

# JAGUAR TRACKS

D'EVELYN JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH

10359 WEST NASSAU DRIVE • DENVER, COLORADO 80235

DECEMBER 2008 –  
JANUARY 2009

Colby's Commentary . . . .	1
D'Evelyn Foundation. . . . .	2
Steering Committee. . . . .	3
Accountability . . . . .	4
Let's Hear from the Girls .5	
Steering Committee Three	
Open Positions . . . . .	6
Helen McLoraine – A	
D'Evelyn Benefactor . . . .	6
Upcoming Events . . . . .	6
The New East Brick Bed . .7	
Annual Hot Chocolate Social	
for Holiday Concerts. . . .7	
Ballet Folklorico	
International . . . . .	7
12th Annual Bru-Ha!Ha! &	
Dinner-Auction. . . . .	7
D'Evelyn Performing Arts 8	
King Soopers Reloaded	
Card. . . . .	8
Advanced Digital Signage	
System . . . . .	9
D'Evelyn Varsity Poms . . .9	
Athletic Leadership Hosts	
Coming Home . . . . .	9
Girls Swimming & Diving 9	
Girls' Basketball. . . . .	9
Upcoming Events . . . . .	10

## Colby's Commentary

### Election Results Bring Changes

Regardless of how you voted, or what you think of the results of the recent election, you have to admit that these are fascinating times in our country's history. As we watch our new president-elect prepare to take office, we can't help but think that we are in for some big changes. The same is also true here in Jeffco. Because of the defeat of the mill levy and bond measures, our financial picture in the District and at D'Evelyn will begin to change.

In the weeks ahead the Superintendent and Board of Education will assess the impact of the election and determine what the resulting financial situation will mean for schools and students. We know that for the next three years there will be budget reductions, of \$35 million or more, in every school and across every department in the District. Press releases from Jeffco state that "it is likely that class sizes will increase and some staff will be reduced." Because the majority of the District's budget goes to salaries and benefits, the biggest impact of these cuts will be on jobs, however it is hoped that the staff reductions will be accomplished through attrition. In addition to teacher reductions, all staff positions will be considered by the Board of Education including secretaries, clinic aides, counselors, campus supervisors, administrators, and instructional coaches.

It's important to understand a few things about our District and its money. In 1999, the Board of Education chose citizens from a group of applicants to serve on the District's Financial Oversight Committee. The purpose of this committee is to review financial reports in order to "foster adherence to the District's policies, procedures and practices at all levels." It is this group that assures the community that the money entrusted to the District is spent as taxpayers are promised it will be. Another important fact to remember is that the bond money that was part of the 2004 election has been spent in exactly the way voters were promised. The building and renovation projects that were named before that election will be completed within the timelines listed.

One component of the plan for bond money expenditures was to put interactive white boards (Smart Boards) in every high school classroom. Unfortunately, unless a school has money in its budget to fund these devices, that upgrade will not take place. Fortunately, D'Evelyn—with a great deal of help from the Foundation—has been able to purchase four interactive white boards already, and we have plans to fund more in upcoming years. Another unfortunate outcome of the election is that an allocation of \$15 per student for technology that was funded by the 2004 mill levy override will come to an end in 2010. That will make it even more difficult to support the upgrades in technology we hope to pursue in the next few years.

On a more cheerful note, I would like to thank all of you who spent your time and effort to promote the bond and mill levy measures. Your commitment to schools—and to D'Evelyn—is greatly appreciated and needed in these tough financial times. I would like to encourage every member of the D'Evelyn community to support bond and mill levy measures the next time they appear on an election ballot. Only with committed support of those of us who know the value of public education can we win over the detractors and help them understand the need for funding schools.

*P.S.—Unfortunately, I have discovered the dangers of listing individuals in a Jaguar Tracks article. There is always a danger that someone will be inadvertently omitted, and that is never a good thing. On that note—I would like to (at last!) applaud some other groups for their great fall season!*

*Congratulations to: The boys' Soccer team, the Poms, the Cheers, and the girls' Softball team! Great work Jags!!*

Jill Colby,  
Principal



The Jaguar Tracks is funded by the D'Evelyn Education Foundation and is prepared and distributed through volunteer efforts. Extra copies are available in the main school office.



## WHAT IS D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION?

*Remember when you received the call - your child was accepted to D'Evelyn?*

*Wasn't that moment an enormous relief - solving so many of your education concerns. D'Evelyn, with the help of the many volunteers and activities provided by the D.E.F. provides not only an academic education unequalled by other public schools, but also, opportunities for so many activities that make school exciting and interesting.*

### *Here are some of the areas we support...*

**Counseling**—Helping your kids get into College

**Academic Support**—Textbooks and Technology for your student's Classrooms

**Scholarships**—Helping your Graduate pay for Higher Education

**After Prom**—Keeping your student safe in a fun and exciting atmosphere

**Boys' & Girls' Mentoring**—Helping students help each other, Developing Leaders

**Junior High Boosters**—Creating a welcoming atmosphere and fun social activities for your Junior High Student

**Teacher Scholarships**—Helping our teachers seek further training and education

**Jaguar Tracks**—Communicating vital information to our community and celebrating our successes and victories

**Hospitality**—Appreciating our Faculty and Welcoming our Families

**JAGs**—Support for all of our athletes; uniforms, equipment, etc.

**DPA (D'Evelyn Performing Arts)**—Marching Band, Orchestra, Choir, Drama; uniforms, equipment, costumes, scenery, etc.

We are fortunate that our children are receiving an education equivalent to private schools — and they also are given so many extra-curricular opportunities

D'Evelyn Education Foundation is committed to providing the funding and volunteers necessary to support our many programs — but we need YOU to be a part of the community—it is rewarding and fun to give these kids chances to grow and develop and just have fun —

Please join us by ***Volunteering Today!***

Contact Amy Carda, DEF Volunteer Coordinator by email—[fiveandone@earthlink.net](mailto:fiveandone@earthlink.net)

# Steering Committee

## I Love D'Evelyn Because . . .

*Submitted by Ralph K. Spencer (so the REAL author could remain anonymous!)*

Allow me to relate what happened during the Public Commentary portion of a recent Steering Committee (S/C) meeting. By the way, Public Commentary occurs at the beginning of each meeting where anyone can speak (for up to 5 minutes, with a 20 minute maximum) on just about any topic they believe is relevant to our school. A D'Evelyn parent asked permission to speak, and proceeded to read the following letter to the Committee members. Upon completion of the reading, I asked the parent if we could publish the letter in an upcoming *Jaguar Tracks* so that other parents could benefit from the great news we had all just heard. The parent agreed, but asked that we do so anonymously since the daughter might be upset if she was to read about herself in the school newsletter. I sincerely hope you all enjoy reading the following letter as much as the S/C members enjoyed listening to it. And as bizarre as this may sound, please consider sharing it with YOUR sons and daughters!

Our oldest daughter graduated last May, having completed the entire 6-year D'Evelyn program. She spent the first four years complaining bitterly that we should have let her pick her own school (despite the fact that nearly all her friends were here). In the church youth group she would find out how little homework her peers had at other schools, how easy it was to get A's there. Although she always worked hard, she is lazy by nature and resented the extra effort required to achieve an impressive GPA at this school. Her favorite epithets for D'Evelyn were "Devil Land" and "Prison West." The bitterness faded a bit in her junior year, although we never ceased to hear the angry accusation, "You just don't *know* what it's like to be a D'Evelyn student!" That was always the conversation-ender as she stalked out of the room.

As a Senior she held a personal grudge against Mr. McKellips for requiring that all AP Physics students come in at the ungodly hour of 6:45 a.m. once a week for extra class time. She envied her friends from other schools who could go out to lunch on a school day, and even carry a light load their senior year.

They say the proof is in the pudding, and that's been true in our case. Our daughter just completed her first four weeks at CSU's School of Engineering. I nearly fell over when I peeked at her Facebook page and read her post, "I love D'Evelyn because I'm amazing at everything in college!" She finds she is well prepared for every subject she's taking. She was always good in math and science, but English was her weakest subject and she worried most about her compositions. At D'Evelyn she had to write papers not just for English, but for History, too, and the teachers had similar expectations for the quality of writing! When she registered for college classes, she was dismayed to find even future engineers are required to take a composition course, and *that* class has been the one she's dreaded. So she was thrilled when she received her first composition back with a grade of A and extra words of praise written by the professor.

I'd like to commend our math, science, and history departments, and especially our English department, for challenging our kids and helping them to become well-rounded students. The program designed by the Founders is brilliant. I'd be the first to admit that D'Evelyn is not right for everyone, but it was right for us, and we are satisfied customers.

"I love D'Evelyn because ..." – I never thought I'd see the day.



# Accountability News

## The Importance of Surveys (or maybe The Importance of Being Earnest)

*By Cindy Gee, Accountability Committee 1st Vice-Chair*

The November meeting of the Accountability Committee began with a delightful set of vocal performances by Tri-M Honor Society members, Becca Johnson, Megan Ahern and Jeff Pilkington. Keeping with the musical theme, Janet Shibly and Matt Taylor followed the performances with an enlightening presentation describing the Music Department, their curriculum, accomplishments and future plans. The committee then heard from the Physical Education Department with an energetic presentation from Dan Porreco and Valerie Bennett-Battaglia highlighting their curriculum and accomplishments.

Later, Principal Jill Colby provided a comprehensive discussion of the school district's Accreditation process. She described the results that led to D'Evelyn High School being accredited for the year with a 'high performing' ranking. To the surprise and concern of many, she then described the process by which our Junior High School fell short of being accredited. As she explained, the accreditation scoring process has three components - CSAP scores, academic indicators and school climate. Our Junior High School fell short of the score required on the school climate portion. On close inspection, it came down to the student responses on one question of the Make Your Voice Heard (MYVH) Survey that compromised our score and, thus, our school accreditation: one school climate indicator, i.e. responses to one question on one student survey. Fortunately, Jill Colby was able to successfully appeal by providing alternative evidence, which included some additional work from teachers and administrators to collect additional survey results. D'Evelyn Junior High School is once more accredited and rated 'high performing'.

However, this was a close call. Schools failing to achieve accreditation receive Academic Watch status. Three years of Academic Watch status result in the state taking over the operation of the school. How could a strong, successful school like D'Evelyn fail to be accredited? The alternative evidence collected for the appeal indicates that we do have a positive academic climate, and one that has been continuously improving. So, on that one question on the initial survey, did students not respond seriously? Did they misunderstand the question? Stories were shared at the meeting about some students making their initials in the answer block when they bubbled in survey 'answers'. We'll never know for certain about the sincerity of the responses received on this one question.

But there are many surveys conducted each year for students and for parents. In addition to the MYVH survey, there is the Welcoming Environment survey, an alumni survey, a student transfer survey and a survey for graduating seniors, to name a few. The lesson that we should take from this close call may be to give our most honest and sincere answers on all surveys. A bias in a school survey of any type is that often the people unhappy about something respond to the survey, and those feeling pretty content do not feel compelled to respond. In addition to taking the survey seriously, we need to make a point of taking the time to give our input even when we feel neutral or positive. The school, the district and parent groups all invest time and money into conducting surveys in their ongoing quest to improve. When they conduct a survey, they intend to take the results seriously and act on the input received. Both students and parents should appreciate the opportunity to provide input and offer carefully considered and productive responses. By simply taking the time to give a sincere response whenever we are asked, we help to ensure that the overall survey results are as accurate and balanced as possible.

The next Accountability Committee meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. Presentations by both the Drama and Fine Arts Departments are on the agenda. Please join us.

# Let's Hear From the Girls

By Lisa Papke (*Accountability Committee*) and Pam Kalkus (*Steering Committee*)

There are so many ways to be a part of your child's education. If you wanted to get plugged into D'Evelyn, what would you do? Here is a breakfast conversation that happened recently.

**Lisa:** Pam, I attended my first Steering meeting the other night. I sense that team often covers a lot of ground in a short period of time. How long have you been serving?

**Pam:** I've been serving for two years as a Steering Committee member after a phone call from Linda Glynn asking for my time. I couldn't imagine putting my name in for the election process Steering adheres to, let alone finish the reading they require. But the entire Committee helped me realize that it doesn't need to be hard. It's cool to do homework for school, right?

**Lisa:** You tell me! Had you ever considered volunteering in this way, before?

**Pam:** Never, I was too busy. My kids came first. I couldn't stand the idea of my younger children by themselves, perhaps watching TV and eating Oreos for dinner, while I was at a meeting. I'm being honest here.

**Lisa:** What changed your mind?

**Pam:** My husband offered to take off work every other Monday to cover home responsibilities. That wouldn't work for every family, but we did make this three year commitment together.

**Lisa:** So then tell me, what's been the reward in serving on Steering?

**Pam:** I know it may seem like an energy drain, but it's not, and I like it. I get to use my own education and feel like an integral part of the decisions being made. I've learned about the governing document of our school. Through all of this, I have come to the full realization that a public education can be outstanding, which is very gratifying.

**Lisa:** What is your educational background?

**Pam:** Before my college degree, I took lots of AP classes in high school. I really liked AP Lit and AP Physics, but AP U.S. History gave me the biggest writing callus ever. I can really identify with what many of our students are striving for. Lisa, I can picture us at preschool when I first met you in the hallway. Being involved then meant being on time and making cookies. Remember? I know that you've stepped up to be one of the Accountability Co-Chairs. How's that going?

**Lisa:** Personally, I jumped into this to make a positive change in my contributions to the school. I'm finding out that being an officer is different than being a member of the audience. I'm learning a great deal and looking forward to completing projects this year.

**Pam:** Do you feel like your time is well spent?

**Lisa:** Yes, and like you, we made a family decision to ease the day-to-day time involved at home to address the challenges and rewards of the school culture.

**Pam:** I find it interesting... the difference in meeting structure between our two groups. Accountability seems more like an open forum at times, and at Steering we only have five minutes for public commentary.

**Lisa:** What is public commentary?

**Pam:** For five minutes at the opening of the agenda, anyone in the school community (parents/students/faculty) may bring in their ideas and concerns. If many people come, we allow up to 20 minutes of commentary at any one meeting. We then take time over the next month to discuss and respond to any of the issues presented.

**Lisa:** Do you respond verbally or in writing?

**Pam:** Usually in writing, unless the person has requested a specific agenda spot for the next meeting. We really try to act as a body instead of individual representatives with special interests.

**Lisa:** It sounds like a thoughtful process... to give each person complete attention.

**Pam:** I think it works well to consider a response and not just react. We meet twice a month on Monday nights from 5:00-7:00 and need every second to get through our agenda as well as our Committee work. When do you meet?

**Lisa:** Accountability meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 9:00.

**Pam:** The Principal is required to attend both sets of meetings. It is amazing how dedicated our administrators are to this school.

**Lisa:** I'm so glad that after three tries to get a comfy table at different morning venues, you and I were able to sit down and begin conversations about our experiences. I've learned so much about Steering today. I think we are the only school in Jeffco that has a Steering Committee, whereas Accountability Committees are a product of State statutes. I look forward to learning all about the nuances of each committee during my term.

**Pam:** Lisa, thanks for coming to Steering the other night. I so appreciate your interest. Please feel free to ask for agenda time at any of our meetings. I think you can get a lot done this year if you stand by policy, remember our founding philosophy, and we keep in touch.

**Lisa:** I'm so excited for the opportunity to work collaboratively alongside the Principal. I'm so happy to have my kids at this school and will work to enhance the education presented here.

**Pam:** Me too.

## Steering Committee has Three Open Positions Applications Are Due February 17

By *Ralph Spencer*

One teacher and two parent positions will be selected to fill these vacancies on the D'Evelyn Steering Committee (S/C) during the April 2009 elections. Anyone interested in running for one of these positions may pick up an application package from Angie in the Main Office. The packet contains a variety of items that describe our school and the S/C. It includes a list of two books and three articles that must be read before March 31, the qualifications of a S/C candidate, the application and a list of questions that each candidate must complete by Tuesday, Feb, 17, 2009. The books and articles must be read by the end of March, prior to the April elections.

The D'Evelyn S/C is the governing body of the school and is the only committee of its kind in any public school in Colorado. The S/C consists of five

parents, two teachers, and the Principal. The members serve staggered, 3-year terms, while the Principal remains a permanent member. The S/C approves school curriculum, fosters open communications with the District, reacts to new District policies and Colorado laws, reviews the school budget, hires and evaluates the Principal, and assists in the development of both the staffing system and the curriculum.

The S/C is a wonderful committee to participate in if you are a parent or teacher who has a passion for D'Evelyn and wants to assure that the school will not deviate from the principles espoused in the April 1994 Program Document, which is the contract we have with the Jefferson County School Board. Thank you for your interest! **Be sure to submit your application and responses to the Main Office no later than 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb.17.**

## Helen McLoraine – A D'Evelyn Benefactor

By *Ralph K. Spencer, Steering Committee Representative to the DEF Board of Directors*

Like most of you, I was not familiar with the name of Helen McLoraine. However, as a result of a very recent \$9,600 gift in the name of Helen's foundation, the Pioneer Fund, to D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School, her name is now etched firmly into my memory and will remain there alongside the D'Evelyn lexicon (Liberal Arts, textbook-based, teacher directed, closed campus, etc.) that I have grown to know and love over the last seven years.

Deeply influenced by her mother's dedication to philanthropy, Helen became a generous benefactor to others, focusing on figure skating, education, scholarship endowments for talented people, and medical research. Ironically, Helen died in January 2003 while attending the U.S. Figure Skating Nationals in Dallas, Texas. Recently, representatives of the Pioneer Fund were gracious enough to consider a proposal from two members of the D'Evelyn Education Foundation's Board of Directors (DEF BOD), parent Tom Yearout and Assistant Principal Terry Elliott. This proposal consisted of a request for 16 document cameras, at a cost of \$9,600, which equates to one camera for each Math and Science classroom. These 16 cameras, plus 12 additional cameras (two per department) that D'Evelyn will soon purchase with special District funds, will give us 28 cameras in the building, with a goal of getting a camera for the remaining 21 rooms through additional grants or foundation gifts. These document cameras give teachers the ability to project 3-D images such as student work and lab constructs that will greatly enhance student mastery of any particular subject. These cameras have many additional features that benefit instruction as well, including the ability to capture images and export them to web pages, freeze images and write notes on them.

Helen McLoraine was a pioneer who, in the 1950's, put on a hard hat, learned about the oil industry, and broke new ground for women to assume leadership roles in business. She put to rest any doubts about women managing money when she managed many pension funds alongside her male counterparts with a very successful track record, solidifying her place in history as a business leader. The DEF BOD plans to memorialize this very special gift by inscribing a donated brick with Helen's and the Pioneer Fund's names for the "Friends of D'Evelyn" area. This gesture is the least we can do for a very special person who continues to touch the lives of young people long after her death. Helen McLoraine is a true D'Evelyn Benefactor, and one I won't soon forget!

### Upcoming Events

12/1	JRHS Boosters meeting	7 p.m.
12/2	DEF Managers meeting	7:30 a.m.
12/8	Steering Committee meeting	5 p.m.
12/9	Accountability	7 p.m.
12/9	Junior High Choir Concert	7 p.m.
12/10	Senior High Choir Concert	7 p.m.
12/11	Instrumental Holiday Concert	7 p.m.
12/12-13	NHS/D'Evelyn Disguise Mexican Fiesta Dinner-Auction	5 p.m.
12/12-13	Improv Bru Ha! Ha!	7 p.m.

(Upcoming Events continue on page 10)

## The New East Brick Bed

By Megan Yearout

When D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School moved to our current location the brick project was established to celebrate and congratulate all the graduating seniors of D'Evelyn. Last year's graduating class completed the final letter of our inaugural brick project, spelling the word, "Jaguars." Funds raised from the brick project are used to help pay for the Senior class gifts.

Over the summer, a new cement bed on the east side of our building was dug out, poured and filled with bricks in preparation for the next seven Senior graduating classes. This project required a great deal of time and effort from several people and we would like to thank each of these people individually. First, Cody Marvel, a current 8th grader at D'Evelyn, as well as Austin Marvel helped with all the cement work required for this new brick bed. Bob Marvel not only donated the required cement but also assisted in digging the new brick bed prior to the cement being poured. Our own building Engineer, Mark Janeczek, worked closely with everyone to ensure things moved along smoothly. Finally, a big thank you goes to Bobby Brick. Bobby donated a great deal of his time and resources and facilitated the overall completion of this project. It is this type of community effort and sponsorship that has made and will continue to make D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School the best.

## Annual Hot Chocolate Social for Holiday Concerts

By Lisa Henkel

Let's kick off the holiday season with great music provided by the Junior High Choir, High School Choirs and Instrumental Music Groups. Please join us at one of these fantastic performances. The Junior High Choir Concert is Tuesday, Dec. 9, the High School Choir Concert is Wednesday, Dec. 10, and the Instrumental Music Concert is Thursday, Dec. 11. Each performance is at 7 p.m. in the auditorium. There is a Hot Chocolate Social immediately following each show in the cafeteria.

Volunteers are needed to help make these socials a success. If you are able to donate cookies, hot chocolate pre-made in a crock pot, napkins, cups or you'd like to help set up, serve

and clean up, please contact the appropriate coordinator listed below for the performance you will be attending.

Junior High Choir - Coordinator still needed. Please let us know if you are interested. For now contact Virginia Biederman at [ibeevib@comcast.net](mailto:ibeevib@comcast.net) or 303-238-5947. High School Choir - Dee Leh at [dee\\_leh@yahoo.com](mailto:dee_leh@yahoo.com) or 303.949.9625. Instrumental Music - Susan Boyle at [aboboyle74@msn.com](mailto:aboboyle74@msn.com) or 303.972.9171.

We hope to see you all as we enjoy the music of Mrs. Shibly's Choirs and Mr. Taylor's Instrumental Groups and celebrate our great musical performers. Thank you for your continued support of D'Evelyn Performing Arts.

## 12th Annual Bru-Ha!Ha! Joins the 1st Ever National Honor Society Dinner-Auction

By Montel Murphy, D'Evelyn Social Studies Teacher

D'Evelyn Jaguars! Finals are coming up sooner than you think! How about a nice night of fun and food for the weekend before finals? Come to the National Honor Society/D'Evelyn Disguise Mexican Fiesta Dinner-Auction and Holiday Bru-Ha!Ha! Dec.12 and 13. Starting at 5:00 p.m., enjoy a festive fiesta with friends and family along with your very own human auction! National Honor Society Members are gladly auctioning themselves off to babysit, cook a meal, do chores, errands, or even be a date! There will also be other items auctioned off. The proceeds of the dinner-auction are donated to the Denver Area Battered Women's Shelter. Sounds good, huh? But wait, there's more! At 7:00 p.m., join us for the 12th Annual Holiday Bru-Ha!Ha! after the dinner-auction both nights. Friday night is a "straight" improv show, filled with over a dozen hilarious holiday skits. Saturday night we renew the inter-troupe rivalry as two teams perform "competitive" improvisational comedy, fighting it out against each other just as families do during this allegedly joyous season, only the D'Evelyn Disguise "family" is fighting for your laughs!

Advanced tickets for the entire evening (including the dinner, auction, and improv show) are \$8.00 or \$12.00 at the door; or, if you're not hungry for food, but are hungry for laughs, tickets for just the improv show are \$3.00 at the door.

## Ballet Folklorico International

By Lucia Lightfield

If you like to dance, are a dancer, a singer or a musician, you are invited to become part of this unique performing arts group. Ballet Folklorico International is holding tryouts at D'Evelyn on Wed. Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 during 7th Hour. Ballet Folklorico performs year round and participates in a variety of cultural events such as conventions, conferences, assemblies, parades, private, and public functions around the Rocky Mountain Region. Tryouts will be held in Mrs. Lightfield's room 102 E.

## D'Evelyn Performing Arts

By Lisa Henkel

The month of October offered achievements by D'Evelyn performers in ALL categories of performing arts.

**CHOIR:** EIGHT Junior High students were accepted into the All County Junior High Choir, and another EIGHT High School students were accepted into the All County High School Choir! But wait, there's more! EIGHT High School students were also accepted into the All State Choir! The choir performed a beautiful tribute on Veteran's Day during the morning announcements and their voices were said to have echoed throughout the halls. If you attended the Nov. 15th football game, you probably heard the National Anthem sung. There are two more events to see before the end of the year: On Dec. 9 and 10, the Junior High and High School Choir Concerts will be held, respectively

**INSTRUMENTAL:** The Marching Band performed throughout the month of October in several regional and one state marching competition. This year, D'Evelyn moved up one position (from last year) to rank third best marching band in the state of Colorado, 2A division. All members received a medal and the band received a trophy which will be prominently displayed! Thomas Prose and David Chen represented D'Evelyn at Western States Honor Orchestra on Nov. 6 - 8. It was an exciting weekend with some exceptional playing! All-County band/orchestra auditions were conducted in November. Expect to hear more about these honorees in the next Jaguar Tracks! Like the choirs, you will have one more opportunity in 2008 to see

the combined efforts of all instrumentalists on Dec. 11 during their Instrumental Holiday Concert. It's always exciting to see all levels of instrumentalists fit onto the stage and perform.

**PLAYS:** The Fall Play, entitled "The Trouble with Summer People", was a great success. A special thanks goes to Mrs. Keaveney who hosted the cast party. And more thanks to Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Pilkington and Mrs. Van der Vieren who were a tremendous help with publicity and snacks. The musical this year is "Footloose". Performers were recently chosen and rehearsals are beginning soon. Be sure to put Feb. 12-14 and Feb. 20-21 on your calendar to see at least one of the performances. There is plenty to help out with too! The DPA is looking for help with Flower Sales and rehearsal snacks! There may also be need for props, costumes, and staging help. Stay tuned!

**RECYCLE! RECYCLE! RECYCLE!** Performing Arts continues to collect items to recycle, which in return will earn money for all the Performing Arts Departments. We can recycle all types of used printer cartridges, old cell phones, digital cameras, laptops, PDA's/Palm Pilots, iPods, old video game consoles and video games, and DVD movies. Include any cords and accessories if you have them and recycle these items even if they are no longer in working order. Drop your items off in the box located in the hallway near the east doorway. If you have any questions, or have a large number of items for pick up, contact Gail Woell 303-971-0843. Our next DPA meeting is Jan. 28, 2009. If you have questions, you can contact Lisa Henkel at lmyhenkel@yahoo.com. See you then!

## King Soopers Reloaded Card Means "No More Excuses"

By Allison Bristow

Excuse #1: I want to use my credit card so I can get my miles.

Excuse #2: It is inconvenient to get them.

Excuse #3: I don't know how many to get right now.

Excuse #4: I am afraid I'll loose them.

King Soopers has come up with a great new program for their gift certificates - a "reloadable" card that is now for sale to our D'Evelyn supporters. Initially, the supporter (parent) will purchase a card, just like before, in denominations of \$25, \$50, or \$100. When the card is empty or close to being empty, the purchaser can "reload" it themselves for up to \$500 at a time. The card can be "reloaded" at the service desk at King Soopers. Cash, check, or credit card can be used to "reload" the card. The "reloadable" cards have a serial number on them and King Soopers will keep track of which cards are "reloaded." They will then let DEF know which cards are being reloaded every month and send us 5% of the amount reloaded. The best part of this new way of doing things is that you can now use your credit card (and get miles!!!) while DEF earns a full 5%. Once you have your "reloadable" card you never have to arrange to pick the King Soopers gift cards up again. You can put money on the card at your own convenience, so you will never run out while at the store. Finally, since King Soopers keeps track of what "cards" we have and DEF keeps track of who actually has each card, King Soopers will simply cancel your card and reissue a new one if you lose it. Please note that DEF also has Sunflower market certificates as well as Safeway. Call either Amy Carda at 303-979-6864 or Allison Bristow at 303-526-0379 to purchase.

## Advanced Digital Signage System for D'Evelyn Cafeteria



By Micah Porter and Josh Griffin, D'Evelyn ALC Teacher-Sponsors

D'Evelyn High School's Athletic Leadership Council is seeking contributions toward the purchase of an advanced digital signage system for our school's cafeteria. The purpose of this advanced technology is to promote weekly school activities and bring visibility to the many successes of our school. Use of a signage system will provide a great opportunity to connect with the student body on a daily basis. Contribution opportunities are as follows:

- Platinum: \$1000.00, guarantees continual advertisement for life on the digital sign!
- Gold: \$750.00, guarantees continual advertisement for 3 years
- Silver: \$500.00, guarantees continual advertisement for 2 years
- Bronze: \$250.00, guarantees continual advertisement for 1 year

Any contributions, regardless of amount, will be greatly appreciated! Please send your contribution payable to D'Evelyn Senior High School. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Micah Porter at [mporter@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:mporter@jeffco.k12.co.us) or Josh Griffin at [atjvgiffi@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:atjvgiffi@jeffco.k12.co.us).

## D'Evelyn Varsity Poms

By Leslie Berlinberg

D'Evelyn's Varsity Poms have been practicing five to six days per week in preparation for their upcoming Competition Season. Dance practice, conditioning and technique practice at a dance studio have contributed to their successes at three recent Poms competitions. Some of these competitions are against 5A schools! D'Evelyn's Poms came in second place at the Midwest Spirit competition. The Poms placed fourth, out of 14 schools, at the Jeffco competition, and fifth, out of 18 schools, at the UDA competition. We hope to have you help cheer them on at the State Competition, which is scheduled for Dec. 6 at the Denver Coliseum.

You've seen them perform at pep rallies! You've watched their performances to support the D'Evelyn Football team during their post-season games! So don't miss the final stretch of their season as they show their support during all upcoming basketball games! There's no lack of school spirit with the Pom squad!



## Support Girls Swimming & Diving

By Josh Griffin, Head Girls Swimming & Diving Coach

Please consider advertising for your company or small business in the D'Evelyn Girls Swimming & Diving 2nd Annual "D'Evelyn Invitational" meet program. The meet is Dec. 6 at 9:00 a.m. at the Colorado School of Mines Aquatic Center. If you are interested in advertising in the program, please contact Josh Griffin at [jvgriffi@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:jvgriffi@jeffco.k12.co.us). Advertising submissions are due Dec. 3. Thank you for your support of the swimming & diving program at D'Evelyn.

## D'Evelyn Girls' Basketball

By Chris Olson, Girl's Varsity Basketball Coach

Teams have been selected and the girls are getting ready for their HOME season opener on Dec. 3 against Prairie View. Seniors Sarah Horn, Krystal Pittman, and Kate Reisinger look to bring home the first ever girls basketball league championship! For the first time in recent memory, a freshman, Madalyn Neely, expects to see lots of time on Varsity. We look forward to building upon last season's 17-8 record and hope to have your support this season at our home games. Get ready for another chance to win free burritos from Chipotle at a girl's basketball game. Mark Friday, Jan. 30 on your calendars for a boy/girl doubleheader at Home against Golden. For more information about the upcoming season, including the schedule and other dates, see our team website at <http://sc.jeffco.k12.co.us/education/sportszone/sportszone.php?sectiondetailid=161306>, and watch for future announcements. As always, you can contact head coach, Chris Olson, at [cpolson@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:cpolson@jeffco.k12.co.us) with any questions. It is a great time to be a JAGUAR!

## Athletic Leadership Hosts Coming Home

By Micah Porter, D'Evelyn ALC Teacher-Sponsor

Mark your calendars for Dec. 22! The D'Evelyn Athletic Leadership Council is hosting "Coming Home" for all former D'Evelyn Student-Athletes during the Varsity Boys Basketball game. Dinner will be provided at 6 p.m. in the cafeteria for alumni and includes free admission to the game at 7 p.m.! Please spread the word to any former D'Evelyn athletes. We look forward to seeing you then!



D'EVELYN EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
 Jill Colby, Principal  
 10359 West Nassau Avenue  
 Denver, Colorado 80235

NONPROFIT ORG.  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 GOLDEN, CO  
 PERMIT NO. 4953

**NHS/DD Dinner Auction  
 Improv Bru Ha! Ha!  
 Dec. 12-13**

**Winter Break  
 Dec. 22 - Jan. 2**

**No School  
 Jan. 5**

DATED MATERIAL

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 2008 – Jan. 2009 and beyond

12/17-18	Final Exams	
12/19	Last Day First Semester	
12/22-1/2	Winter Break	
1/5	Staff Only - No School for Students	
1/6	Classes Begin	
1/6	DEF Managers Meeting	7:30 a.m.
1/12	Steering Committee meeting	5 p.m.
1/12	Quarterback Club Meeting	6:10 p.m.
1/12	JAGS Meeting	7 p.m.
1/12	JRHS Boosters Meeting	7 p.m.
1/13	Accountability	7 p.m.
1/19	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	
1/21	Parent Information Night	7:05 p.m.
1/22	College Night for Juniors	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Steering Committee meeting	5 p.m.
1/28	DPA Boosters meeting	
1/29	Women's Choir Festival	
2/1-2	All-State Choir	
2/2	JRHS Boosters meeting	7 p.m.
2/2-7	CSAP	
2/2	DEF Managers meeting	7:30 a.m.
2/2	Accountability	7 p.m.
2/4	Academic Letter Recognition Ceremony	
2/6	JRHS Winter Social	
2/7	Sadies Dance	
2/6	JRHS Winter Social	3 p.m.



### D'Evelyn Jr/Sr High School Contact Information

Main Office Number: 303-982-2600  
 Attendance Line: 303-982-5771  
 Bulletin Board: 303-982-5770

The *Jaguar Tracks* is funded by the D'Evelyn Education Foundation (<http://www.develyneducationfoundation.com/>) and is prepared and distributed through volunteer efforts. Extra copies are available in the main school office.

All submissions are due by the 20th of the prior month. Due to space limitations, not all information may be printed and may be edited. All submissions for publication must be sent only by e-mail to the following address: [jaguartrax@yahoo.com](mailto:jaguartrax@yahoo.com). No hardcopy or handwritten articles will be accepted.

#### Publication Staff:

*Cynthia Higgins, Parent Editor/Publisher 303-979-4303*

*Janet Spencer, Parent Editor Consultant*

*Monique Helfer, Parent Graphic Artist*

*Marianne Walthier, Parent Editorial Assistant*

*Email: [jaguartrax@yahoo.com](mailto:jaguartrax@yahoo.com)*

#### Distribution Coordinators:

*Tim and Marianne Vick*

Visit D'Evelyn's website for the most up-to-date information:  
<http://sc.jeffco.k12.co.us/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectionid=188>