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News from VENTURE PREP

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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **Tues, DEC 6**
School Tour
9:30-10:30 am
- **Wed, DEC 7**
Open House
6:30-7:30 pm
- **Fri, DEC 9**
Talent Show
5:00-7:00 pm
- **Thurs, DEC 15**
All School
Exhibition
5:30-7:00 pm
- **Mon, DEC 19**
Beginning of
Winter Break

Message from the Principal

I'm inviting the entire Venture Prep community to our annual **Exhibition Night** on Thursday, December 15th. As part of the school's ongoing curriculum, with a focus on Project-Based Learning, scholars have created academic projects that demonstrate their talents, skills, and academic progress. This is also a wonderful opportunity for our scholars to demon-

strate their Venture Assets. Please join us at 5:30pm on Thursday, to observe firsthand the amazing work of our scholars. Refreshments will be served for all guests throughout the evening, and all in attendance will have the chance to win door prizes courtesy of Venture Prep!

Ken Burdette
Principal



See our scholars show off their hard work!

EXHIBITION NIGHT

- **FOR:** All Venture Prep community members; open to the public.
- **WHEN:** Thursday, December 15th from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.
- **WHY:** To demonstrate our scholars' accomplishments in curriculum and project-based learning from the first trimester.

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November Middle School Scholars of the Month

Michael Santos-Hernandez
Erik Alston
Lucky Budson
Juan De Paz
Brandon Otero-Naranjo
Erica Sullivan

Rudy Valenzuela
Essence Henry
Keondre Bastian
Lorenzo Slayton
Adawnous Henry
Githzell Medina-Morales



2011-2012 YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

Yearbooks for the 2011-2012 school year are now on pre-sale for \$20. Please talk with Ms. Birgenheier for more details!

VENTURE PREP TALENT SHOW

Student Government presents the annual Talent Show Friday, December 9th at 5:00pm in the main auditorium at Venture Prep. Come see our scholars perform--and you might see some of the faculty members show off some secret talents as well!



Eighth grade scholars listening intently!

Katie Keller: Middle School Literature and Arts



Katie Keller is our Literature and Arts teacher for the sixth and seventh grade scholars, and recently she

has planned several fantastic field trips for the middle school at various centers of culture in Denver.

Q: Where have you taken the students on field trips?

A: The Denver Art Museum, the

central Denver public library, and the state capitol.

Q: What are some of the most valuable things they've learned or saw during the field trips?

A: That art and literature can be accessible and fun. Many of the scholars learned that the art museum offers free days where they can experience art for free. They learned that books and movies can be checked out for free and that reading can be fun!

Q: What are some projects from your class that the community can expect to see at Exhibition night?

A: I am hoping that some of the sixth graders will be ready to perform their poetry for exhibition night. They will be writing poems from the heart, so I expect them to be proud to share their art.

Q: What's something scholars may not know about you?

A: I like to name my cats after food items. Right now I have two cats named Chile and Olive.

**Field Trip Haiku
By Ms. Keller**

**Tired feet walking
Trudging up numerous stairs
Seeing Denver's heart**