



***Where Excellence
Meets Tradition***



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Charter School



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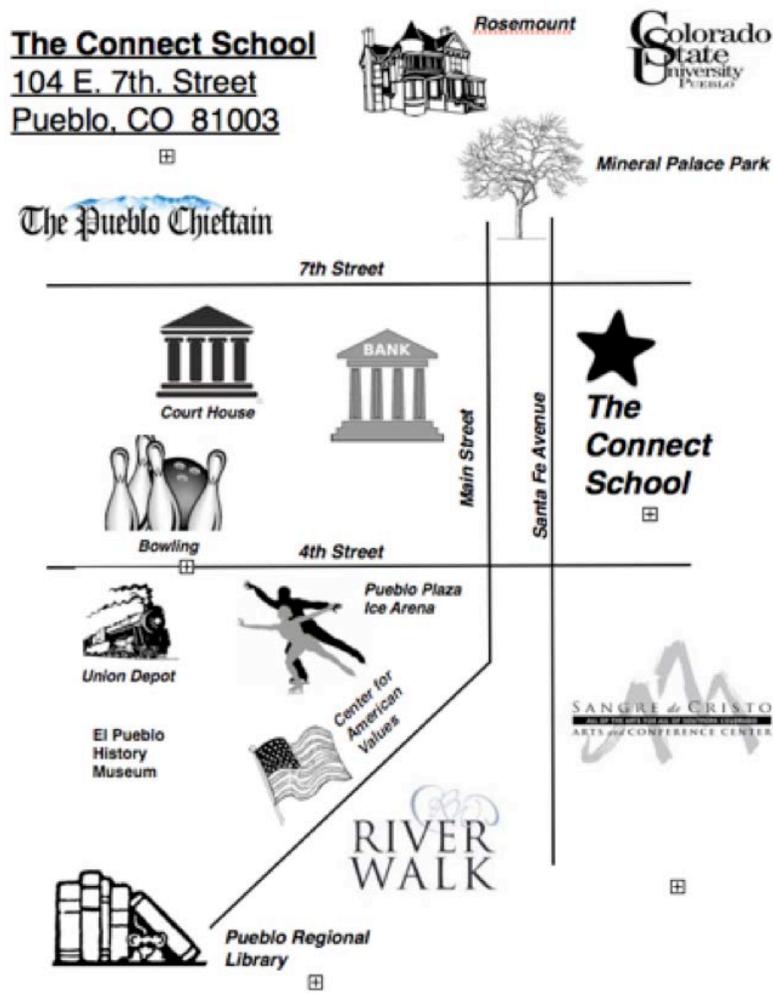
Waiting List (PreRegistration) is open throughout the year.

Personal Tours can be scheduled in the fall (October and November) Spring Tours (February - April) . Arrange by calling the school at 719-542-0224.

We will host our 6th Grade Orientation in early May. Open house is held in September.

" Two of our boys (6th and 7th grade) attend Connect and we have ben so pleased. For years I have have heard great things about Connect but now that we are part of the Connect Family, it's so wonderful to see the school's excellence firsthand."

2. City as Campus



The Connect School is a student-centered school where we prioritize engagement and authenticity in all our programs. Most importantly we know how to leverage local assets including parks, public spaces, museums and businesses. Located squarely in the heart of Pueblo, we get out of our building to practice what is called Place-Based Education. We effectively and powerfully use the CITY AS CAMPUS. As one business owner stated, Connect students “bring life to the center of Pueblo”. In return, the school uses its city resources to enrich curriculum, provide unique experiences, and help our students understand “The Power of Place”. We interact with adults and the adult environment in ways that other schools can only read about. Our civic and service based projects are essential to the social and emotional growth of our students and staff. Connect is a fun and exciting place to learn and grow.

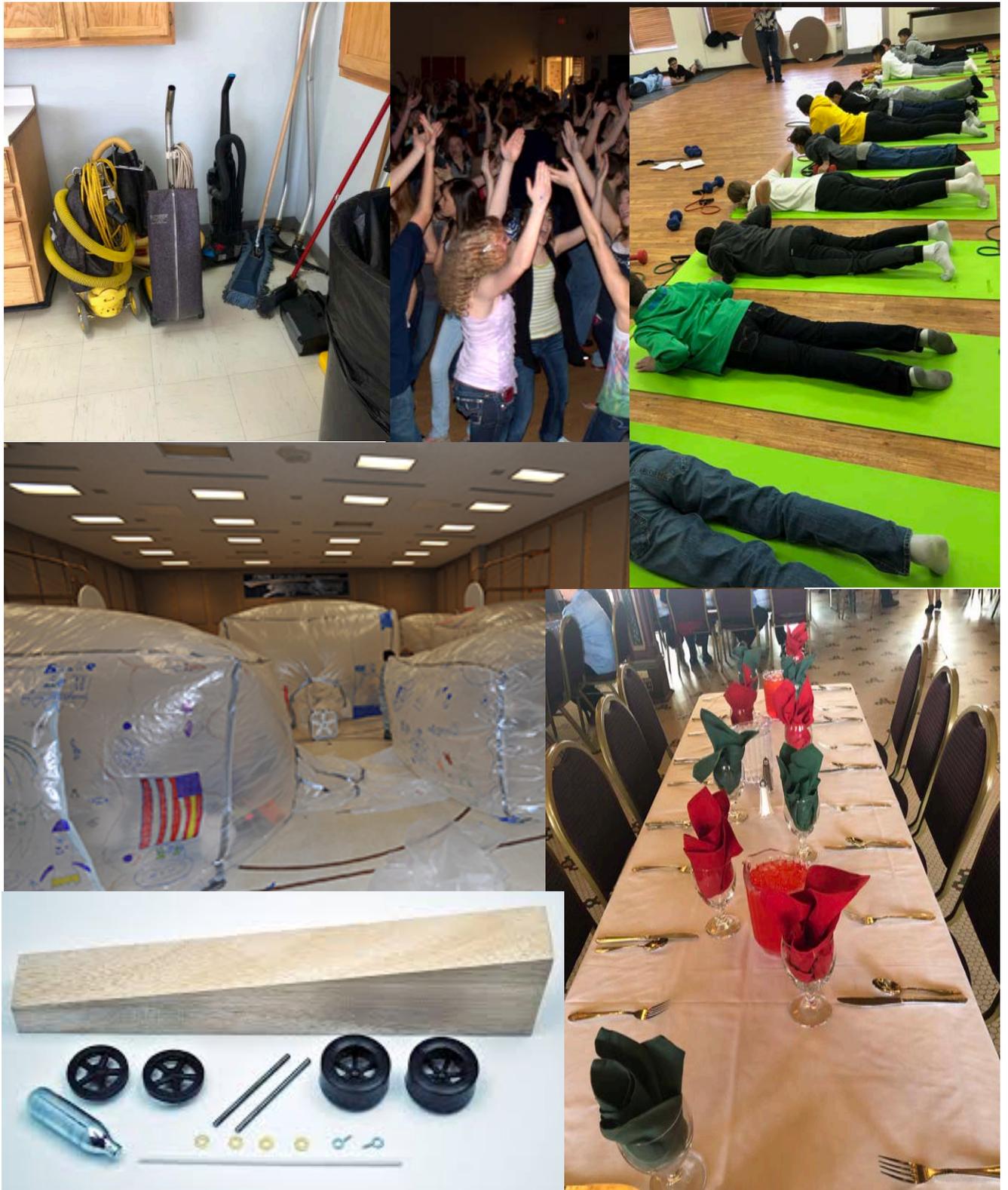
3. Community of Learners. (We are Small So They Can Grow Big)

At Connect we learn, have fun, and become part of the Connect Family. We are a true community of learners who share worthy values and beliefs and who actively engage in learning from and helping one another. We create a learning-centered environment in which students and educators are actively and intentionally constructing knowledge together. Our learning community is connected, cooperative, and supportive. We have a strong and disciplined work ethic and we share our values of trust, decency, and excellence. We enjoy working in a mutually respectful and cohesive environment.



5 Learners to Leaders / Connections

Like Home Room but **SO MUCH MORE**



6 Signature Programs

“WE ARE WHAT WE REPEATEDLY DO. EXCELLENCE THEN, IS NOT AN ACT, BUT A HABIT.” *ARISTOTLE*

Signature Programs

4 programs that make us unique

Curriculum Mapping: (Rigorous and Relevant)

EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED curriculum maps are developed and followed for specific knowledge and skills tied to core standards and measured by state and national testing and the SAT. Nine week planners are shared with parents.

Core Reading: Junior Great Books, Spelling, and Reading Projects (fiction and nonfiction)

Core Writing: Writers Workshop, Grammar, and Punctuation

Core Math: The Saxon Math Program

Social Studies: 2 1/4 hour blocks, three year rotation: Citizenship, Economics, Government, Early History to Civil War, Post Civil War to Present

Science: 2 1/4 block, three year rotation: Chemistry, Physics, Biology, and Earth Science.

Literacy Skills Program:

Specific literacy skills include research, public speaking, computer literacy, scientific literacy, mechanical literacy, and citizenship. Activities include Keyboarding and Technology, Exit Exam, History Day, Math Counts, STEM, and the National SAT EXAM (7th and 8th grade).

Enrichment:

Activities that extend student experiences and involvement in the school community include: Art, Music, Geography, Foreign Languages, Leadership (construction, chess, manners, cleaning olympics....), Cleaning, Sales, Office Staff, Yearbook, Skating and Bowling, Dances, Field Day, and Spelling Bee.

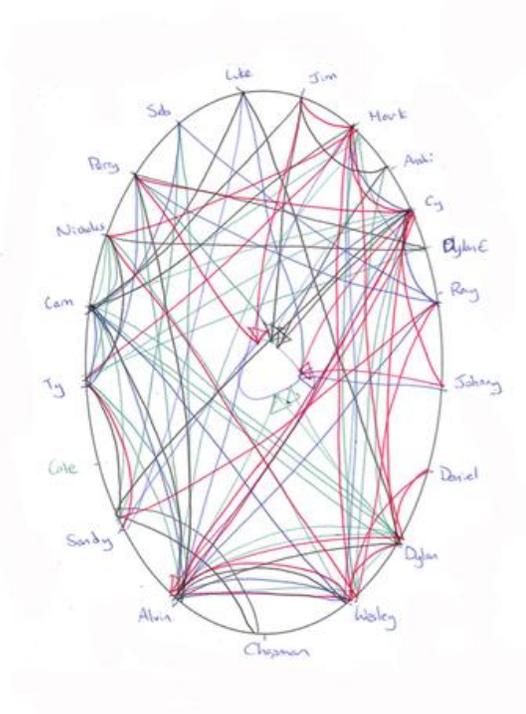
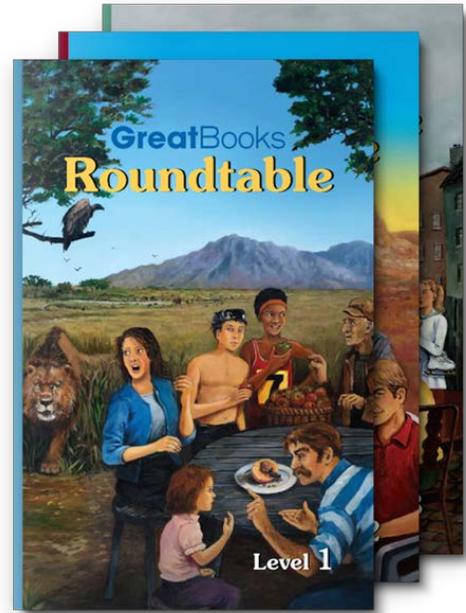
Exhibitions: (skills for lifelong learning)

The Connect School uses a long-term, in-depth program of study called Exhibitions, in which students demonstrate mastery of skills and content in a very challenging group research project. They learn to understand themselves as learners, learn how to work with others, and how to effectively communicate. Exhibitions is a key element in an Essential School. with others, and how to effectively communicate. Exhibitions is a key element in an Essential School.

7 Reading Roundtable

One of our Signature Programs, The Great Books Roundtable program focuses on outstanding literature and the **Shared Inquiry (Socratic)** method. Everyone has a say at the table.

It's who we are at Connect. We prepare, we do side-notes, we discuss, we think, we listen, we interpret, and we respect the opinions of others. It is excellent preparation for college and for life.

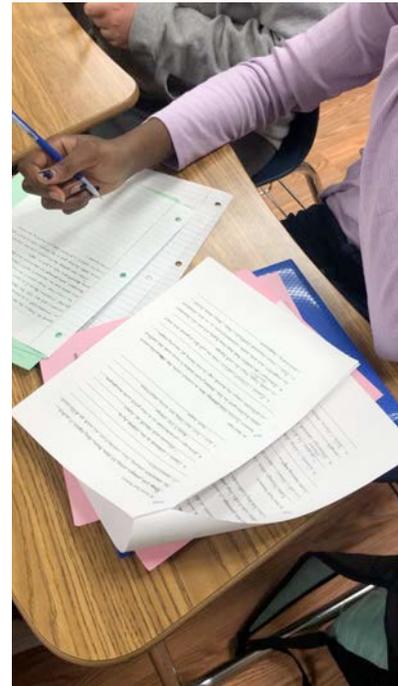


8 Writers Workshop

You learn to write by writing. Writing is another of our **Signature Programs**. We write every day using the workshop approach. Students receive the skills and practice to become effective and proficient writers. Our reading and writing test scores are among the states highest.



*"If people cannot write well,
they cannot think well,
and if they cannot think
well,
others will do their thinking
for them."
~ George Orwell*



9 Saxon Math

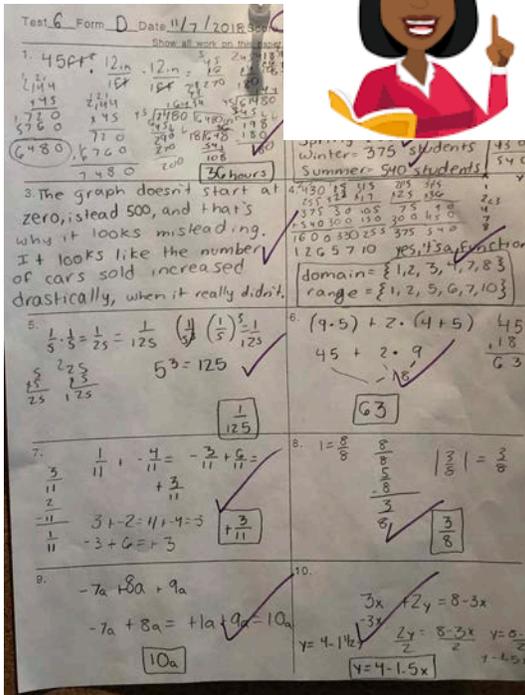


Saxon Math Works

A textbook approach. The emphasis in the middle grades is on developing algebraic reasoning as well as geometric concepts. Lessons include new concepts plus a review of previous concepts. Expert math tutoring is available in the classroom and On-Line. a textbook approach. We believe in Saxon math and love the results.



Nicole the Math Lady



The only way
to learn
mathematics
is to do
mathematics.

PAUL HALMOS

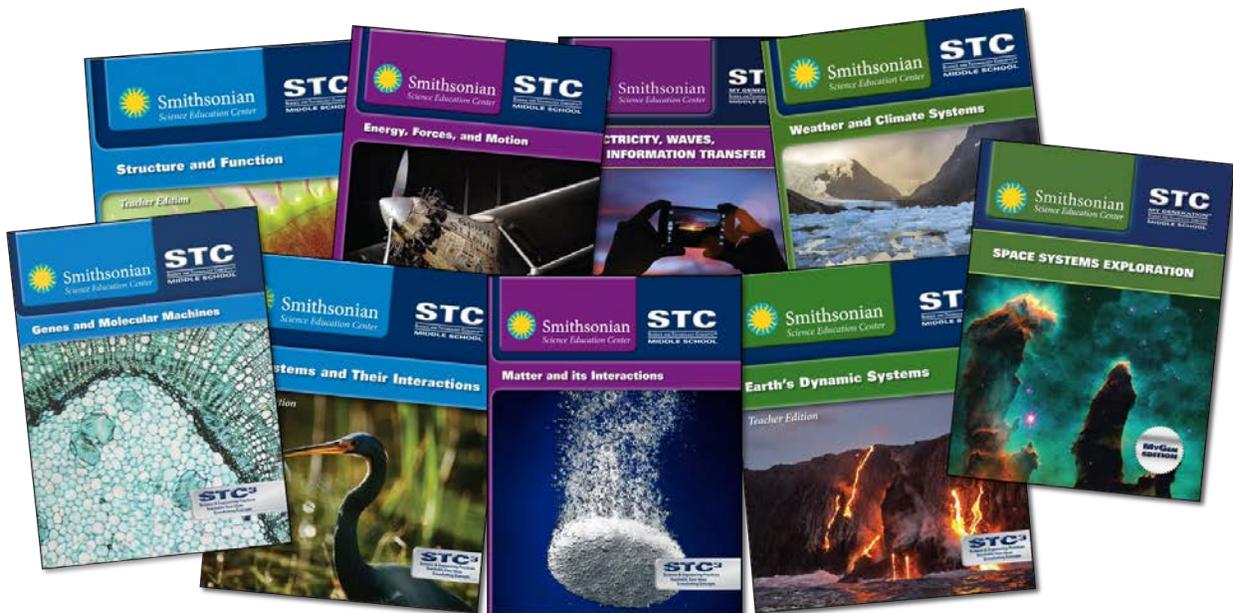
10 Science

“In science we do hands-on activities instead of just writing and doing notes, and you get to work with people. That’s a lot better because you get to see the experience and experiment.”

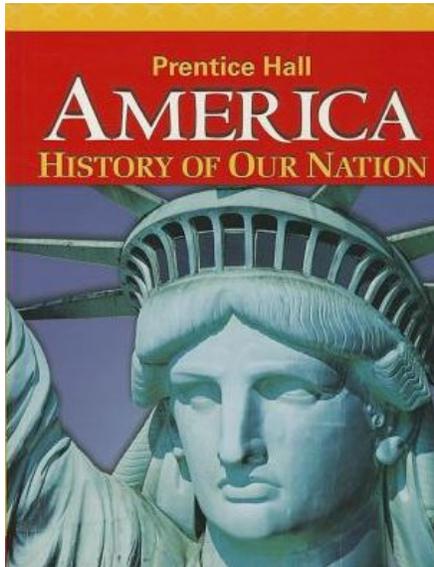


Smithsonian
Science Education Center

STC
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONCEPTS™
MIDDLE SCHOOL



11 Social Studies - Important Life Skills



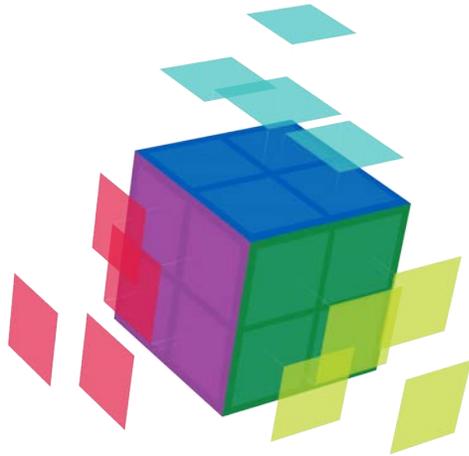
1. History
2. Geography
3. Government
4. Economics

9 Historical Thinking Skills:

- Historical Causation
- Patterns of Continuity and Change
- Periodization
- Comparison
- Contextualization
- Historical Argumentation
- Appropriate Use of Historical Evidence
- Interpretation
- Synthesis



12 Technology - Teaching and Learning in the Twenty-First Century



3D Instruction in a 3D World - The Connect School Does it Right

“Computers can never beat a book for comprehension”.



Computers and the internet are tools, extenders of experience, storehouses of knowledge.



Face to face learning, building things, discussion, and listening, are the most powerful tools.



13 Exhibitions - Demonstrations of Mastery



Teaching and learning should be documented and assessed with tools based on student performance of real tasks.



- Exhibit
- Documentary
- Paper (individual only)
- Performance
- Web Site (group and individual combined)



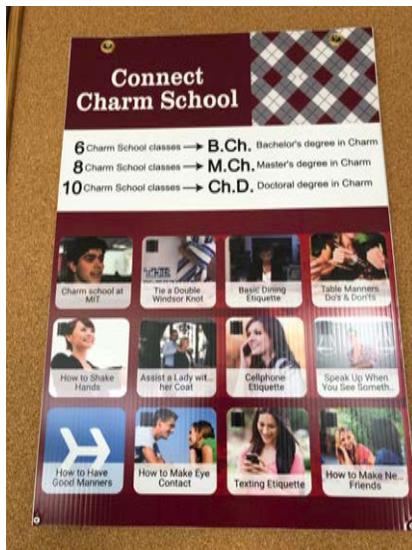
At The Connect School, students have opportunities to exhibit their expertise before family and community.

14 Displays of Excellence

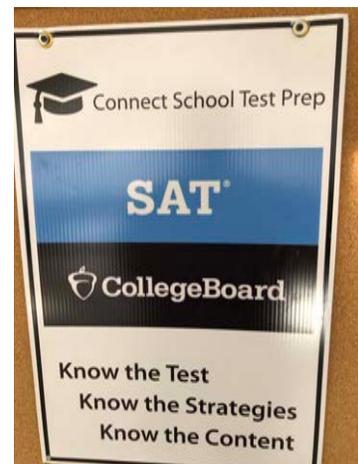
We Build a Culture of Excellence for all of our students.

Library of Excellence

National Junior Honor Society



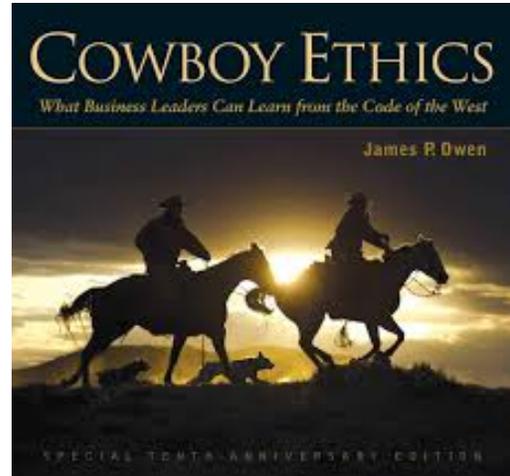
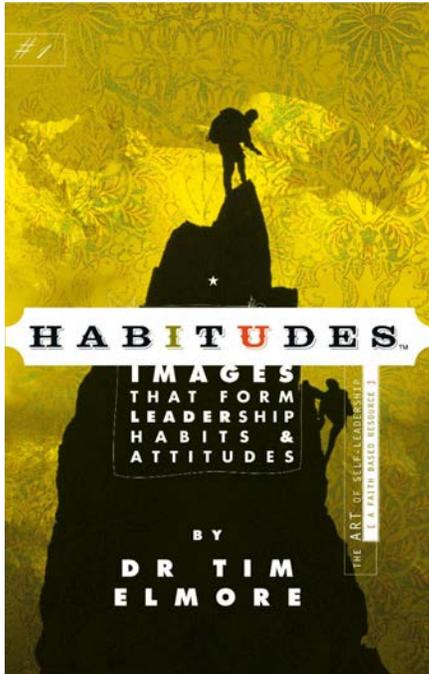
Charm School



National SAT

15 Ethics

“The time is always right to do what is right.”



16 Creativity and The Arts

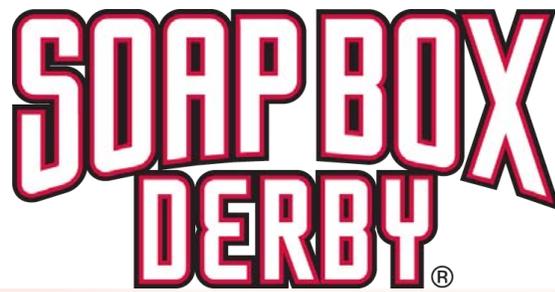
Students have much to explore in Pueblo's Creative Corridor. Art. Music. Dance. Over an easily walked area, the Corridor is packed with galleries, museums, street sculptures and fountains, cafés, shops and live music. All a short walk away from our school.



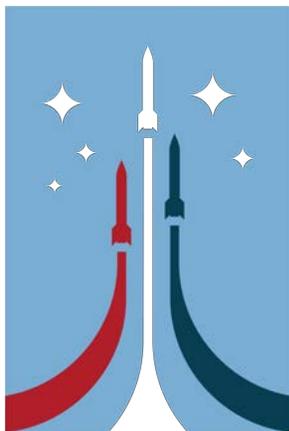
17 Enrichment (Clubs)



Exploring the World of Science



CHESS CLUB



**THE
AMERICAN
ROCKETRY
CHALLENGE**



18 School and Community Service

Care and Share Food Drive

Downtown Pueblo Association

Salvation Army Toy Drive

Pueblo Historical Society

PAWS For LIFE

Coat Drive

El Pueblo Museum

Stand Up and Clean Up

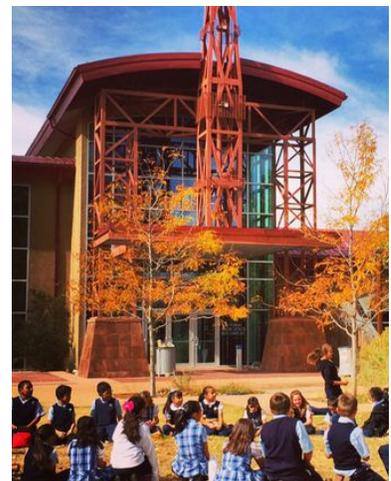
Mission Wolf - Adopt a Wolf

Cleaning Olympics

Pueblo Gateway Project

Parking Lot - Values Project

Garden Project



19 Proud Parents



We're more than just awards and numbers

Yes, for many years we have been ranked as one of the top ten middle schools in Colorado. We have earned state and national awards, History Day awards, and Science Olympiad Trophies. But, we are more than that. Our data is more than lines on a graph, figures on a spreadsheet, or scores in a completion.

Behind every data point and every award is a student, a family, a teacher. Every statistic is a story of hard work, long nights and endless love. Yes, we're proud of our test scores and our awards. But we're proudest of everything they stand for.

20 Safe Every Day

Safe Every Day: Overview of Safety Plans and Resources



*“No school can be a
great school unless it
is a safe school”*

UNDERSTAND - BUILD - LEAD

• **Academics Versus Safety**

- The Assets of Trust and Reputation
- Allocation of Resources
- Decentralize Authority
- Compliance Vs. Engagement
- ID Badges

• **Vulnerabilities and Threats**

- Physical, Emotional, Social
- All Hazards Approach
(Internal and External)
- Campus Vulnerability
Checklist
Handout
- Vulnerability Assessment
(COLORADO School Safety
Resource Center)

UNDERSTAND - BUILD - LEAD

• **Resources**

- Communication
- Dial My Calls
- Tell Us First
- Phone #'s
- Walkie Talkies

• **Devices / Installations**

- Panic Buttons
- Cameras
- Glass
- School Intercom
- FERPA
- Bolo Bolts

• **Yearly School Safety Plan**

- Drills and Training Schedule

UNDERSTAND - BUILD - LEAD

• **Lockdown Levels**

- Level 1 - Outside of School
- Level 2 - Inside of School
- Level 3 - Imminent, Life-
Threatening

• **ALICE – Active Shooter**

• **Reunification Plan**

• **Table Top Simulations**

• **Social Media**

• **Street Smart**

• **Teacher Talk (Post Event)**

Experience Connect

When you think about The Connect School, you see a building. You see hallways, the books, projects, and labs. A college prep school. A place where you begin to seriously prepare for your future.

But when you're there, you see it's more than that. You realize that it's about the people, the students, teachers, and staff learning from each other and working together. It's about doing, seeing, and feeling with your own eyes. It's about learning from the best. There are books and there are tests. But it's the laughter; it's the relationships, the conversations with teachers and good friends. It's experiencing who we are, working together to guild something bigger than ourselves.

It's hard work, but it's lots of fun. So, we go to Connect for the education, but in the end, what we take away is the experience.



