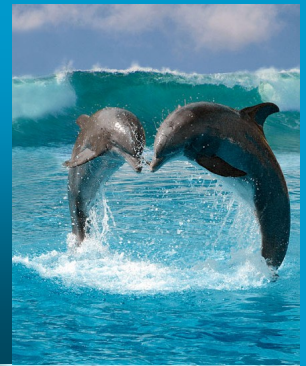


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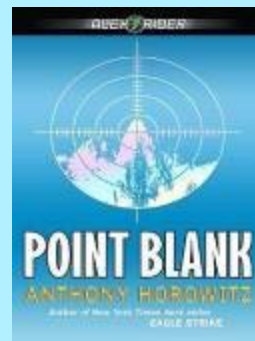
Book Review

by Jake

"Point Blank"

Alex Rider is at it again in the sequel to *Stormbreaker*. This book is full of action. His assignment is to go to Point Blanc, in France. Point Blanc is an academy that reforms poor behaving children. These juvenile kids have turned good suddenly. Alex, a spy, has to find out what's up, so he disguises himself as an adolescent person and becomes the son of Sir David Friend. He finds himself doing anything to get to the 3rd floor, which he hears is the forbidden floor. He climbs up the chimney and finds an exact replica of the first floor of the academy. The only difference is that there are TVs screening

the first floor. The book is constantly having you try to crack the mystery along with Alex. I enjoyed *Stormbreaker* more than this book because I enjoyed finding out how Alex becomes a spy. You'll have to read this book to figure out what else happens to this child sleuth.



Staff



Student Teaching 101

By Abigail & Maddie

Everyone has a dream and for some people that dream is to become a teacher. To become a teacher you must first go through student teaching. Douglass is the home of five student teachers that attend CU and University of Northern Colorado. We are going to give you a behind the scenes look at student teaching.

Ms. Nielsen is the student teacher in Mrs. Taht's fourth grade classroom. She knew student teaching would be a lot of work but "it turns out it is three times as much fun and work" than she expected. Ms. Mangus agrees and says she had "no idea of the magnitude of the job", but says "it is wonderful to finally find where you are supposed to be in life and I have never worked harder or been happier." Ms. Everett, in Mrs. Mullineaux's class, says "it has been much more fun and rewarding than I imagined."

We all have favorite subjects to learn about in school and it is no different for teachers. Ms. Ingram, in Mrs. Morris's class says that "Reading is my favorite subject because we read tons of cool books and get to talk about them." For Ms. Nielsen it is writing because "it is amazing to see the great stories students produce." Ms. Everett enjoys teaching poetry because "it's easy to get students excited about it."

This job isn't all rainbows and unicorns! There are some downsides to learning to become a teacher. Ms. Lockwood feels that waking up early is something she is going to have to get used to. "That is why you will always



find me drinking coffee!" Also lesson preparation is a big responsibility. Ms. Nielsen spends anywhere between 30 minutes to 1 hour for each lesson. The overall theme is that they need to plan for everything.

Has Ms. Mangus, Lockwood, Everitt, Ingram and Nielsen inspired you?

The Mysterious Basement

By: Ellis and Skylar

Have you ever wondered what is really under Douglass? Well now you know because we have investigated it for you. It turns out there is no pool under the building. When we met up with Mr. Wolfer he answered some of our burning questions.

He says that there are two storage rooms and a boil room (NOT A POOL!) You have to wonder if any other schools have this type of legend and he says that in his old middle school there was a rumor that there was a jail in his school. He believes that the "pool rumor" started in the school as a joke. But, some people insist that they once saw a pool in the basement. "There is nothing mysterious

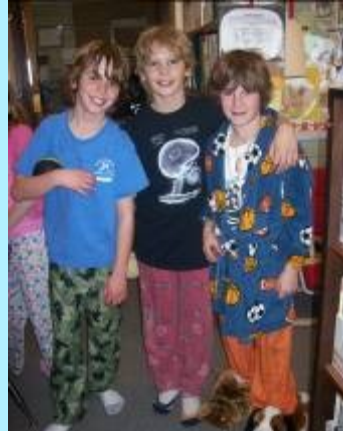
under Douglass", Mr.C said. He says "that the basement was built in the early 40's."

So if Mr. Wolfer could have anything in the basement he would want a bowling alley. Skylar would want a pool with a nice hot tub. Ellis would want a movie theater with an excellent popcorn machine and comfy theater seat." It was fun telling you about the basement and remember there is no pool under Douglass so don't bring a bathing suit!



School Wide Pajama Day!

The Douglass Student Council, with the help of their leader, Mrs. Mullineaux hosted a school wide pajama day. Every classroom participated in it. Kim, Sirisha and Sonya (all on student council) took awesome pictures of the classrooms. Here are our top picks of pics.



Kids Make a Big Difference in the World!

By: Alex

Douglass Elementary students jumped into action when the people of Haiti needed them most. From Girl Scout troops to our art class, students came together to raise money for Haiti. One of the school wide programs that students were involved with was making house shaped pins. Mrs. Deyo says "The first grade students made little houses out of scrap mat board. They then decorated with colored pencils. We sold over 300 dollars at Douglass! The houses are now being sold at Boulder Arts and crafts 1421 Pearl Street. We donated the money to UNICEF.

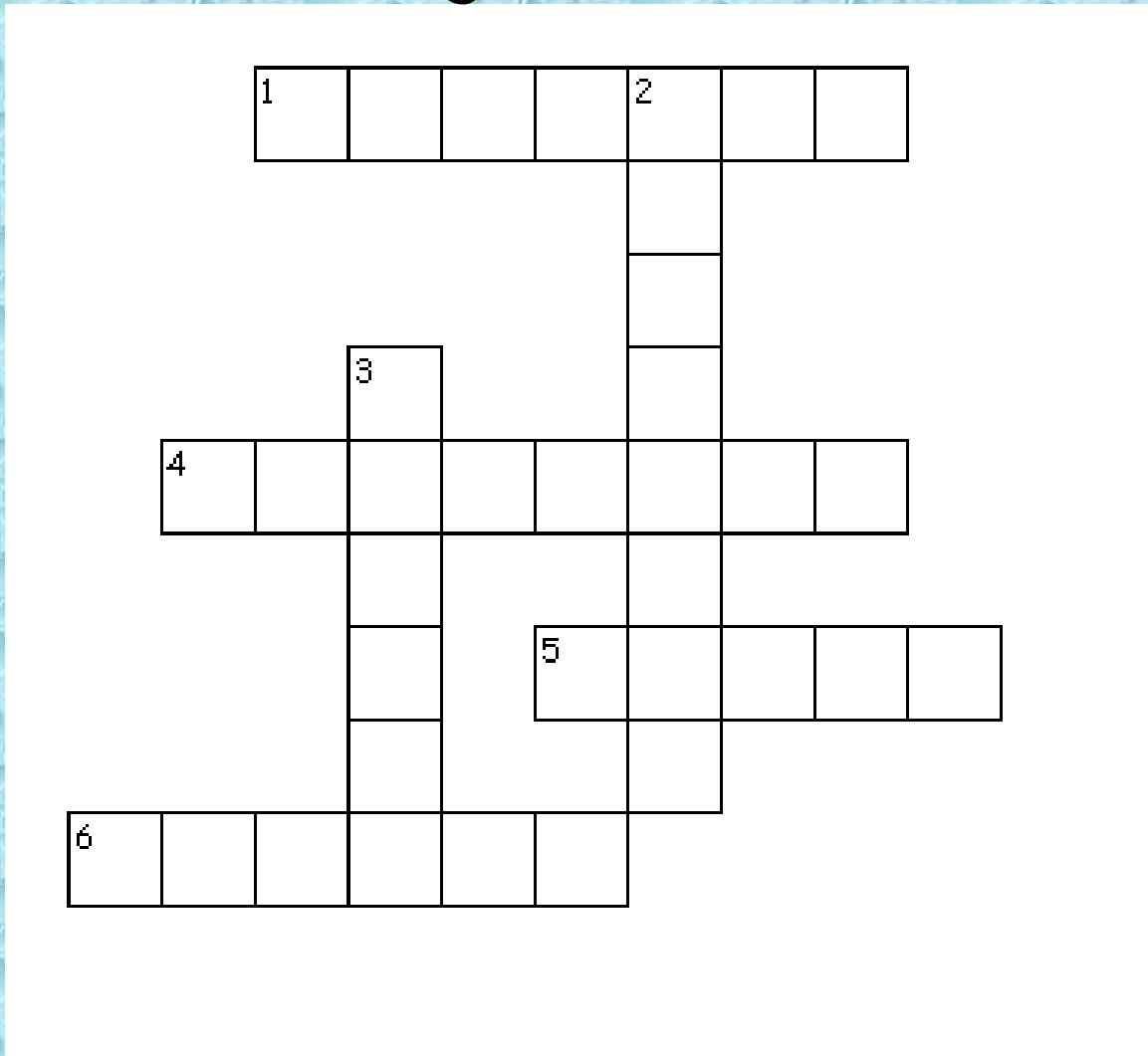
Another program Douglass was doing is making Haiti bracelets the colors of Haitian flag. The idea came from a third graders family to get the school involved with the tragedy. Over 90 students helped with the making of the bracelets.

They were sold at school events and at Platt Middle School. Mrs. Annear says that close to \$3000 will be donated to UNICEF. This proves that every person makes a difference in the world!



Douglass Crossword Puzzle

By Nikhil



Across

1. What is the name of the hut by the 4th grade cottage?
4. What galaxy is Douglass Elementary located?
5. What is the name of Mrs. Mullineaux's pet snake?
6. What state is Mrs. Chiu from?

Down

2. What is the name of the tiled wall by the 4th grade cottage?
3. What is the closest ski mountain to Douglass?