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You're invited! Nutrition Services is trying a new method for taste testing with students. Please join us on Tuesday, Feb 22nd at Rocky Heights Middle School to give your feedback on 2 of our most popular items- Mac & Cheese and Orange Chicken. Results of these taste tests help us determine which product we will serve next school year. We will also have a couple of new items we would like feedback on.

We are looking for 375 students to participate. Testing

times are 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm and 6:30 pm. Each testing slot will be capped at 125 participants. Parents are welcome to join. Please note, items being tested may contain wheat, dairy, eggs and soy.

[Nutrition Services Student Taste Test RSVP](#)

## Reminder:

No School Friday, February 18, 2022 and Monday, February 21, 2022



**COLORADO**  
Department of Public  
Health & Environment

[Click here to read the following letter regarding 22/23 Immunization requirements.](#)



**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

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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](#).





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A huge thank you to all of our AMAZING families that have purchased items from our list! It is greatly appreciated!



**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:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQ36MT31N626?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1AQ36MT31N626?ref=wl_share)

Send this link to friends and family!

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