



# Stallion Times

Carbon Valley Secondary Academy's Online Newsletter

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## CVSA Technology Fair

by Mrs. Wax, CVSA Technology Teacher

Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, was the Technology Fair at CVSA. The turnout was fantastic! The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders have been working so hard for the last two months and had wonderful projects to show for all their effort.

The students could choose any school-related topic and then they had to use technology to complete the project. The first and second place winners will go on to compete in the District competition on February 6, 2010, where they have the chance to win money to support the growing CVSA technology program.

We had everything from PowerPoint presentations on Egypt, the ocean, guitars, and Cyber Bullying to a web site on Internet safety to Lego robots and a beetle bot cat toy.

Please extend your congratulations to the winners:

1st place: **Amanda Parsons** and **Sarah Knutson** for their Beetle Bot

2nd place: **Lexi Aarnes**, **Angel Rangel**, and **Meghan Cavallero** for their web site on Internet Safety

As their technology teacher, I am very proud of all the work the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders did for this Technology Fair. Their efforts are what truly made the fair a success!



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## From Principal Trautwein's Desk

Every student has the right to learn at our school, and every student has a right to learn in an environment that is free from unnecessary distractions. Students who goof off, involve themselves in gossip and drama, or simply come to school unprepared distract from the learning of the true CVSA student.

At CVSA we want an environment that promotes an excellent education and good character. We all know what is expected, we even signed an agreement to that affect, and we all have the power to make our school the best it can be.

As principal, I am often frustrated when I talk with a student who is reluctant to tell on one of their "friends" who is causing a problem at school. When our students are doing what they are supposed to be doing, showing respect to one another, being responsible, and following the rules, everyone benefits from the good environment that good behavior encourages. But when people aren't doing what they are supposed to do, students get upset, feel hurt, hate school, and want to leave. So why then do students protect each other when it only benefits the wrong-doer?

We try to teach that it takes everyone to make our school community a better place. In addition, we make rules and schedules to limit our students' behavior but ultimately it takes each person's internal discipline to do right. Our students are just learning how to listen to their inner voice and often find the external influences of friends, society, and forms of entertainment dominating their decision-making process.

Students who get into trouble usually get there because they have made wrong choices or lost their self-control. Often this is because they are showing off to their friends or doing what they think is expected of them by their peers. If only they had a friend or a peer who was willing to say "stop" and be a good example of what is expected at school.

I know I'm asking a lot for a student to tell their friends to toe-the-line. But simple words of encouragement or admonishment are not that hard to say. Students can simply say "stop that," "please let me learn," or "that's not very nice," just to name a few.

When discipline at school happens, it is not to merely punish but to teach the student to make better choices next time. But I'm sure everyone—students, teachers and parents—would prefer not to have to deal with the poor behavior that leads to disciplinary actions.

We founded this school in hopes of making a better school for our students—with everyone's help and support, we will realize that vision.

Paul W. Trautwein – Principal  
Carbon Valley Secondary Academy

## Important Dates

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>** – High School Finals

**Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** – CVSA Ski Trip; End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** – Winter Break – No Classes

**Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>** – No School – Professional Development Day

**Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>** – Start of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter



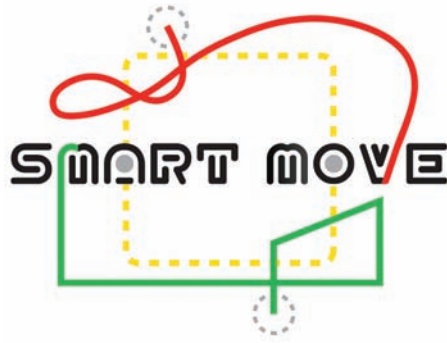
## RoboStallions News

The RoboStallions, team 6206, competed on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, in the regional competitions at Monarch High School in Louisville. The team members of **Stephen Grimsley, Robert Rexroad, Dalton Bellmore, Nick Carey, Phoenix Jennings,** and **Fox Alford** along with the mentorship of **Jesse Esterbrook**, did a great job! This year they won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Project Solution.

The team created and presented a solution to improve transportation from CVA to Denver by using a Mag-Lev (Magnetic Levitation) train. At the competition they had to present their ideas to a panel of judges and defend their ideas with research. They even created a working Mag-Lev train from Legos and a picture of Denver created in Google Sketch-up!

Good job guys!

Thank you also to **Mr. Alford** and **Mr. Carey** for coming out and supporting the team.



## Service Projects

The 9<sup>th</sup> grade Civics classes are once again doing their December service projects. They will be going out into the community to help others during this holiday season. They will be collecting toys and giving them to those less fortunate than us.

We are also beginning a can drive to benefit the local food shelter. Please bring canned food items or other boxed food items to the drop off boxes in the administration office.



We are continuing to collect pop tabs to benefit the Children's Hospital. Please save these tabs and bring them into the office to deposit in the tab jars around the school.

## Finals and Report Cards Coming Soon



There will be final tests in all High School classes beginning December 15<sup>th</sup>. Finals will be taken during the regularly scheduled classes. These exams will test the student's ability in the specific content area and will also provide practice for students for future exams. This is a great time to show off your abilities or to bring up your grade. Good luck and study hard!

First Semester Report Cards will come out on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Each student will receive two

report cards and one should be signed and returned on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> to the student's first period teacher.



## Character Awards – Responsibility

During October, CVSA recognized students who demonstrated the character trait of Responsibility. Students were nominated by their teachers, who gave specific examples of the student's demonstration of Responsibility. One winner was selected from each grade who will be featured on our Character Counts Display. Each winner will receive an iTunes Gift Card as a token of appreciation, from the CVA Board of Directors, at the next meeting. All our CVSA students are great students of character. Congratulations to the nominees and the winners of the Carbon Valley Secondary Academy Responsibility Award.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Nick Carey – Winner  
Zoe Quaintance – nominee  
Jessica Warboys – nominee  
Tanner Zurfluh – nominee

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Cristel Lemming – Winner  
Lexi Aarnes – nominee  
Chris Davis – nominee  
Tom Wallace – nominee

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Theron Friss – Winner  
Caleb Kindle – nominee  
Destiny Krell – nominee  
McKina Jewell – nominee

### 9<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Zach Ross – Winner  
Freya Johnson – nominee  
Paul Lords – nominee  
Tayler Saunders – nominee

### 10<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Nichole Parmiter – Winner  
Morgan Clark – nominee  
Ladd Embrey – nominee  
Emily Higbee – nominee  
Helen O'Connor – nominee



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CVSA Ski Trip is a Few Days Away – Register Now!

On Friday December, 18<sup>th</sup>, we will have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual CVSA Ski Trip to Eldora Mountain Resort. This is an optional trip for students but it is a great time to spend with friends, teachers, and family members, learning how to ski. All middle school and high school classes will be released for the day for the trip. All CVSA students and current CVA 5<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome on the trip. Families are encouraged to bring everyone and enjoy the day.

All CVSA teachers and the principal will be available at Eldora along with many parent volunteers. Students will be expected to ski within their skill level, stay with a set of friends, and check-in at the group lodge at noon time and by 2:30 pm. Close supervision is not possible in such a large area so students are expected to act responsibly and respectfully throughout the trip.

We will be leaving from the Secondary School at 7 am and returning to the school at 4 pm. **Students must ride up and return in the same car.** We begin the day with check-in at the Group Lodge for lift tickets and skis. Students taking a lesson will do so in the morning. Students should stay in groups of their own choosing. Students are expected to check in at the group lodge around the noon hour. There is a lodge where food and supplies may be bought. Students may also bring their own food. Students must return skis and prepare to leave with their carpool at 2:30 pm.

### Volunteering opportunities:

We have many students who need scholarships to offset the costs. If you are willing to contribute to the scholarship fund, either with a few dollars or the full cost, you will gain volunteer credit for your donation. Some students will need ski coats, pants, mittens, hats. If you have these items to loan or to give we will be happy to count this as volunteer time too.

We will be carpooling up to the mountain in order to save money. We will need approximately 12 volunteers to drive their cars to take kids to the ski mountain. This will count as volunteer hours for the whole day.

### Price Guide:

Below is a price guide for students and adults. The price has increased because last year we were able to get the 2007 school prices and we will now be charged the current price. Students may purchase only what they need (lift ticket, rental, lesson). Students and parents may bring their own equipment and lessons are optional. Students may use their own ski passes.

Student Prices:	Lift Ticket	\$14
	Equipment Rental	\$14
	Student 2 hour lesson	\$18

Adult Prices :	Lift Ticket	\$29
	Ski Rental	\$21
	Snowboard Rental:	\$27
	Lesson	\$37

(First timer lesson package including lift ticket and equipment rental \$47)

We are definitely getting a good deal, the non-group prices are: lift ticket \$23, Rental \$42, and lesson \$29 (\$94 altogether).

Sign up has begun in the CVSA office and will close on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>; payment should be made at the time you sign up. Checks should be made payable to CVA.

