 38% of our students are working at grade level
- 50% of our students are working below grade level

**In our middle school student grouping (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)**

- 33% of our students are working above grade level
- 50% of our students are working at grade level
- 27% of our students are working below grade level

**Our small student to teacher ratio (approximately 6:1) allows us to closely monitor the progress of each of our students. Our school's staff feels that there was significant academic growth for most of our students, regardless of whether they were below, at, or above grade level at the beginning of the school year.**

**ENROLLMENT:** October 1, 2008 count was 20 students 1st-8<sup>th</sup> and with preschool, a total of 21 students. (this year we did not have any

kindergartners) On May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 our count was 18 students 1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> , plus two preschoolers for a total of 20 students. This represents 15 families.

**DROP OUT RATE:** We did not have any students drop out of school during the school year.

**GRADUATION RATE:** 100%, as two 8<sup>th</sup> graders graduated

**NUMBER OF SUSPENSIONS:** 0

**NUMBER OF EXPULSIONS:** 0

**BUS ROUTE AND LOCATIONS:** This year our 30 passenger bus transported 16 of our eligible students daily. The bus route travels 43 miles round trip daily and the stops are as follows: 59, Dexter Ranch, 85, 71, Witcher Mt. , Old Kathleen, Mile marker 28 on HWY 9, Mason Ranch and Elk Circle in Pike Trails. The route starts at 6:50AM and ends at 5PM.

**LUNCH PRICE:** \$1.75 for students and \$3.50 for adults