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# THE WIDEFIELD WAY

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## Summer Opportunities for Students



Photo by Samantha Briggs

In the biomedical science summer course, students use the polymerase chain reaction method to test their patient for COVID.

**BY SAMANTHA BRIGGS**  
*DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION*

Callie Fruit, a science teacher at Widefield high school, is exchanging part of her summer break to continue to educate students. She will be teaching a course at the Widefield Summer Engagement Academy.

“I originally decided to do a course to support all my biomedical students who were at home during the 2020-2021 school year. After committing to it, the course morphed into a fun way to introduce many of the more technical lab skills of biomedical science into practice with lower stakes. This year, I signed up again because it was so much fun!” said Fruit.

Callie is teaching the same course as she did last year, Murder at the Marathon: A Biomedical Science Mystery. This is just one of the 70 plus courses being offered to secondary students to enhance their skills and develop academic tools that will assist them in the next school year.

“Students have a chance to practice lots of hands-on science skills in a fun and low-pressure environment. They also get the chance to work together with students

from other schools and different levels to develop connections and teamwork skills. Finally, they really get the chance to deepen their problem-solving prowess in a way that is enjoyable and motivating,” said Fruit. The summer engagement academy is a unique service offered in Widefield School District 3 (WSD3) that started in June 2021 as a way to reconnect students to the classroom coming out of the pandemic. Unlike traditional summer school, the academy is a free opportunity for students to find their passion for learning.

“I think the fact that Widefield offers all these opportunities for students at no cost to families is so cool! Whether students are looking to improve skills they already have, be introduced to topics they may not have had the time to work with during school, or just to enjoy a project that isn't being graded - the summer engagement academy is an amazing place to do so!” Fruit said.

The district will be sharing photos and videos throughout the summer on the district's Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as the district website, [wsd3.org](http://wsd3.org). We invite the community to engage with us online to see the variety of opportunities offered in WSD3.

A sampling of course offerings include:

- Discovering Your Positive Inner Voice
- Onward and Upward - Resiliency and Coping Skills
- Decorative Stamped Concrete
- Floor Installations
- Light Up Your Summer with Electricity
- Band, Jazz, Choir, Orchestra classes
- Drones, Rockets, Robots classes
- Nutrition with Cooking
- Website Creation
- Exploring Languages
- What in the World? - Science Exploration
- Speech and Debate
- Writing and Reading Classes
- Theater Classes
- Art - Painting, 2D, Photography
- Advanced Academic Achievement - Earn 3 college credits
- And MORE!!



# Webster Elementary Renovation Underway

BY SAMANTHA BRIGGS  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION

Webster Elementary School is getting a makeover. The school held a groundbreaking ceremony on March 16, 2022, to mark the start of a major expansion. Webster will be adding ten classrooms and a gym on the south side of the building as well as new doors, windows, insulated exterior face, HVAC improvements, a fire suppression system, and extending the west parking lot. These renovations are designed to improve energy efficiency and provide more space for

staff and students. The last remodel at Webster was in 2003. The school opened in 1969. This remodel is being made possible through the 2017 bond and grants. Webster is an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) school that focuses on career and college preparation. Through the renovation process, students will get the opportunity to see and learn about construction and architecture professions. Follow the construction progress and learn more about Webster Elementary by visiting [webster.wsd3.org](http://webster.wsd3.org) or call 719-391-3435.



Photo by Samantha Briggs  
The groundbreaking ceremony for the Webster Elementary renovation took place on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Pictured from left to right: Isaiah Stoltzfus, kindergarten student; Aaron Stoltzfus, fourth-grade student; Ethan Stoltzfus, second-grade student; Connie Florell, Assistant Superintendent WSD3; Rachel Finch, Principal at Webster Elementary; Patty Gioscia, Assistant Principal at Webster Elementary; Carlos Gonzalez, President WSD3 Board of Education; Kevin Duren, WSD3 Superintendent; David Gish, WSD3 Chief Operations Officer; David Dock, Treasurer WSD3 Board of Education, Neil Nelson, member WSD3 Board of Education, Tyson Nunn, President of Nunn Construction

# Unique Partnership Creates Community Opportunities

BY ERIC HULEN  
DIRECTOR OF WIDEFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION

**History**  
The Security Metropolitan Parks and Recreation District was established August 20, 1960. In 1965, land was purchased on Aspen Drive and a community center, pool, two fields, and a playground was built by the end of 1966. In 1977, the park and recreation district found itself unable to pay \$165,000 in bond indebtedness. At that time, Widefield School District 3 (WSD3) agreed to pay off the bonds while assuming all assets and services. The assimilation took place on January 1, 1978, and WSD3 Community Education and Recreation Services was formed. Thus creating the only park and recreation district owned and operated by a school district in the state of Colorado. In 2016, the department was renamed Widefield Parks and Recreation (WPR).  
**Partnership**  
Since WSD3 took control of the parks and recreation department, a unique and mutually beneficial relationship has grown and prospered. Thousands of youth and

adults within the school district have participated in special events, learned how to swim, and competed in sports. Without the guidance from the WSD3 Board of Education, the sharing of district facilities, and a common vision, the growth of programs would have stalled. Community events like movies in the park, annual tree lighting, and community education classes make living in the Security/Widefield area and working for WSD3 a special place. Having the school district and parks and recreation work together allows both groups to shape the culture and seek innovation within the established traditions of the community.  
**The Future and Beyond**  
Growth, prosperity, and innovation of WSD3 has positively influenced WPR. On April 5, a groundbreaking ceremony took place marking the start of construction of a new recreation center. After an estimated 12-month construction period, a grand opening will be held early June 2023.  
The recreation center and already constructed fitness focused multi-aged playground are anchors of the main

WPR campus located at 705 Aspen Drive and supports the vision of making the area a community hub and a resource for residents and district employees. The new spaces at WPR are an extension of the school district, and will provide a place for recreational, educational, and social activities for staff, students, and families in the Widefield community.  
Currently, membership fee structures are being built to use the pool and recreation center. Discounts will be given to current and retired WSD3 employees and residents of the school district. Information will be available to the public via the WPR website, monthly newsletter, and social media around the end of 2022 with early-bird discounts given to those who purchase memberships in the spring of 2023. For updates and more details on the construction process, please visit Facility Expansion webpage on our website, [parksandrec.wsd3.org](http://parksandrec.wsd3.org).  
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The groundbreaking ceremony for Widefield Parks and Recreation took place on Tuesday, April 5, 2022. Pictured from left to right: Daryl Grantz, Board President of Widefield Parks & Recreation; David Gish, Chief Operations Officer at WSD3; Kevin Duren, Superintendent at WSD3; Greg Fisher, Vice President WSD3 Board of Education; Eric Hulen, Widefield Parks and Recreation Director, Jason Boring, project manager at Nunn Construction

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# KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP

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(719) 391-3000

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# Important Dates

**A Day Without Hate**  
April 29 - (check schools for activities)

**District Jazz Festival**  
May 6, 6:30 p.m.  
Widefield High School Auditorium

**District Retirement Recognition**  
May 10, 3:30 p.m.  
Widefield High School - Bowers Gym

# Save the Date!

**Backpack Bash**  
August 6, 10-1 p.m.  
Pikes Peak Christian Church

**District Parade & Community Day**  
Sept. 24, 10:30 a.m. - Big R to CA Foster Stadium

# Graduation Dates

**Discovery High School**  
May 13, 4 p.m.  
Widefield High School Auditorium

**D3 My Way**  
May 13, 6 p.m.  
Widefield High School Auditorium

**Widefield High School**  
May 14, 9 a.m.  
Widefield High School - Bowers Gym

**Mesa Ridge High School**  
May 16, 7 p.m.  
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