



Words from our Administration

Aspen Miles, East High School Assistant Principal

Hello East Angels:

One of my responsibilities as an Assistant Principal is supporting our students who are behind on their credits. My team works to provide support, strategies, and interventions for students who have failed a core class. One of these supports is the Compass program. The Compass program provides an opportunity for students to recover freshman and sophomore credits with smaller class sizes and more one on one teacher support.

Here is brief description of the process to participate in the program:

- Students who have failed one or more semesters of a core class are evaluated to see if Compass would be the best intervention to support the student's credit recovery.
- A meeting is held with the student and parent to discuss the expectations and requirements of entering the Compass program.
- Students are placed in core classes supported by Ms. Arens, Ms. Orwig, Mr. Harned, and Mr. Frerichs.
- Students are monitored for success throughout the program and once they transition back into traditional scheduling.

If you have any questions about Compass, please reach out to your student's counselor. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me at aspen_miles@dpsk12.org. Aspen Miles

East Counseling Center

Please see the January updates and announcements below.

College Application Deadlines

Over 56.4% of the Senior class has applied to college during the 1st semester. January and February have important college application deadlines. Below are the dates with some of the in-state colleges/universities listed with the same deadlines.

- **January 1st & January 15th**- University of Colorado Boulder (Jan. 15th), University of Denver (Jan. 15th)
- **February 1st & February 15th**- Colorado State University (Feb. 1st)

Scholarships & Financial Aid

- **FAFSA**- On January 29th, the Free Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2014-2015 school year will be available online. This application can be completed at this link: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>
- Don't miss the **FAFSA night** sponsored by Denver Scholarship Foundation on January 29th from 5:00-7:30pm in Room 324.
- **Denver Scholarship Foundation (DSF)** - The DSF scholarship application will be available online in January. DSF offers need-based scholarships to qualifying graduates of Denver Public Schools. The scholarship can be used at 39 eligible colleges in Colorado, including technical, community, and four-year colleges and universities. For more information: Angrith Na - ana@denverscholarship.org or 720-423-8595

Scholarship Celebrations

- **Aim High Scholarship**- 2 awardees from East.
- **Daniels Fund**- Over 10 semifinalists are from East.
- **Boettcher Scholarship**- 3 semifinalists are from East.
- **Coca Cola Scholarship**- 1 semifinalist is from East.

Please visit us in the counseling center (Room 226) or visit our link on the East website for more information:

<http://east.dpsk12.org/counseling/>

East Angels providing the right formula

Thank you to these East Angels in the Math Department who share a combined 245 years of teaching experience or average of 13.7 years.



January 2014 Upcoming Events

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| 1/3-1/4 | Colfax Smackdown Wrestling Tournament | East
1/3- 5:00pm 1/4- 8:30am |
| 1/7 | Students return to school | |
| 1/13 | East PTSA | East 7:00-8:00pm |
| 1/14 | East Program Preview Night | East 6:00-7:30pm |
| 1/15 | Juniors College Night | East 6:00-7:00pm |
| | <i>This is a general overview for East 11th and 12th grade students of the college process/ timeline.</i> | |
| 1/17 | Martin Luther King Assembly | East 9:00am |
| 1/21 | East POPS Concert | East 7:00pm |
| | <i>This free concert by the Concert Band, Beginning Band, Guitar Ensemble, and the Improv team (East Theater)</i> | |
| 1/24 | East Diversity & Inclusivity Event | East 6:00-8:00pm |
| 1/28 | East Arrangement & Art Show | East 5:00-8:00pm |
| | <i>Incoming 9th grade Families and their students</i> | |
| 1/29 | Financial Aid Night | East 5:00-7:30pm |
| | <i>Sponsored by Denver Scholarship Foundation</i> | |
| 1/30 | AP Pack the House- East vs. Lincoln Game | East 5:30pm, 7:30pm |
| | <i>Learn more about AP classes and be eligible to win 1 AP test at each game.</i> | |



Senior announcements

Tee MacDonald, Student Activities Director

Below are reminders for January:

- **Senior Class Meeting-** Seniors will have a mandatory Senior Class meeting during Period 4 on January 9th.
- **Jostens-** Here are the deadlines for cap and gown orders. If your student would like a picture with their cap and gown, see dates below.
 - January 15th- lunch to 2:45pm
 - January 16th - lunch to 2:45
 - January 17th- lunch to 2:45
 - January 23rd -Cap and Gown Pictures taken (not required)
- **College Acceptance Letters & Scholarship Awards-** Remind your Senior to bring a copy of their college acceptance letter and any scholarship awards to Room 100. Also, they should enter scholarship information in Naviance. If you have any questions, please contact me at 720-423-8344 or Theresa_macdonald@dpsk12.org

Other Announcements and Information

* **New Parent Portal & School Choice**

If you have not registered for the new Parent Portal, visit <https://myportal.dpsk12.org> and complete the brief form located on the Get Started tab. The DPS Parent Portal team will contact you with your log-in information. This is important for the School Choice process and Fall 2014-2015 Registration. Both of these will now be available online through the Parent Portal. **Round 1 School Choice process will end January 31st by 4pm.** These forms may be submitted online or at any DPS school. If you complete the School Choice form online, print the verification form. This form does not guarantee that you are accepted at the school but confirms that your form was accepted for the lottery process. For account reactivation or password reset contact: Ashley Turner- Ashley_turner@dpsk12.org or 720-423-8300

For School Choice or Registration information: Yvonne Salas- Yvonne_salas@dpsk12.org or 720-423-8330.

***January 24, 2014- Event honoring the East Diversity & Inclusivity Committee East Library 6:00pm-9:00pm**

Join us for an evening celebrating and honoring East Alumni Jerome Whittington Page (*class of 1953*) & JoKatherine Holliman Page (*class of 1956*) for their generous donation of literary items and museum artifacts in honor of the East Diversity & Inclusivity Committee. Refreshments and guest presentations including the East Principal, East Angel Friends & Alumni Foundation, East Black Student Alliance, East Jazz Ensemble, Speech & Debate Team, Serendipity Literary Magazine, , and many more. Space is limited. **RSVP by 1/10/14:** EastDiversityandInclusivity@gmail.com

Partner Spotlight- Denver Kids, Inc.



Warren Smith, Educational Counselor, has worked with students through Denver Kids for over 4 years. Prior to Denver Kids, Inc. he worked with the Young Fathers Program at Florence Crittenton services as a case manager. He serves students at the middle school and high school level for the North East area of Denver Public Schools including Morey, Hill, Dora Moore, Smiley, and East. "I enjoy the opportunity to guide students and help them prepare for graduation from high school."

Denver Kids, Inc. supports Denver Public Schools (DPS) students in grades K-12, who face the personal challenges of higher risk environments, to successfully complete high school, pursue a post-secondary option, and become contributing members of the community. Students are normally referred in elementary school and supported through high school graduation as long as they remain a student of DPS.

Educational counselors, like Warren Smith, are at the core of this program providing one-on-one support and advocacy to empower students to be successful in all areas. They interact with counselors, school personnel, families, mentors, and various community members and agencies to provide support for their students to help them reach their full potential.

For information: <http://www.denverkidsinc.org/>



Partners in Success

Christine Miller, Family & Community Engagement Liaison

"Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together." James Cash Penney

As we enter 2014, I think of that song from Patti LaBelle "I got a new attitude". (Yes, that was my era!) This was a song about a woman changing her outlook on life both emotionally and physically. I believe that this change in outlook is what leads to true growth in our lives. However, this growth doesn't happen in isolation but in a community. At East, I have seen a community of caring adults surround students with the support they need and the tools they need to be successful. Programs like COMPASS, Academic Success, and AVID are in existence to get student back on track and stay on track for success throughout high school. By working with community partners like A+ Angels, Colorado Uplift, Colorado Youth at Risk, Denver Children's Home, Denver Kids, Denver Scholarship Foundation, Goodwill Industries of Denver, Project Greer Street, Project Pave, and many more we are able to create a community for every student to succeed.

Yet, many students still struggle. Our students recently shared that a key to this success is their own commitment to using these resources and letting us partner with them. The feedback shared by these students mirrors Penney's quote above. It is not enough to create partnerships and provide resources, but individuals must join themselves actively in working together on their own success. My hope in 2014, is that more students will find that "aha" moment and allow us to partner with them in their success. That caring adults will not lose patience or hope, but realize that one word can change the course of a young person's life. As this happens, we will see more changes in the lives of all students.

If you have questions or comments, please contact me at Christine_miller3@dpsk12.org or 720-423-8426.