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MAY, 2007

MAY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

May 1 – 7th Grade Colorado History Night – 6:00 – 7:00

May 1, 8, 15, 22 – Mondays – Elementary volleyball 4:00 – 5:30 – Gym

May 1 – Booster Club meeting – 7:00 – Cafeteria

May 1 – High School Baseball – Florence – 4:30

May 2 – High School Track – Freshman and Sophomores – Salida – 3:30

May 3 – Kindergarten Roundup for upcoming Kindergarten students – 9:00 – 11:30

May 3 – Career Ed. Field Trip to Canon City

May 3 & 4 – Spring Play – Trouble In Tumbleweed – 7:00pm

May 3 – Western Dinner – 6:00 – Sponsored by the Volleyball team (\$5 adults - \$3 for 10 & under)

May 4 – Pie & Coffee \$2 – Intermission of Spring Play – Sponsored by the Lions Club

May 4 – Free Preschool Screening – Child Find – Cotopaxi Early Learning Center

May 5 – High School and Junior High League Track at Florence

May 7 – Field Trip to Sangre de Cristo Arts Center for K, 1, 2,3,5,6 grades – all day

May 10 & 11 – Band Trip to New Mexico

May 10 – Knowledge Bowl to Alamosa

May 11 & 12 – Regional Track - Alamosa

May 17 – Field Trip to Frantz Lake for 4th grade – all day

May 17 – High School Awards Banquet – 6:00 – Multipurpose Room

May 18 & 19 – State High School Track Meet - Pueblo

May 19 – Band/Chorus Elitch's performance trip - Denver

May 20 – Baccalaureate

May 22 – Secondary Music Concert – 7:00

May 23 – 4th grade Rainforest Bake Sale – 11:30 – 1:30

May 23 – Elementary Concert – 3:00 – Multipurpose room

May 24 – Field Day 4-6

grades 1:00 – 4:00

May 24 – Junior High Awards – 3:00

May 24 – Kindergarten Graduation – 7:00

May 28 – Memorial Day – No School

May 29 – Field Day K-3 grades 9:00 – 11:00

May 30 – Cotopaxi Early Learning Center Graduation – 6:30

May 31 – Classes dismiss at 12:15

May 31 – 8th grade trip to Water World in Denver

June 2 – High School Graduation

ADMINISTRATION

- *Superintendent—Geoff Gerk*
- *High School Principal—Peggy Murphy-Gerk*
- *Elementary Principal/Counselor—Kristi Wilson*

SCHOOL BOARD

- *Mark Gillespie*
- *Dan Ogden*
- *Charlie Green*
- *Cindy Milton*
- *Dawn Moody*

COUNSELORS

- *Tony Marchese*
- *Home School Coordinator—Karen Predovich*

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MRS. LAQUITA
DUNN

LIBRARIAN RETIRES

LaQuita Dunn started working in Cotopaxi School in 1988.

She has also worked at the post office.

After retirement, she plans to do some gardening, fishing, four-wheeling, hanging out with the grandkids, and following Dave around.



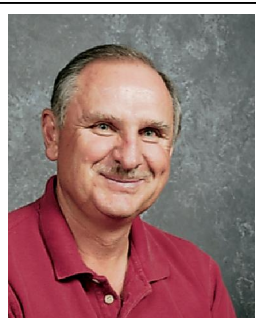
Mr. Richie Gatlin

SCIENCE/PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER RETIRES

Richie Gatlin has worked 20 years in education, 17 of those at Cotopaxi School. He has taught Science, Math, P.E. and Weight Training. Richie has also coached football and girls basketball at the high school level

and all sports at the junior high level. He has also worked as a carpenter and factory worker. After retirement, Richie may build another house. He will also go bow hunting and fishing as well as spend times with his

dogs.



MR. JOHN "KRIZ"
KRIZMANICH

HISTORY TEACHER RETIRES

John Krizmanich has been in education for 31 years, 28 of those at Cotopaxi School. He worked 1 year in Nucla, Colorado and 1 year in Guam. John has taught World History, American History, Civ-

ics, World Geography, Current Events, and P.E. He also coached volleyball, girls basketball, and baseball. John has also been a ski patrolman at Crested Butte. John would like to work as a Ranger for

the National Park Service after he retires. He would also like to work in some form of recreation related to skiing.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR RETIRES

Patrick Witty has worked 24 years in education, 17 of those at Cotopaxi School.

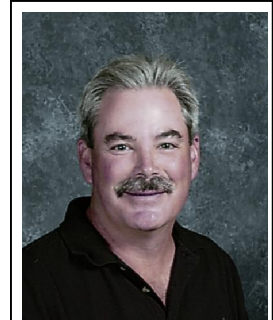
He has taught Math, Business, and is our Athletic Director.

Pat coached boys basketball and assisted in football.

He has also worked as

an Accountant.

Mr. Witty hopes to travel some after retirement.



MR. PAT WITTY

HONOR ROLL OF DISTINCTION, FIRST SEMESTER

GPA 3.75—4.0

Krista Kaiser,

Sarah Leatherbery

GRADE 12:

Ashley Kinzenbaw,

Travis Baca, Alexander Bode, Megan McNew, Tara Reigle,

Kailee Milon,

GRADE 8:

Keren Weston

Justin Krauth

Andrew Strosnider

GRADE 10:

GRADE 7:

GRADE 11:

Andrew Gillespie,

Mitch Gerk

Sam Gerk,

William Talbert,

STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN ABOVE AVERAGE ACHIEVEMENT ARE ON THE HONOR ROLL. WE'RE PROUD TO SHARE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS.

HONOR ROLL, GPA 3.25-3.74, FIRST SEMESTER

GRADE 12:

Sara Baldwin, Michael Balzano, Caleb Dufur, Amber Emig, Alisha Gillespie, Carley Huss, Natalie Kulick, David Noller, Cecilia Orta-Kevilus, Jon Reed, Kurt Senff, Tyler Weston, Trevor Whitlow, Christopher Zadroga

Joshua Lang, Brittany Langley, Teal Scully-Collins, Mariah Stalder, Jennell Wing

GRADE 8:

Taylor Balzano, Kelly De-sponett, Billon Dewberry, Katie England, Kiersten Senff

GRADE 10:

Shelby Dewberry, Clifton Ford

GRADE 7:

Christine Belgarde, Cody Evans, Dexter Heavner, Malorie Nixon, Aundrea Premo, Jennifer Williams

GRADE 9:

Dacyn Johnson, Shaila Milon, Lindsay Moody, Daniel Waide

GRADE 11:

Taryn Cella, Brittany Gust,

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GOOD NEWS FOR TAXPAYERS

District voters approved a 1.5 million dollar bond issue in 1995, with interest of 5.35% on those bonds.

That bond issue enabled the Cotopaxi School District to build a new high school including a new gymnasium and elementary classrooms on the south side of the campus.

The old gym, constructed by the WPA in 1939, was converted into the multi-purpose room and much needed new art and music rooms. Elementary physical education classes are held in the multi-purpose room.

The existing stage is used for

plays and concerts.

The new buildings allowed the junior high more room in the former high school wing.

Because of lower interest rates, the bonds were re-issued this winter at a lower interest rate, 4.20%, saving the local taxpayers money by decreasing the amount of mills needed to meet these obligations. For 2007 the old payment would have been \$127,025, but has been reduced to \$106,526, for a \$20,499 savings.

The new bonds will be paid off in eight years.



The new Cotopaxi High School was built in the late 90's thanks to the 1.5 million dollar bond issue passed by District voters in 1995.