Hello Bulldog Community!

There’s great news about our facilities. As you know, the Gymnasium has been under construction since May. We expect to have all work completed for this phase by mid-November. The work next year includes adding an elevator, upper gym improvements to include acoustical panels, motorized shades, bleachers, new bleachers in the main gym, ADA drinking fountains, and new door hardware.  If we receive more funding in May, we’ll complete LED lighting, install new HVAC units in the BAC and upper gym and replace/repair all exterior windows and doors.

The West Hall roof has been replaced.  We’re still working hard to acquire funding to renovate and add to West Hall so we can move the School for the Blind and Early Education programs into this building. We are meeting with state officials and architects to prepare our BEST Grant application to help fund this project.

We just began the Campus Security Upgrade Project Phase 1, so we can complete a campus-wide security assessment and prepare the network infrastructure. We've applied for Phase 2 funding, which we hope to get in May. Then we will continue with other security improvements during Summer 2024 to include the installation of additional cameras and lighting.

The final project I would like to highlight is the new ADA Playground. The contractor has been hired and the design kicks-off in November.  Construction will begin June 2024.  We are so proud to say this project began with our students, who raised money for a conceptual design which was used to interest our legislators in funding the project. Kudos to everyone who worked and continues to contribute to this exciting project.

November 29th, at 5:30 p.m. CSDB will host the 2nd annual Holiday Lighting ceremony.  This is open to staff, students and their families, and the community.  Visitors can check in at the administrative building between 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. We will be adding additional lights this year so please join us in the lighting across campus.

In May 1915, each afternoon, the young boys took great interest in their dandelion digging. It took every moment to keep the dandelions down. Each boy tried to outclass another with the most dandelions, striving to get one  with an extraordinarily long root, and when they get such a one, they took particular pains to let the other boys know about it. Superintendent Argo awarded the two champion dandelion diggers prizes of $4 and $2 and the others in the squad each received a pound box of candy. The boys are proud of our beautiful campus!

Check out this Then and Now photo for November taken circa 1910.   "The students reported, 'The new Kiowa streetcar line started business a week ago last Tuesday and we all are enjoying car rides, the short way into town. We were the first persons to ride on the Kiowa Street line. It was not quite finished, but the company ran cars up over it for our picnic. Streetcars pass our front gate four times hourly for seventeen hours every day.'" Today, our students enjoy field trips using our CSDB vans and activity bus, which keep students comfortable, sheltered from the weather, and takes them directly to their destination.

**Ask an Alum**

**What’s Happening?**

November 1                   Board of Trustees meeting

November 2                   Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 8                   Outreach: ASL Storytime & Playgroup, 10:30am, East Library/Colorado Springs
November 15                 Special Board of Trustees Meeting
November 17                 Outreach: Baby ASL Class
November 20-24              Thanksgiving Break

November 29                 Holiday Tree Lighting