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Sedalia Elementary is increasing our reading activity from Jan 10 - Feb 28 and competing to win Learning Ally's national Great Reading Games to gain recognition and prizes for our school! Reading is power!

We are so excited to share a resource with you that our school has purchased to support your child at school and at home. We want to ensure that your child is a happy, confident learner in our school and has access to all of the material we are reading.

Our school now has a membership to Learning Ally, a national nonprofit that provides access to human-read audiobooks through a reading app. They have novels from our assigned reading lists and those popular novels that other students are reading, as well as textbooks. By reading what other students are reading, we will be able to give your child the confidence they need to be an active learner in our classroom.

When students read with Learning Ally, it takes away the effort of decoding so your child can mentally focus on the meaning of what they are reading, this is often called ear reading, and it's a powerful way to stay on top of reading assignments and help students enjoy books. Don't worry, learning to read is still really important and we are working on those skills as well.

One of the best things about Learning Ally is all the books have human voices. It's like you have an extra voice helping your child with homework, and I have an extra reader to share more books with students in my classroom. Human voice helps to model what reading should sound like; it pronounces words correctly and helps to build your child's vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency in reading.

We'll be adding books to your child's Learning Ally bookshelf and they'll use the app at school. You can download the free app on your personal computer, phone, or tablet and log in with your child's credentials to add the books they want to read. We hope you take advantage of this wonderful resource we are providing to your child.

Readers are Learners. Readers are Leaders.





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DAC Winter Forum

The 2022 Winter Forum: Mental Health Resources and Supports in DCSD Schools, hosted by the District Accountability Committee (DAC) will be held on Thursday, February 17 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. at Rock Canyon High School, 5810 McArthur Ranch Road, Highlands Ranch, CO 80124. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

The forum will feature keynote speaker Scott Cyphers, Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychologist, and several breakout sessions supporting mental health. Forum flyer [linked here](#) and breakout session information [linked here](#).

SMART TAGS – Bus Pass

Every student that rides the bus must have a Smart Tag. Below is information on how to get a Smart Tag or to replace one.

1 SMART tag bus pass information

- Students who are eligible for transportation are required to scan their SMART tag bus pass on and off the bus each time they ride. Eligibility information can be found at the [DCSD bus route information page](#)
- If you do not have a bus pass and are eligible for transportation services, passes can be requested at engaged.dcsdk12.org under the "Manage Transportation" link. If you do not see a link under your student's profile or need to request a replacement card reach out to us via [Let's Talk](#)
- **DO NOT PUNCH HOLES IN THE BUS PASS.** You can place the bus pass in a clear plastic sleeve attached to a lanyard if needed. If a card is damaged or lost, a replacement bus pass can be requested at engaged.dcsdk12.org.
- Only students that are eligible for transportation can ride the bus. We are unable to accommodate one day bus passes for students to ride home with other students on the bus
- Students who receive specialized transportation services do not need to request a SMART tag bus pass. Your student's card will be distributed to their bus driver directly
- Bus passes for general education students will be distributed to students by their bus driver after an application has been submitted at engaged.dcsdk12.org. Students may ride in the interim while waiting for their bus pass





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- Transportation fees are approved by the Board of Education. Rides are \$1.00 each way per student. These charges will be billed on a quarterly basis to your student's MySchoolBucks account. Students who receive specialized transportation services or qualify for the free or reduced lunch program will have their fees waived

If you have questions or concerns, we welcome the opportunity to address them via the Let's Talk feedback tool.



[Click here for Bus Pass Questions](#)

Reminder: Late start/Delayed Schedule

When the district calls for a 90 minute delayed schedule, Sedalia Elementary starts at 10:35 am. We will start to let students in at 10:30 am. Students are not allowed in the building earlier as we will not have supervision for them.

If your student is riding the bus, the bus pick up time is 90 minutes from the scheduled pick up time. Example: If your daily bus schedule time is at 8:30 am, your delayed schedule pick up time is at 10:00 am.

Next installment in our Anxiety Video Series, Why do kids report, "These Skills Don't Work". Watch this short segment and learn.

[Here is the link.](#) There will be no live session to accompany this video.



Sedalia Elementary Amazon Wish List – Sedalia Elementary PTO has set up a wish list of needs at Sedalia. If you would like to contribute, click below:

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https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQ36MT31N626?ref=wl_share

Send this link to friends and family!

Our school district seeks committee members for the newly formed Mill Bond Exploratory Committee.

The charge of the Mill Bond Exploratory Committee (MBEC) would be to explore the needs of the district, both ongoing operational and capital needs, and to assess the feasibility of a successful Mill Levy Override (MLO) and/or Bond issue on the November 2022 ballot. Board of education President Mike Peterson reiterated that the MBEC would be advisory in nature. Any decision regarding a potential Bond and/or MLO would be the decision of the Board of Education.

If you are interested in serving on this committee, please fill out an application at the following [link](#). Applications are due by February 4, 2022.

