

CALENDAR

April 1	PLC Day – Late Start – Classes begin at 10:55
April 1	Track - Lyons @ Altona (Silver Creek Field) – 3:30 p.m.
April 6 – 10	Spring Break – Have Fun and BE SAFE! 
April 14 – 22	CMAS Testing (Science and Social Studies)
April 14	Track – Altona @ Trail Ridge (Skyline Field) – 3:30 p.m.
April 17	Track – 6 th Grade ONLY – Lyons Middle/Senior HS – 3:30 p.m.
April 21	Track – Twin Peaks and Sunset @ Altona (Silver Creek Field) – 3:30 p.m.
April 25	District Track Meet – 7 th and 8 th Grade ONLY – Longmont HS Field – 9:00 a.m.

YEARBOOK

To parents who submitted baby ad photos for the yearbook:

Your hard copy photos are being returned to you via US Mail if you provided a self-addressed stamped envelope to do so and via your student if you did not. Please expect them within the next week or so and if you don't see them soon, you might ask your student to check their backpack for them. If you submitted your information and photo electronically via email, you will not be receiving anything back. Thank you to all who supported and participated in the recognition ads this year. We appreciate it!

The Yearbook Staff

ENCORE AWARDS - *You're the Top!*

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS EXTENDED! NEW DATE IS APRIL 1

This awards program provides the opportunity for students, parents, coworkers, community members and business partners to recognize and honor individual teachers at the Pre-K-12 levels in the district who exemplify excellence in teaching. The awards will be presented at the Tribute to Teachers gala on May 8, 2015 at the Plaza Conference Center in Longmont. Nomination forms are available at www.efsvv.org.

Box Tops

We have one Box Top prize left for the year. We are going to award it to the student with the most Box Tops or Milk Caps and will announce the winner May 8. Not the winner? No worries... Any student that brings in 500 Box Tops or Milk Caps will also win a candy bar. Look for those box tops as you purchase items for your Easter and/or Passover meals.

DISTRICT NEWS

3rd Annual Summer STEM Program

This Academy is open to all exiting 5th graders to departing 8th graders. It takes place June 1-5 and 8-12. Please see attached flyers for details. To register:

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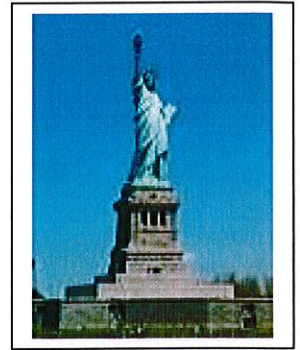
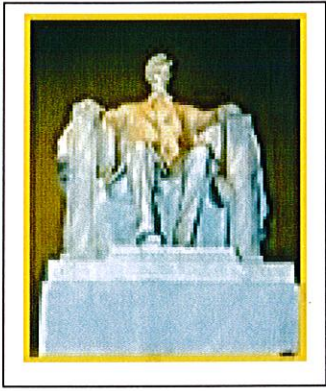
COMMUNITY NEWS

SVVSD APPROVED FLYERS

April 2015

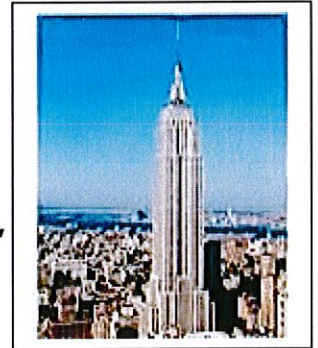
NAME	WHAT SCHOOLS?
Kids Nite Out Fundraiser	All elementary and middle schools
Longmont Athletic Club Swimming	All elementary & middle schools
Sailing Summer Camps	All schools
UNC Summer Camps	All schools
Critters, Creeks & Crows	All schools
White Dragon Martial Arts	All schools
Boulder County Kids Sale	All elementary schools
G'Knight Bike Rides	All schools
Renaissance Adventures	All elementary and middle schools
Tux Rental	All high schools
Dizzy Family Fun Center	All schools
SVVSD Technology Fair	All schools
RYLA Camp	All 7 th graders
Fridayz	All middle & high schools
Goodbye Allergies	All elementary and middle schools
Earth Festival	All K-12
Frontiere Meats	All schools
Fox Hill Swim Team	All schools
Dream Quest Camps	All schools
Happy Hands Camps	All schools
Tutor Doctor	All schools
Happy Hands Creative Studio	All schools
A Call For Art	All schools
Alpha Martial Arts	All schools
Origin Martial Arts	All schools
Tutoring Club	All schools
Century Link Internet Essentials	All Schools and Staff
Comcast Internet Essentials	All Schools and Staff
Challenge Island	All elementary & middle schools
Twin Peaks Flag Football	All elementary & middle schools
Ryan Bond, DDS	All schools
Apex Movement Summer Camps	All schools

2015-16 8th Grade Washington, D.C., Monticello, and New York City Educational Trip



Trip dates:

Sunday, April 3, 2016 –
Friday, April 8, 2016



Wow! Such incredible interest this year that the trip sold out in just one week!

Please continue to register. Your student will be placed on the second bus.

What is included in the \$2034 price:

- Airfare to D.C. and back home from N.Y.C.
- 6 days and 5 nights at a nice, clean hotel
- All meals and gratitude on trip
- Bus transportation and bus driver throughout the DC/NYC area
- Tour guides in both cities and Gettysburg
- Entrance and ticket fees to all events
- Night security guard while in hotel
- Hotel on-site World Strides representative
- 24-hour doctor in cases of emergency
- The travel company will take care of all arrangements for unexpected changes to the travel/hotel/transportation/itinerary such as weather or closures
- Register before the early bird deadline of May 31 and save.
- After May 31 early bird deadline the price goes up \$125.

For complete details and registration information please refer to the packet sent home with your child at school assembly on Wednesday, March 4. Additional packets available on "the wall"

Sign up online at www.worldstrides.org. ALTONA's trip id is 116294

Mandatory: for Altona students to participate in this trip they must 1.) maintain all grades C and above, 2.) have no behavior referrals, and 3.) have exemplary attendance.



NOMINATE

an outstanding

TEACHER

to receive an

Encore Award

A nomination form is available at
www.efsvv.org & in your school's office.

NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 15TH

Questions? Call 720-652-8208

 **Education** Foundation
for the St. Vrain Valley



NOMINE
UN MAESTRO
EXCEPCIONAL

para recibir un
Premio Encore

El formulario de inscripción está disponible en
www.efsvv.org y en cada oficina de la escuela.

**LAS NOMINACIONES SE ENTREGAN
EL 15 DE MARZO**

¿Preguntas? Llame 720-652-8208



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Encore Award Program

Purpose

This awards program, sponsored by the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, provides the opportunity for students, parents, community members and business partners to recognize and honor individual teachers at the Pre-K–12 levels in the St. Vrain Valley School District who exemplify excellence in teaching. By paying tribute to the achievements of teachers who have an extraordinary impact on the achievements of students, the Foundation and the community hopes to pay tribute to the accomplishments of all teachers.

Award Winners

One teacher from each St. Vrain Valley School will receive Encore recognition. At least 2 other teachers from each school will be honored as finalists. The Encore Awards are presented annually at the ***Tribute to Teachers*** celebration. A master list of eligible schools can be found at the end of these instructions.

Award Nomination Guidelines and Deadline

Nominations are accepted from students, parents, volunteers, and other teachers and staff at the school; as well as from community members or the school's business partners. Nominators can nominate only one teacher per school.

The nomination form is available on the Education Foundation's website www.efsvv.org and at each school office. Click on the word Programs on our Home Page, then Encore Award Program and finally the Nomination form.

Nominations may be submitted either through the mail or electronically. **Nominations must be postmarked or electronically date stamped no later than March 15th.** Nominations sent after this date may not be eligible. Nominations submitted electronically through the Foundation's website or scanned and sent via email. A confirmation of receipt will be sent to the submitter.

Both the nominee and the nominator **must sign** the nomination form indicating that both parties are aware of and agree to the nomination. In the case of an electronic submission, the nominator needs to indicate that the nomination has been reviewed with the nominee as shown on the form. A sentence confirming this for the review panel is required. This step offers the nominator the opportunity to let the teacher know he/she is being nominated and provide some feedback on the excellent job being done.

Nomination Criteria

In order to qualify as a nominee, the teacher must currently be a licensed educator in the State of Colorado and employed in a teaching assignment at a St. Vrain Valley School District campus for the current school year. For charter schools, highly qualified teachers are eligible. Both full-time and part-time teachers are eligible.

Awards

For the Recipient

- \$100 for classroom use at the teacher's discretion
- Certificate of Recognition for the teacher and recognition at the May Tribute to Teachers
- Recipient's Name & School on a plaque displayed in the lobby of the Educ. Services Center
- Certificate of Recognition presented to school for display

For the Finalists

- Certificate of Recognition and recognition at the May Tribute to Teachers

For the Nominees

- Certificate of Recognition

Eligible schools

24 Elementary Schools

Alpine
Black Rock
Blue Mountain
Burlington
Centennial
Central
Columbine
Eagle Crest
Erie
Fall River
Hygiene
Indian Peaks
Legacy
Longmont Estates
Lyons
Mead
Mountain View
Niwot
Northridge
Prairie Ridge
Red Hawk

Rocky Mountain
Sanborn
Spark Preschool

6 Charter Schools

Aspen Ridge Preparatory
Carbon Valley
Flagstaff
Imagine
St. Vrain Comm. Montessori
Twin Peaks

1 Middle/Senior School

Lyons

8 Middle Schools

Altona
Coal Ridge
Erie
Longs Peak
Mead
Sunset

Trail Ridge
Westview

2 K-8 Schools

Thunder Valley
Timberline PK-8

7 Senior High Schools

Erie
Frederick
Longmont
Mead
Niwot
Silver Creek
Skyline

Also including:

CDC/Olde Columbine High
St. Vrain Global Academy
Student Services

There are 3 EASY STEPS to complete a nomination:

- 1) Complete Sections A and B (required) and sign the first page of the nomination form.**
- 2) Complete Section C by answering Questions 1 (required) and Question 2 (optional).**
- 3) Submit your completed nomination by March 15th.**
[Thank you for **not** including additional letters of support.]

How to submit a nomination:

You may submit the completed, signed nomination electronically; through email; or by mail. Incomplete nominations are not eligible.

To submit electronically, go to www.efsvv.org. On the Foundation's web page, click on Programs, Encore Award Program and then the nomination form. Fill out the form and click Submit at the end of the form.

To submit via email, download form, complete and send your nomination to submissions.efsvv@gmail.com.

To send it by mail, address it to:

Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley
Encore Award Nominations
P. O. Box 2598
Longmont, CO 80502-2598

Need more information? Please contact us at 720-652-8208 or via email at efsvv1985@gmail.com.

Thank you for your nomination . . .

The Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1985. Our mission is to partner with St. Vrain Valley Schools and our local communities to provide resources and educational opportunities which enhance student success and teacher excellence. The Foundation's directors encourage you to support our programs financially by submitting your tax-deductible donation payable to: Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley, P. O. Box 2598, Longmont, CO 80502-2589 or through our website at www.efsvv.org.

ENCORE AWARD NOMINATION FORM
Deadline March 15

SECTION A (to be completed and signed by Nominator)

General Information:

Teacher's Name: _____

School: _____

Work Email: _____ Work Phone: _____

Current Grade Level(s) Taught by Nominee: _____

Current Content Area(s) Taught by Nominee: _____

Nominator Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Describe your relationship to the Nominee: _____

Nominator's Signature* _____ Date: _____

SECTION B

We encourage the nominators to talk to their nominee to let him/her know how much their contribution is valued and why. Your feedback to them will be welcomed.

Nominee Agreement and Information:

If selected as a finalist for an Encore Award for my school, I will plan to be a guest at the ***Tribute to Teachers*** event on the second Friday of May, which will take place from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. at the Plaza Conference Center in Longmont.

If selected as an award winner, the Education Foundation for the St. Vrain Valley and the St. Vrain Valley School District may use my name and photos for publicity.

Nominee's Signature* _____ Date _____

****Please note: Include a sentence verifying that both the Nominee and the Nominator have agreed to this nomination if the nomination is submitted electronically.***



2015 Westview Summer STEM Academy

Westview Summer STEM Academy celebrates its third year this June. This unique, hands-on project and problem-based program provides fun, high-engaging learning opportunities for students between 5th and 8th grade from across St. Vrain Valley Schools.



June 1-5

Session 1 – 8:30-11:30 a.m.

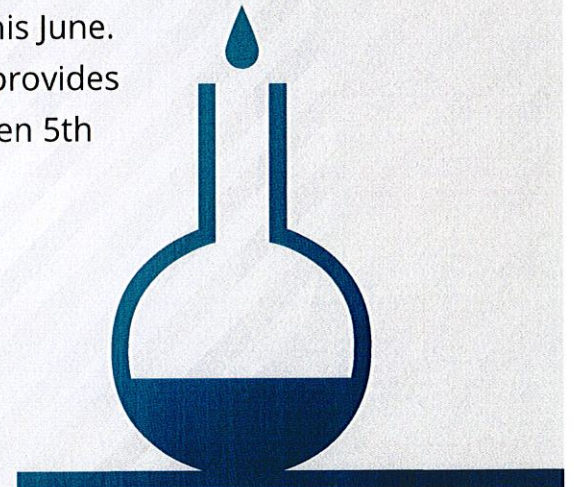
Session 2 – 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.



June 8-12

Session 3 – 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Session 4 – 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.



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Learn more about our Summer STEM Academy at wms.svvsd.org.



WESTVIEW MIDDLE SCHOOL

3rd Annual Westview Summer STEM Academy 2015 Class Descriptions

[Register Here](#)

(please use a browser different than Chrome)

(NOW OPEN)

Session 1 - June 1-5 from 8:30 - 11:30

Session 2 - June 1-5 from 12:30 - 3:30

Session 3 - June 8-12 from 8:30 - 11:30

Session 4 - June 8-12 from 12:30 - 3:30

Any students that stay for both a morning and afternoon session will need to bring their own lunch. Students will be supervised during the lunch break from 11:30 - 12:30.

Session 1 - Comparative Anatomy, Medieval Weapons, Robots 1, Rocketry, STEM Punk!

Session 2 - All Around the World, CSI, Have a Heart, Robots 2, Wildflowers 101

Session 3 - Can You Dig It, CSI, Photo Safari, Robots 1, ProCoders

Session 4 - City of the Future, Medieval Weapons, Photo Safari, Robots 2

[Sessions 1-4](#) - Plains to the Park & Documentary Film Making (Two week program for current and incoming Westview students only - **Application required**)

All Around the World (Session 2) - \$100

The wonderful world of... the world! In this class students will apply Google Earth, Google Maps, Geo Positioning Systems, and magnetic compasses to explore the Earth. We will learn to navigate the world with basic orienteering skills as well as solving puzzles to find locations with Geocaching!

Can You Dig It (Session 3) - \$100

Calling all detectives to solve the mysteries of history! Archeology is the study of human history through the collection and analysis of artifacts. In this STEM Academy class, students will put on their felt fedora Indiana Jones' thinking caps and learn to use clues to tell stories through the methods and operations of seasoned Archeologists. Plan on getting your hands dirty... literally in our excavation stations!

CSI - (Formerly Biotechnology) (Sessions 2 or 3) - \$100

Have you ever wondered how law enforcement uses technology to help solve cases? Is what I see on TV real? Is criminal justice the only place these technologies are used? In this hands-on introduction to these topics students will learn about what we can do with technologies such as DNA fingerprinting and genetic testing - including solving crimes and helping endangered species survive.

City of the Future (Session 4) - \$100

Design a plan for a city of the future. Learn about ways to incorporate renewable energy and innovative city planning techniques to design and create your own city!

Comparative Anatomy 101 (Session 1) - \$100

This is the same class as last summer. Only students who did not attend this class last year should register.

Students will dissect 2-3 different animals (fetal pig, frog, shark) and compare and contrast their findings. Students will discuss form and function as it relates to body systems in the different animals. Students will present their findings on the last day.

Have a Heart (Session 2) - \$100

We know you have a heart but, how does it work? Have you heard that exercise is good for your heart? Why is that? How does the blood flow through the heart and body? What happens when someone has a heart attack, what does that really mean? If you've ever wondered how our heart keeps pumping and keeps us going then this is a great class for you. We will be discovering the chambers and function of the heart. Why people are at risk to heart attacks and what happens when someone experiences one. Along with that you will create a model of a heart and get it pumping.

Medieval Siege Weapon Design (Session 1 and Session 4) - \$100

Students explore Newton's laws, projectile motion, simple machines, speed, and mass - all while building and testing model catapults, trebuchets and/or torsion ballistas. Each student will construct and keep working models of the medieval siege weapons to facilitate understanding various topics in physics, and, of course, we will end with a medieval warfare tournament.

Photo Safari (Sessions 3 or Session 4) - \$100 *This class involves a field trip.*

Are you interested in animals, plants, and taking pictures? Then this is the class for you! Learn more about plants and animals when visiting the Denver Botanical Gardens and the Denver Zoo on a field trip Tuesday, June 9. Students will learn photography techniques before visiting the gardens so they are able to gather photographs and information as they explore. When at Westview, we will further explore the plant cycle and photosynthesis as well as animal ecosystems, habitats, and adaptations. Students will use their photographs taken on the field trip to create a Plant and Animal iPhoto Book which will include the scientific information about plants, flowers, and animals they gather. Other takeaways from this class will include a plant that they can grow at home, a fused glass picture frame, and an iPhoto book. The iPhoto books can be turned into a slideshow version or they may choose to purchase their iPhoto book to be enjoyed after this plant, animal, and photo class!

ProCoders (Session 3) - \$100

Students will learn the basics of web coding in this class. They will a variety of programs that help them develop skills to become Pro-Coders! The end product will be a website created from scratch. Students will also have the opportunity to explore aspects of coding that are

most interesting to them.

STEM Punk! (Session 1) - \$100

This class involves a field trip.

In this class, students will explore the design practice, and develop 21st century thinking skills, while traveling back in time - well sort of. Students will explore the world of Steampunk - a social movement and literary style that blends Science Fiction and Fantasy with History. We'll start with an overview of Steampunk culture in literature, music, fashion, and scientific design. Then students will get a chance to create, invent, and innovate! There will be guest speakers and a field trip to Art Smyths in Denver.

Robots 1 (Session 1 or Session 3) - \$100

Enter into the world of Robotics with the Swept Away Challenge. Students will work in Design Teams of 4 to build and compete using the VEX Robotics Design System. Beyond science and engineering principles, a VEX Robotics project encourages teamwork, leadership and problem solving among groups. Students will also be working to meet a deadline so time management and efficiency will be key components to their teams success. All materials are included in this course and this class is designed for students new to VEX robotics with little to no experience.

Robots 2 (Session 2 or Session 4) - \$100

In this class you will use ROBOTC to learn the basics of programming Robots using the VEX Robotics platform and curriculum from Carnegie Mellon University. This class will include direct instruction along with online tutorials from CS2N that will allow you to work at your own pace. You don't need any experience in programming or robotics and any student interested in robotics or programming is welcome to take this class. Students will need to create a CS2N account prior to the first day of class. Instructions will be sent to all enrolled students.

Rocketry (Session 1) - \$100

Do you like to shoot for the stars? Come explore the physics of rocketry! You will have the chance to engineer your own rocket and build a prototype. If needed, we will have rocket kits available. During our launch day, you will get to see all of your hard work in action! 10, 9, 8, 7....2, 1 - BLAST OFF!

Wildflowers 101 (Session 2) - \$100 - Instructor: Mrs. Bennett

This class will involve a field trip.

Discover the wildflowers of Colorado! We will be going hiking to find and identify a variety of wildflowers in our state. We will also dissect, plant, sketch or paint, and press wildflowers in this class. This is a great opportunity to learn about the beauty of our state and its flora.

Plains to the Park & Documentary Film Making (All 4 Sessions - \$300 -For Current and Incoming Westview Students Only) Instructors: Mr. Cribby and Mr. Kline

This joint project between Westview Middle School (St Vrain Valley Schools) and Rocky

Mountain National Park will help train 'Citizen Scientists' in the ecological field research techniques necessary to monitor the ecological health of the Endovalley/Fall River drainage in Rocky Mountain National Park. This 2 week course will feature multiple days in the Park, conducting field research focused on two animals (Wilson's Warbler, puma) and one plant community (willow).

Students will have classes at Westview where they learn the protocols used by scientific researchers as well as days of field research in the park. Students will document their work following standardized methods used by professional researchers. In addition, a separate team of students will work to document the entire process in a film making project. The film crew will follow the scientific research team and help make videos to communicate their work. These two programs will work concurrently, however students will either participate as film crew or science researchers (not both).

This is an intensive two week program, filling all 4 sessions of the STEM Academy. Students must apply to participate in this program, and applicants will be selected to fill limited slots. When students apply they must choose to be either a scientific researcher or a member of the video production team. You can contact Mr. Cribby for more information about the scientific research program or Mr. Kline for more information about the video production program (Both are Westview staff).

[Here is the application.](#) The due date to apply is April 3. All applicants will be notified by mid to late April.

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JOIN US! ==

APRIL
22ND
6:00-8:00PM

 FRIENDSFIRST™
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4600 CLOVER BASIN DR.
LONGMONT, CO 80503
RATTLER DEN

●●● FREE EVENT ●●●

Parent Education Seminars help parents and teens to communicate more effectively, equip parents with tools and skills to curb the cultural tide of a sexually saturated society, and contribute to positive youth development.

All Parents, guardians, caretakers of
AMS students are welcome

CATERED DINNER PROVIDED

Please contact
Kelsie Brown
kbrown@friendsfirst.org
to RSVP by April 20th

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