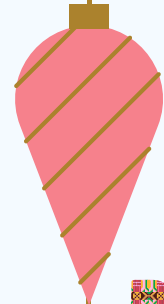




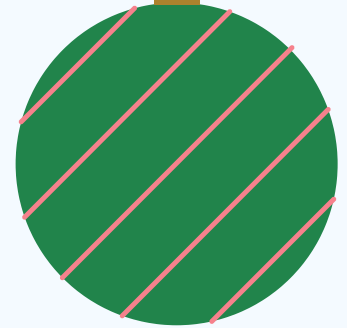
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What's Happening this Month

NATIONAL SPECIAL EDUCATION DAY - DECEMBER 2

On December 2nd, National Special Education Day commemorates the anniversary of the nation's first federal special education law. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was signed into law on December 2, 1972.

IDEA made education available to all American children, and this day honors the progress made in special education. Before IDEA, many individuals with disabilities received little to no education. Schools were not required to make accommodations for children with disabilities. While some states offered special schools, the education and resources were unequal. Additionally, many parents

HOW TO OBSERVE #SPECIALEDUCATIONDAY

Things to do:

- Share how IDEA impacted your life or the life of a family member.
- Use #SpecialEducationDay to post on social media.
- In support of this act, many organizations pledge to provide good education to students with special needs. You can find [full information on these scholarship and more on Scholaroo.](#)

A child is not a vessel to be filled, but a lamp to be lit. ~Hebrew Proverb



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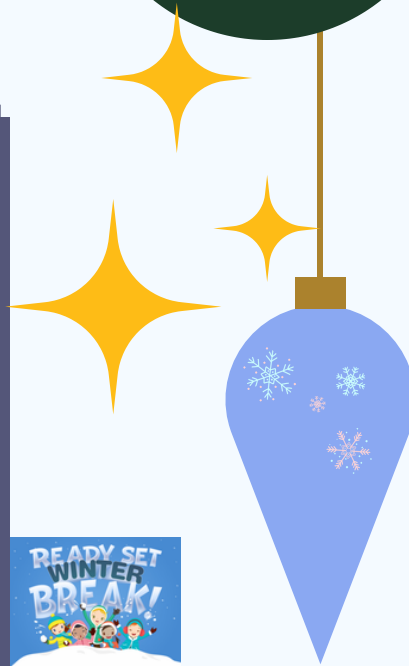
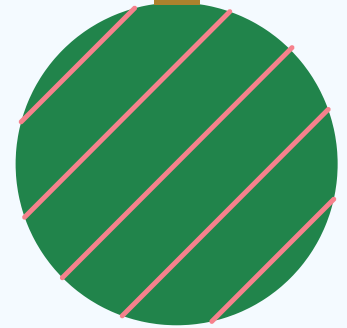
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Dec. 2nd - National Special
Education Day

All Courses end at MIDNIGHT! -
FINAL DEADLINE-- Dec. 12th

Hanukkah - Dec. 18th-26th

No School: Winter Break- Dec.
19th-Jan. 3rd

Dec. 21st - Winter Solace

Dec. 25th - Christmas

Dec. 26th - Kwanza

Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve

We look forward to even bigger and
better things in the New Year.





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We appreciate all of you who came out to our Family Community Writing Workshop with our Special Guest, Jovan Mays, and to our Bird Watching Field Trip.

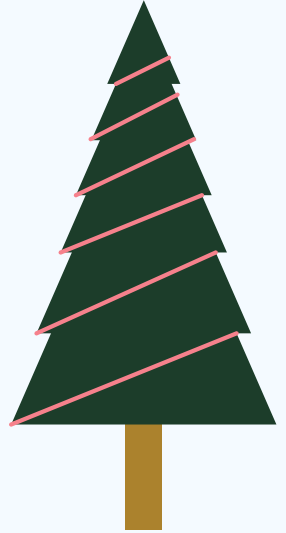


“There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you.” ~ Maya Angelou



Let's hear it for the teachers & staff!

We would love to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated teachers who were so supportive this year. Couldn't have done it without you!



WE PROMISE:

To teach students, not subjects
 To believe the best, hope for the best,
 and cheer for the best in every person
 To make learning engaging
 To be proactive rather than reactive
 To teach in ways that respond to our
 students' needs
 To meet students where they are
 To keep in mind that learning is a
 process that takes time and commitment
 To keep relationships at the core of how
 we work together
 To help each student feel valued
 To create an atmosphere that welcomes
 every student to belong
 To dream big and to work hard
 To challenge all students to learn at
 high levels





Just call me Ms. K.

(because Ms. Klieforth-Williams is WAY too long and hard to spell!)

Hi! I am SO happy to be here at Denver Online. I have been in education as a teacher and district leader for the past 19 years. I was born and raised in Colorado, and I love the mountains, being outside, and doing anything active. I am married to my husband, Shaun, and we have two little boys (ages 3 and 1). We also have two Golden Retrievers and 1 crazy Bengal cat...our life is chaotic and adventurous and I wouldn't have it any other way! I am bilingual in English and Spanish, and I will be teaching Grades 6-12 ELA-S classes.

FAVORITES

Food: Sushi

Team: The Green Bay Packers

Mountain Town: Vail

Book: The Book Thief

Quiet Activity: Puzzles & board games

Adventure: Anywhere and everywhere...let's go!

FUN FACTS

- I was an all-state athlete in high school, I lettered 11 times in 4 different sports, and I won 9 state championships.
- My husband and I climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro for our honeymoon.
- I used to be a horse wrangler.



Meet Ms. Rodriguez!



A little bit about me:

Hello! My name is Adriana Rodriguez and I was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. I am the youngest of my family. This is my second year working as a Paraprofessional for Denver Public Schools. I am honored to be working as a Paraprofessional, ELA at Denver Online this year and I am excited to get to know and serve our students and families. Outside of work, I love to spend time with my family, play volleyball, listen to music, and watch movies.

FAVORITES:

Sport: Volleyball

Colors: Black, gray, & white

Food: Pozole or tacos

Drink: Manzanita Sol or horchata

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Principal Corner

As we head into the holiday season, I want to thank you for your engagement, support, and enthusiasm as we wrap up our first semester of the 2022-23 school year! I hope our students and their families enjoyed some time off during the Thanksgiving Break and returned to make the most of the few weeks following until we finalize first-semester grades.

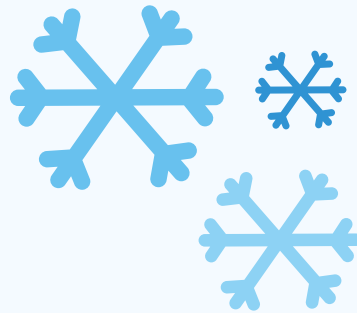
I am grateful and have thoroughly enjoyed the connections we've made this semester, both online and in person, at our Back-to-School BBQ in August, our Halloween Party in October, Collaborative School Committee meetings, and our Writing Workshop a few weeks ago. It was fascinating to see our first group of students in two years meet up at the Smedley Campus for our bird-watching field trip! I have also enjoyed popping into Morning Meetings and Live Sessions to see and hear our students engaging with our fantastic team, which is committed to supporting each student daily. I look forward to more chances, as we move into the second part of the school year, to see more of our students and their families making connections to the school.

All of this is to say that, while our community is very much based in a highly technological environment, our school is about people and the positive connections that people make with each other in service of learning, growth, and creating the best online school in the State of Colorado. As we move forward, we will inevitably begin thinking about our path for the next few years as a school. I want you to know that questions about blending our environment will undoubtedly arise, and feedback will be needed from each of you. Over the next several months, our team members will be reaching out, asking questions, and soliciting feedback about how we can continue to take Denver Online, with a long and rich history since 2003, to the next level! How can we continue to build the school of our future and the school of our dreams? Those are questions our team has for our students, our staff, our families, and our community!

For now, I ask that you enjoy the holiday season! Please take this time to spend with your family, friends, and loved ones, as that is what the upcoming season is truly about! Remember to reflect on your successes from the first half of our year and the growth opportunities, as learning is - the ability to look back and look forward in a never-ending quest for continuous growth and improvement!

Thank you all for being part of our community! Thank you for sharing your learning journey with our team! Thank you for being you!

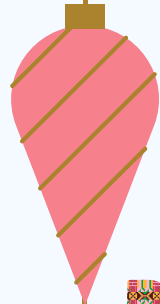
Please have a safe and happy holiday season!





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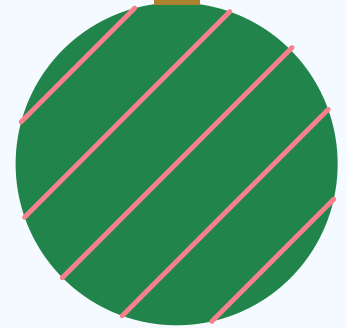


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What a year it was!





Find more information on our website.



**The miracle of giving is that it ripples.
Your one small gesture can affect
hundreds.**

Merry Christmas



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END OF YEAR REFLECTION



I was in grade: _____

My teacher this year was: _____

My favourite thing about
school this year was:

New friends I made
this year:

A skill I gained this year: _____

Something I'd like to change for next year:

My rating of the year:



Terrible



Bad



Good



Great



Awesome

The main reason for my rating: