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 -line the district's Web

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Matt Gypin/METROWORTH NEWS

Silver Creek Elementary School students Kaitlyn Stuck, 9, left, and Macie Scarpella, 8, paint using water color during a sleepover at the school Aug. 5. About 40 third, fourth and fifth graders brought sleeping bags and slept in the gym after a night of fun as a reward for participating in the school's summer reading program. Students had to read 110 minutes a week for 10 weeks to be eligible to camp at school for a night, said principal Judi Madsen. "It wasn't always easy but they stuck with it," she said

**Test error lowers district scores**

By Caroline Kipp  
 Staff Writer

**District 12**

Overall CSAP scores in Adams 12 Five Star Schools will be skewed by as much as 6 percent following a test administration error, according to Superintendent Chris Gdowski.

The Colorado Department of Education announced Tuesday results from 2010 Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) tests. But numbers for District 12 don't give an accurate picture of student performance in the state's fifth-largest school district, Gdowski said during a press conference last week. More than 6,000 tests taken by students at one of the district's charter schools, Colorado Virtual Academy, were mis-administered and labeled "no scores" when it became clear there was a test violation - the online school had had students from different grade levels taking the state-mandated tests in the same room, a violation of CSAP protocol.

Those scores were still included in the district's results, but as zeros. With those scores included, the district increased on two tests and declined on 24 with one remaining stagnant.

district increased on 13 tests, decreased on six tests and stayed the same on three tests. There were three tests that were not impacted by the administration error.

"The scores (our community) may see...don't reflect the quality of education their kids are receiving in Adams 12," Gdowski said.

COVA's new Head of School Heidi Heineke-Magri, who was director of the high school at the time CSAP tests were taken in March, said the guideline for testing students in different rooms was new this year, and only outlined in one of the two protocol manuals - the one used by proctors the day of the test.

"It's too late for us," she said, adding school leaders make plans for CSAP testing - buildings, proctors etc. - in October when they receive the initial testing book, which did not include the new guideline.

When a sixth grader showed a proctor he or she had taken an eighth grade test, school leaders reported the issue to the district and made changes within 24 hours for remaining test.

Heineke-Magri said the situation is frustrating, especially since there is no formal appeals process.

For testing next year, COVA will need additional buildings and additional proctors. COVA leaders have submitted new testing plans to the district.

"I think that we are all on the same page here, and wanting to do our best for our students," she said. "That's where we have to put our focus."

Gdowski said district administrators worked with the school and Colorado Department of Education to figure out what happened. He said he didn't believe the error was made intently and that he believes it won't happen again.

District 12 last year had some tests scored with zeros after discovering the principal at Silver Hills Middle School had previewed test questions and passed similar prompts to teachers as practice exams. About 600 sixth-grade writing tests were invalidated.

Scores for specific schools and all Colorado school districts are online at [www.schoolview.org](http://www.schoolview.org).

**Mapleton sees student growth**

By Caroline Kipp  
 Staff Writer

Following the release of state-mandated test scores this week, administrators in Mapleton Public Schools say they have proof for the second year in a row the small school reform they started implementing six years ago is working.

The Colorado Department of Education released scores from the 2010 Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) Tuesday morning.

There are two ways to measure school district performance - growth and academic achievement. The growth model is an indicator of how individual students are progressing as indicated by a "median growth percentile." A student growing at a rate good enough to make one year's academic growth in one year's time would have a median growth percentile of 50.

The academic performance compares one cohort of students against another - for example this year's third graders in a district compared to last year's third graders.

In Mapleton, the district's median growth percentile increased on 15 of 21 total tests taken, said Assistant Superintendent Jackie Kapushion. Six of those were reading tests, four were writing tests, and five were math tests.

"Two years in a row of high growth is very meaningful to teachers," she said.

Kapushion said the district has seen particular success in academic growth of ninth and 10th graders. Ninth graders were in the 63rd percentile for reading, 62nd percentile for writing and the 61st percentile for math. Tenth graders were in the 62nd percentile for reading and the 59th percentile for writing and the 54th percentile for math.

The lowest growth percentile for the district this year was in fourth grade writing where students were in the 40th percentile, Kapushion said, adding the district has work to do on student performance in writing.

800 NORTH ST.  
Broomfield  
Contact Sheila at 303-601-4889.

### **SUNDAY, AUG. 15**

**Thornton VFW Post 7945**

Breakfast every Sunday  
8:30-11 a.m., \$5  
10217 Quivas St.  
Thornton  
Call 303-438-6700.

**Thornton VFW Post 7945**

Country Jubilee  
2-6 p.m.  
10217 Quivas St.  
Thornton  
Call 303-438-6700.

### **MONDAY, AUG. 16**

**Denver Thyroid Cancer  
Support Group**

Montclair Recreation Center  
Lowry  
729 Ujster Way  
Call 303-388-9948 for more infor-  
mation.

**Suicide Grief Support Group**

Project Case/Heartbeat  
7-8:30 p.m.

Visitors are always welcome.

**Adams County Chapter of  
Republican National  
Hispanic Assembly**

7 a.m.  
Rosita's Mexican Restaurant  
81st Avenue and Federal Blvd.  
For information, call Martin  
Mendez at 720-244-2448 or  
Frank D. Carrillo at 303-457-8676.

**One Business Connection**

9-10:30 a.m.  
Le Peep Restaurant  
I-25 & 104th Ave.

This is a network marketing op-  
portunity. North Suburban referral  
groups meet every other Tuesday.  
For information, call Greg Patri at  
303-818-2460.

**Adult Survivors of  
Childhood Sexual Abuse**

For information, call WINGS office  
at 303-238-8660, or visit  
www.wingsfound.org.  
WINGS provides therapist-facili-  
tated peer support groups in which  
survivors are believed, accepted,  
and no long alone. A women's

4001 West 76th Ave.  
Westminster  
Call 303-423-1931.

**Northglenn-Thornton  
Rotary Club**

Graystone Radisson Hotel  
120th Ave. and Interstate 25  
Thornton  
Call Liz Fuselier at 303-466-1654.

### **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18**

**Happy Transplants  
Garden Club**

7 p.m.  
Orchard Court School  
3790 W. 75th Ave.  
Westminster

In summer, group meets at vari-  
ous locations. For more informa-  
tion, contact Betty Roan at 303-  
430-9167.

**Citizens' Affairs Board  
Northlenn Wards I-IV**

7 p.m.  
City Hall Council Chambers  
11701 Community Center Drive  
For information, e-mail citizenaf-  
fairsboard@northglenn.org

Education programs for older adults.  
Activities address crime from both  
a pre-victimization (preventive)  
standpoint and a post-victimization  
(victim/witness assistance) stand-  
point. Any senior or people who  
care about seniors of Adams  
County is welcome. Topic changes  
each month. For more information,  
call Jence Centeno at 303-854-  
7420 or visit: www.AdamsCounty-  
Triad.com.

**GriefShare Support Group**

7 p.m.  
Mountain View Lutheran Church  
1481 Russell Way  
For more information call 303-  
289-2100 or visit www.mountain-  
viewlutheran.com.

**Al-Anon**

7 p.m.  
Park Center Office Bldg.  
Room 104  
Contact: 303-321-8788  
Website: www.al-anon-co.org

**Al-Anon  
MEN ONLY**

**Narcotics Anonymous Group**

7:30 p.m.  
3101 East 100th Ave.  
Call 303-832-3784 or visit  
www.nadenver.com.  
A support fellowship of men and  
women with drug problems

**Take Off Pounds Sensibly**

6:45-7:45 p.m.  
Thornton Library  
89th Ave. and Washington Street  
Call Virginia at 303-287-5270.

**LifeRing Secular Recovery**

6 p.m.  
Washington Park United Church  
of Christ  
400 South Williams  
For information, call 303-830-  
0358, or visit  
www.unhooked.com.  
This is a non-profit, abstinence  
based, peer support group for re-  
covering alcoholics and addicts.

**Parents Without Partners**

7-9 p.m.  
Front Range Chapter 598  
Call 303-430-4991.

# CSAP: Administrators say reform is working

From Page 14A

Student proficiency — the com-  
parison of one group of students to  
another — is up in six of the eight  
grade levels tested in reading,  
which Kapushion attributes to a  
new reading program the district  
has implemented.

"We've gotten very scientific  
about what skill kids need to be  
working on," she said.  
Achievement was down slightly  
in science, Kapushion said, adding  
this is the second year for a new  
middle school science program and  
the district is looking at a new high  
school program.

Overall, the district saw gains on  
13 of 27 tests taken, with most of  
those in reading.  
While growth is up in the district,  
overall academic performance is  
below state averages. "

In all, 32 percent of Mapleton  
students in grades three through  
10 were at or above proficient in

growth tells us the work teachers  
do with our kids every day is work-  
ing."

Complete data on schools and  
districts — are available at  
www.schoolview.org.

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