Vista PEAK Exploratory Logs Huge Increase in Dad Volunteer Hours

Vista PEAK Exploratory is seeing a huge spike in volunteer hours this school year. It’s all thanks to fathers and father figures participating in the new WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) program.

“It was life changing,” said Richard Karwacki, father of three Vista PEAK Exploratory students. “When you see the way that the staff demonstrates how much they care for the kids, if I didn’t volunteer, I wouldn’t understand that.”

During the 2013-14 school year, Vista PEAK Exploratory logged just 38 volunteer hours from men. This year, the school is on track to have more than 1,000 male volunteer hours.

Staff members recently hosted a Dads and Kids Pizza Night for hundreds of students and parents. Families came together to recognize the importance of fathers getting involved in their children’s education.

“It means a lot to our campus and it means a lot to our school,” said Watch D.O.G.S.® organizer Tyler Hettich.

APS Art Educators Exhibit Begins Jan. 23

Join us for the 15th annual Aurora Art Educators Exhibit at Downtown Aurora Visual Arts (DAVA), located at 1405 Florence St. in Aurora. This free exhibit showcases the talents of APS art educators. For the third consecutive year, APS educators will create and donate small art works in conjunction with their large-scale pieces. All proceeds raised from this portion of the show will be donated to A.J. Boik’s Memorial Scholarship at the Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design. Boik was a Gateway High School graduate who planned to study Art Education, but his life was cut short in the Aurora Theater shooting.

For more information, email gallery@davarts.org or call DAVA at 303-367-5886.

Opening Reception
Jan. 23
4 – 7:30 p.m.

Art Exhibit
Jan. 23 – March 6
10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (M-F)