

record. Eliminating Common Core is critical to children's academic success, teacher retention, and our nation's future. It is also our right as a "local control state." An elected official works for you. Parents', teachers' and students' input should be honored. Sarah has been active on local and state levels on issues facing education. She is endorsed by the Colorado State Board of Education chair, and works with state legislator Paul Lundeen regarding education.

Director District 4

This is for a four-year term.

Mark Pfoff

- I have been on the school board for seven years and I'm currently the board president. When I first arrived on the board the school district was in debt and spending over a million dollars more a year than it was funded. Within a year we balanced the budget and it has been balanced ever since (six years). The operational debt was

paid off in August of 2014 and we restored our reserves to their highest level since 2006. At the same time our student achievement has soared and we continue to be one of the highest-rated school districts in the state. We have the highest on-time graduation rate in the state.

- I'm running for re-election to maintain our conservative fiscal strategy and our current learning environment, which has proven successful. We live in a wonderful community with great schools, let's continue that tradition!

Gordon O. Reichal

- I have spent 42 years in military service and support defending freedom.
- A fundamental American freedom is education. Families deserve the right to control their educational choices. Our business community and taxpayers with or without children in school have earned the right to be respectfully heard and participate in

D-38 decisions. Monument Academy families, home schoolers, and online education children are equal partners for improving education. We must recognize the tremendous value of our seniors' life lessons, their diversity of life experiences, and love for helping children obtain their best education future. Teams of teachers, volunteers, and involved families generate outstanding educational systems improving our nation for years into our future. We must provide everyone opportunities to participate and honor education traditions and to pay it forward. I ask for your mail-in ballot vote and support to continue improving D-38 and our nation. Thank you.

Director District 5

This is for a four-year term.

Dale L. Bastin

- I was a public servant and leader in the Air Force for 25 years including

16 years abroad. I have been a community college and continuing adult education instructor. I witnessed education systems in Germany, Belgium, and Canada plus schools in Arizona and Texas; benchmarking those institutions' practices to enhance our district's schools.

- D-38 must provide programming diversity to meet tomorrow's challenges. We must recruit, retain top talent and maintain low student/teacher ratios. I support policies allowing educators to capture students' imaginations while inspiring them to acquire new skills. Technology ushers in changes to teaching/learning infusing classes with digital learning tools; expands course offerings/experiences/materials; builds 21st-century skills; increases student engagement and accelerates learning. Blended learning incorporates face-to-face and online

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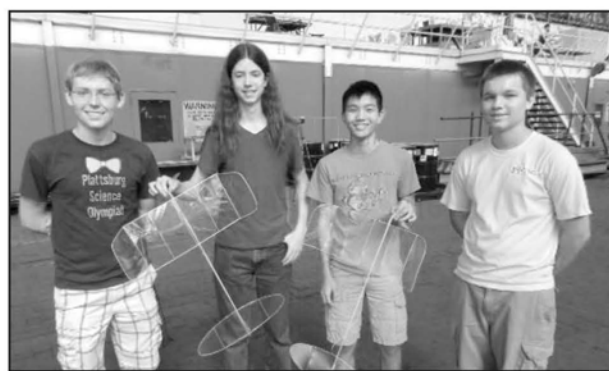
Flu Shots

Lewis-Palmer School District is hosting Flu Shot Clinics provided by a registered nurse from the Visiting Nurses Association (VNA). These are open to District #38 employees and the Tri-Lakes community (children must be at least 6 months old). Clinics will be at Bear Creek Elementary (October 14, 4:15-6:15 p.m., 488-4770), Lewis-Palmer High School (October 20, 9:00-11:00 a.m., 488-4720), and Lewis-Palmer Middle School (October 22, 1:45-3:45 p.m., 488-4776). Please call the school to let them know you will be coming. VNA will need a count. Costs are \$30 Flu Shot and \$40 Flu Mist. There will be no out-of-pocket expenses with account information for Medicare B, Humana, Rocky Mountain HMO, Aetna, and CHP. UMR will reimburse with itemized receipt and claim form. No reimbursement for Kaiser HMO and/or Tri-Care. Check, cash, debit, or credit cards will be accepted.



Upcoming Events

- October 1 District College Fair, LPHS, 6-7:30 p.m.
- October 7 Empty Bowls Dinner, LPHS, 5-7:30 p.m.
- October 9 No classes grades K-6
- October 12 LPHS Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 14 Parent Teacher Conferences pK-12
- October 15 Parent Teacher Conferences pK-8
- October 15 No classes grades pK-8
- October 16 No classes grades pK-12
- October 22 PRHS Parent Teacher Conferences



Evan Guyett (current reigning/returning Junior F1D World Champion), Wyatt Wear, David Yang, and Joseph Szezur

LPHS Student Invited to World Junior F1D Championship

Wyatt Wear, Lewis-Palmer High School senior, recently won a spot on the U.S. National F1D Team. The national competition is sponsored by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. F1D is a class of indoor free flight airplane with a 55 cm wing span and 20 cm wing chord. An F1D plane weighs 1.4 grams (roughly the weight of a dollar bill) and is constructed of specially-selected balsa wood and very thin Mylar film. According to Wyatt, a plane can take "tens of hours to build," is "powered by a rubber band about five inches long (as thin as a small office rubber band), and can stay in the air for as long as 31 minutes." Wyatt began competing in indoor free flight after competing in the Wright Stuff, a Science Olympiad event. His enthusiasm is apparent as he claims, "I've only been building and flying F1Ds for a few months now, but I feel like I'm improving rapidly and could maybe, just maybe, have a shot at a place among the World Champions this upcoming April." Wyatt has been invited to compete in the World Junior F1D Championship in Romania next year.

Modern Education

A blackboard is no longer the focus in a modern classroom. Whiteboards replaced blackboards years ago, and now, SmartBoards often supplement whiteboards. Technology and online tools play vital roles in today's classrooms. Education mirrors the medical field in that patients do not expect a doctor to make a decision regarding health care with the same tools used 20 years ago. Patients expect doctors to utilize every modern tool available when it comes to diagnosis and care. Similarly, educators cannot prepare students for future jobs without appropriately utilizing today's resources.

Across Lewis-Palmer School District, forward-thinking teachers enhance student learning with educational technology. In Palmer Ridge High School social studies and psychology classes, Peter Gordon and Paul Mole use Plickers and Socrative, tools providing data which informs customized instruction to meet students' immediate needs. At Bear Creek Elementary, Claudia Ladd's kindergarten students use Seesaw to create personal, private, online portfolios which highlight their learning. Additionally, D38 teachers attended the InnEdCo (Innovative Education Colorado) Conference this summer and will share their discoveries with other District teachers during professional learning days later this year.

With all the technology advancements in the classroom come advanced concerns. Data privacy remains a significant area of focus for LPSD and school districts across the country. Recently, LPSD engaged in a comprehensive data privacy audit and discovered that it is well-ahead of many districts in mitigating the risks though the careful vetting of technology tools. LPSD is committed to protecting personal identifiable information (PII) and in addition to vetting tools, trains staff and teachers around data privacy protocols. Use of pseudonyms (false name), strong passwords, and safe online browsing practices are also encouraged. As technology advances, LPSD will continue to evaluate best practices around its use with the enhancement of student learning and the safeguarding of student data as the priorities.