

The Bobcat Grow!

Arapahoe Charter School

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Get ready for an incredible year!

We are off to a great start to a new school year. Our goal is to make sure each and every child has the best year ever. This will be a year of “firsts” for both students and teachers at Arapahoe Charter School. Among other “firsts” this year, K-2 breakfast begins at 7:35 with the goal of providing a nutritious start to the instructional day, which begins at 8:00 a.m. At Arapahoe Charter School we are moving forward with STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) education because it is a fun and engaging way for students to see how what they learn in math and science relates to the real world. And, after years of planning, we expect to break ground this fall on our new school building. What an exciting time to be part of Arapahoe Charter School as we move full steam ahead with the leadership and support from our great teachers, students, and community members. Thank you for your support, and get ready for an incredible year!

Dr. Dennis J. Sawyer
Director, Arapahoe Charter School



Upcoming Events

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| 9/7/15 | Labor Day Holiday |
| 9/8/15 | School Picture Day |
| 9/18/15 | K-5 Back To School Dance |
| 9/25/15 | Early Dismissal |

Every Child, Every Day!

Staff Changes

ACS welcomes the following new staff for the 2015-2016 school year:

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| Becky D'Haem | High School Science |
| Cody Edwards | High School Math |
| Tiffany Hall | Assistant Finance Technician |
| Ann Law | 8th Grade Math / Science |
| Grace Nanney | 8th Grade Reading and Social Studies |
| Mary Pearsall | Teacher Assistant |
| Sherry Reeves | Guidance Counselor |
| Dr. Dennis Sawyer | Administrative Director |
| Polly Sawyer | Reading |
| Dr. Tammy Scott | Engineering / S.T.E.A.M. |

And we say goodbye to Ms. Brenda Hardison, Physical Education and Health.



What is S.T.E.A.M.?

This year ACS introduces a new program, S.T.E.A.M., taught by Dr. Tammy Scott.

STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. In other words, STEAM is STEM with an artistic edge! At Arapahoe Charter School we are moving forward with STEAM education because it is a fun and engaging way for students to see how what they learn in math and science relates to the real world. Engineering ties this together through problem-solving, design challenges, and creative thinking. Every "human-made" object around us was designed by someone who saw a need and used their ingenuity to come up with a solution. Of course there were many trials and many errors along the way until the final product was reached, but a lot of wonderful thinking happened all along the way. This is known as the engineering design process. As we move full STEAM ahead, our students will have many opportunities to explore their talents for innovation and invention and put their science and math skills to good use!

Visit the ACS S.T.E.A.M. website at <https://sites.google.com/a/arapahoecharter.org/full-steam-ahead/>