

SPOTLIGHTS



**Mr. Hamilton Interview,
Our New Principal
By Newspaper Staff**

Tell us a little about your childhood?

Lived in Colorado my whole life and grew up in Old Colorado City with a single Mom and a little sister, my Dad left when I was 5.

What schools and teaching roles have you had in your career?

I have worked at the University of Denver, UCCS, Palmer HS, Sand Creek HS, Pueblo HS, North Middle and Manitou Middle.

I have been an ELA teacher, IB coordinator, Technology Teacher, Assistant Principal

Why did you decide to come to West and be a Principal?

He wanted to work here to help kids who don't have a lot of money. I also like the idea of combining elementary and middle schools together.

I wasn't the best student and barely made it through school, but later in College, I found I could be a good student if I really put my mind to it. At 19, A high school teacher suggested I consider education...he believed in me!

What Changes are you planning at West?

He believes in empowering the Teachers for Change. I need to meet everyone and discuss what changes need to happen and then work as a team to make that happen. I am a leader that likes to share the leadership role. I also believe in Student Agency: allowing students to have a say and an active role in decisions.

What standards do you have for students?

For everyone to be treated with respect, kindness and as Human Beings
Work Hard
No Drugs

How do you feel about the school and students so far?

I felt at home once I entered the school, it looks a lot like North middle. After speaking with the kids, I feel more confident I can make a difference.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	1	2	3 Talent Show 5pm	4	5 8 th grade Movie	6
7	8	9	10	11 Seussical 6pm	12	13 Boys Track Ends
14	15	16	17	18	19 Turn in Computers	20
21	22	23	24 8 th grade Fieldtrip	25 Yearbook Signing & Awards Day	26 Passages 10am Last Day of School	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Holidays and Absences: 5: Class de Mesa, 14: Mother's Day, 20: Memorial Day

Homemade



SHOUT-OUTS



The Best at West

By Andre Palacio, Anjel Salgado,
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Chael Davila & Tori Reynolds

Colorado Youth Citizenship Award Winners School Winners



Valeigha Fife

WEB leader since 6th grade
Captain of her sports teams: Track, Basketball, Volleyball,
Softball & Soccer.

"I did everything to help the students and school"



Dayana Pasillas

WEB
Community Service helping the poor.
Sports Teams: Basketball, Volleyball, Wrestling and Track
Managed: Boys Basketball

"I volunteered and played sports because it makes me happy"



Isaiah Rightnowar

Volunteers to help the elderly neighbors with lawncare.
Sports: Basketball
Church Youth Leader

"I feel happy helping the elderly because its makes them less stressed and happy. I like being a leader at Church and helping the younger kids."

District Winners



Delaney Broderick

Peer Mediation
GMP
Band
Sports: Track, Volleyball
Librarian Assistant & Counselor Assistant

"I like helping people and creating a better school environment by helping to solve conflicts"



Devon Holt

Peer Mediation
Sports: Track & Wrestling
Volunteers with reading and cue cards for Elementary kids
UCCS Precollegiate Program

"I Liked being a part of the sports community and helping our school"

El Paso County Inspire Award Winner



Ashiya Brown

Peer Miediation
Worked with the Police Department to Help Counsel people in difficulty

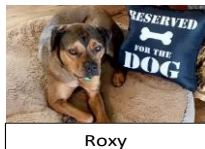
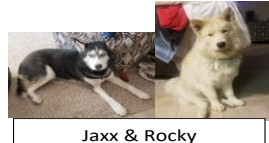
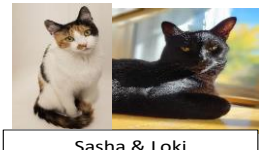
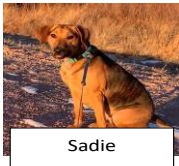
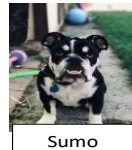
"It was great working with the people having difficulties in life and working to overcome them. I felt great getting an award and knowing people recognized the growth in myself"



Can you match the Pet to the Teacher?



- Baker
- Bevans
- Clapham
- Elmore
- Finley
- Foster
- Graham
- Hall
- Hamilton
- Hardin
- Hillyer
- Jeffers
- McBride
- McDonald
- Parker
- Rytting
- Salhus
- Smith
- Williams
- Willis
- Wilson



Mr. Hamilton would like to know...What pet would you like to see in his office next year? _____

SNAPSHOT



Mr. Walters Goodbye

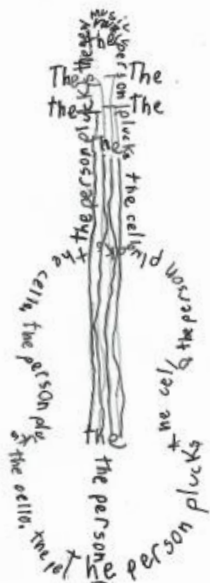
Did you miss these moments in April?

Mr. Torres & Mr. Finley Tigers & Tucs

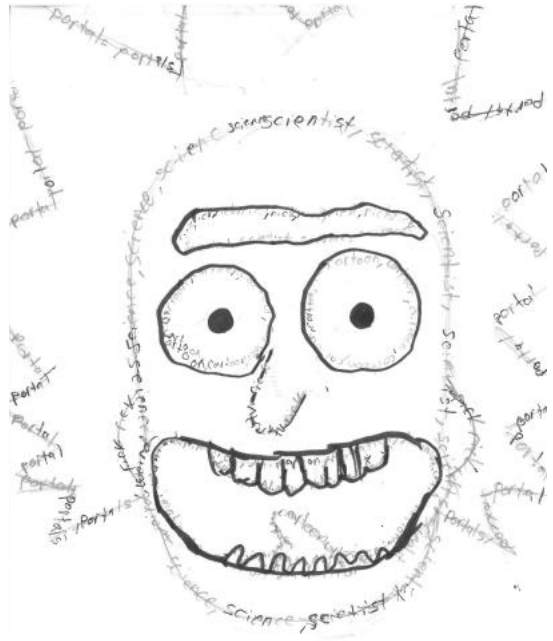


**April was Poetry Month
and we have a few of the best to share from
Dr. Rytting & Ms. Salhus' ELA Classes**

The Plucked Cello



Billy Ranjer 2023



Jonathan S
March 24, 2023



Draco
by Corbin

Pain

The pain of losing you was never ending.
 Ideas run through my head to bring myself back
 I run from my problems, but I'm always mending
 Seeing you again would make me back track
 I'm numb and lifeless
 Life goes by so fast it's almost timeless
 I'm supposed to be the hero but I'm always the villain
 They say I'm an infection that courses through your soul
 They try and try and try to cure me, but they don't know
 about penicillin
 If my life is fate, then where is the scroll
 I'd rather be gone than live in pain and misery
 I will see you again I know it, even if it takes a century
 --Savvy Phipps

The Seed

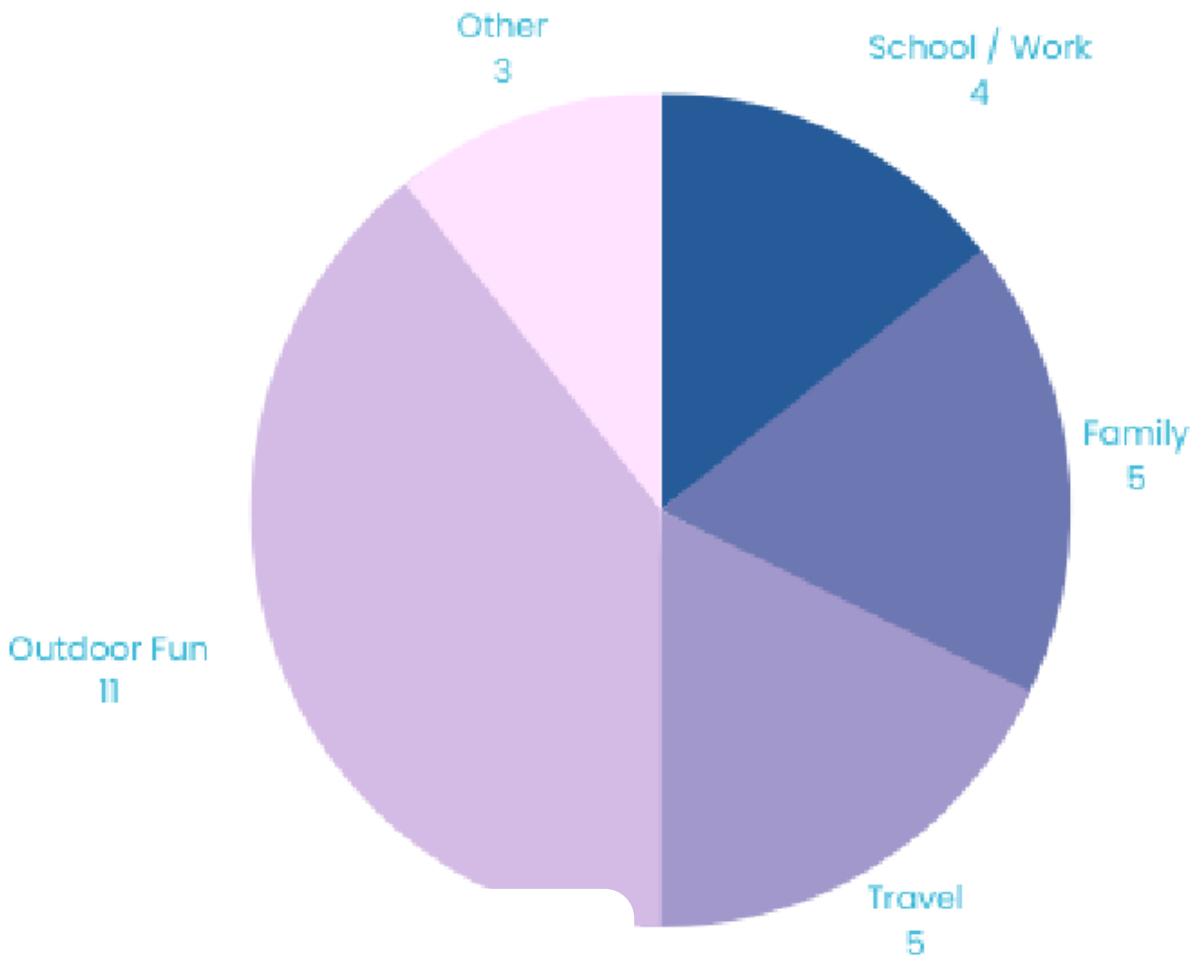
Remember,
 Remember that flowers take time to bloom.
 Remember that practice makes perfect.
 Remember that you have to be at the bottom
 to get to the top.
 Just because it didn't work now,
 Doesn't mean it wont work tomorrow.
 Don't listen to the goal crushers,
 The determination hushers,
 The commitment haters,
 Soon you will get there.
 Like a seed that will soon be a flower.
 We all start somewhere.
 --Imani Adballa.

THE BIG QUESTION @ THIS MOMENT

Recently the Newspaper staff sent out a survey to the entire school Staff



What are your plans for Summer Vacation?



Which is the Best Vacation?

- Mr. Wilson...Okinawa & Tokyo Japan
- Dr. Rytting...Alaskan Cruise
- Ms. Graham...England

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