

WEEKLY UPDATE FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2013

Strong Schools Coalition



The Strong Schools Coalition works to **inform** and **engage** the community to positively **impact** the public schools in Douglas County.

DCSD NEWS FROM THE WEEK

[Post-election meeting doesn't satisfy teens](#) — 11/18/13

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ThunderRidge High School students concerned about the results of the recent Douglas County School Board election said a Nov. 11 meeting with district officials wasn't productive.

[Mock stock market challenges students](#) — 11/15/13

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A Mountain Vista High School team won a first place in the Nov. 7 Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge. The 10th annual event drew 220 teams of students from around the metro area to a mock version of the trading floor recreated at the University of Denver's Cable Center.

[ThunderRidge students react to board election](#) — 11/12/13

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ThunderRidge High School students' plans to boycott classes in objection to the Douglas County School Board election results were deterred when administration leaders offered to meet with them.

[Highlands Ranch news in a hurry](#) — 11/11/13

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School psychologist recognized: Dr. Peter Thompson, school psychologist at Rocky Heights Middle School and the district's lead school psychologist for three years, has been named the Colorado School Psychologist of the Year by the Colorado Society of School Psychologists.

[Students' views vary about schedule](#) — 11/11/13

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Douglas County School District graduates and current students don't share common opinions on the high school block schedule.

[District says high school students aren't limited](#) — 11/11/13

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Midway through its second year in Douglas County high schools, the block schedule implemented in 2012-13 continues to draw mixed reviews from some parents, recent graduates and current students.

[School board vice president looks to future](#) — 11/11/13

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Kevin Larsen, likely the next Douglas County School Board president, said he hopes to help mend the rift in the community created during the recent election.

[Douglas County turnout likely set off-year record](#) — 11/11/13

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Douglas County voters likely set a new off-year voter turnout record during the Nov. 5 election, according to county Clerk and Recorder Jack Arrowsmith.

[Supporters reflect on defeat of candidates](#) — 11/11/13

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Community members who rallied for the four challenger candidates during the Nov. 5 school-board election are pondering what went wrong and what lies ahead.



Mark Your Calendar

November 19, 2013

Board of Education Meeting

TIME: 7:00 PM (note change of time)

LOCATION: DCSD Admin Building - Board Room, 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox St., Castle Rock

[Agenda](#)

December 3, 2013

Board of Education Meeting

TIME: 5:00 PM

LOCATION: DCSD Admin Building - Board Room, 3rd Floor, 620 Wilcox St., Castle Rock

The December 2013 [Fiscal Oversight Committee](#) meeting will be a joint meeting with the Board of Education, December 3, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the Wilcox Administration Building.

The Long Range Planning

Committee is accepting applications for one representative from the Chaparral High School Feeder area. If you reside within the Chaparral High School feeder area, and are interested in serving on this important committee, submit an [online application](#) by Friday, December 6, 2013.

Nominations are open for the 2014 Apple Awards, which were created in 2006 by the Douglas County Educational Foundation to recognize and celebrate the excellent and innovative teachers in Douglas County School District, and to serve as a fundraiser for district schools.

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