

STEM School Highlands Ranch  
Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)



**STEM PTO**

## STEM PTO's Weekly Updates

April 30th, 2021

*Our next PTO meeting will be held on May 13th from 6:30pm to 8pm via Zoom. Check out our Facebook page for updated information on events and meetings: [www.facebook.com/stemschoolHRPTO](https://www.facebook.com/stemschoolHRPTO)*



We greatly appreciate all of our students, teachers, faculty and community partners that presented at STEMFest! It was a fun, fantastic event! Thank you!

# Teacher Appreciation Week is May 3rd- 7th!

Please help us show our teachers and staff members appreciation for the hard work they put in during this challenging year! Our teachers have juggled more this year than ever and this is our opportunity to show them we appreciate them!

Parents AND students: Please record a short video for current/past teachers and staff members that have had an affect on your STEM experience! It will make their day and will only take seconds of your time.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Gvdfn3sK755PKY4mfNCUd5qtJyH7ybagAVqsmCGY2z0/edit?usp=sharing>

The PTO is providing lunch for the teachers and staff all week long!

Monday: The Colorado Pig Rig in the MS parking lot from 10:30am-1:30pm

Tuesday: Einstein Bagel and smears and coffee in lounges beginning at 7:10am

Wednesday: Mac and Noodle food truck in the MS parking lot from 10:30am-1:30pm

Thursday: Chick-Fil-A boxed lunches in lounges at 10:30am

# The Douglas County Healthy Youth Coalition (DCHYC) is excited to announce our upcoming webinar!

On the evening of May 5th 2021, 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

[Registration link](#)

***How To Have Hard Conversations and Create Inclusive Communities.***

Hosted by: [Rosalind Wiseman](#), New York Bestselling Author and Educator

How do we make an inclusive community where everyone feels a sense of belonging? How can we have honest conversations about discrimination, bias and bigotry that brings us closer as a community? How do we integrate the principles of dignity with members of our community, as well as further anti-discrimination work? While this topic for many can be uncomfortable, it is efforts like these that build our capacity to be a place of dignity for all. This is a solution focused learning opportunity and is not geared toward shaming dominant cultures or races.

Increased knowledge and skills to support school and community's efforts to promote diversity and equity by covering the following topics:

- *Bridge understanding about forms of discrimination/bias so that various community constituents feel heard and acknowledged*
- *Support anti-discrimination and inclusivity in all expressions of sexual orientation*
- *Facilitate conversations by defining the difference between a curious question that brings people of different experiences and opinions together, rather than a question that reinforces bias and alienation between individuals in our community*
- *Develop parents' and other trusted adults' skills to contribute to a culture of dignity in schools and the community*

We intend to provide ongoing learning opportunities like this one over the coming months and years that focus on building the knowledge, skills and abilities of our families, trusted adults and our youth.

We will be working collaboratively with our members and organizational stakeholders; Tri-County Health Department, Mental Health professionals, Douglas County School District Health Wellness and Prevention (HWP) and Counseling department teams, Douglas County Mental Health Initiative, Faith community and countless others to deliver valuable ongoing learning opportunities that focus on health and well-being topics.

If you would like to learn more, follow us on Twitter@DougCoPrevent, Instagram @DCHYC, Facebook or sign up to receive our monthly newsletter through our website: [dchyc.org](http://dchyc.org)



DOUGLAS COUNTY  
HEALTHY YOUTH COALITION

# ROSALIND WISEMAN

HOW TO HAVE HARD  
CONVERSATIONS AND CREATE  
INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

The Douglas County Healthy Youth Coalition is pleased to welcome Cultures of Dignity Co-Founder, Rosalind Wiseman. This presentation will give parents/trusted adults increased knowledge and skills to support Douglas County Healthy Youth Coalition's efforts to promote diversity and equity in its community

**This webinar will cover how to...**

- Bridge understanding about forms of discrimination/bias so that various community constituents feel heard and acknowledged
- Support anti-discrimination and inclusivity in all expressions of sexual orientation
- Facilitate conversations by defining the difference between a curious question that brings people of different experiences and opinions together, rather than a question that reinforces bias and alienation between individuals in our community
- Develop parents' and other trusted adults' skills to contribute to a culture of dignity in schools and the community

All of these content areas will be tied together to support the emotional, mental, and physical health of young people and others within our vulnerable communities.

Wednesday, May 5th, 2021

6:00-7:30pm MST

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER!](#)



NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING  
AUTHOR AND EDUCATOR

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## **School Family Directory & PTO Volunteer Sign Ups**

We are excited to announce that we will be using Membership Toolkit for our Directory, Volunteer Sign Ups and PTO Communications for the 2020-2021 school year. If you signed up last year, make sure you log in and confirm your information is correct, and check out our new committees.

We invite you to visit <https://stempto.membershiptoolkit.com/> to see everything your PTO has to offer this year. Once you create a Membership Toolkit Account, you will have access to upcoming **calendar events**, sign up to **volunteer** and much, much more.

### **Here's what you need to do:**

- · Go to <https://stempto.membershiptoolkit.com/>.
- · Click on the Register/Login button.
- · If you already have an account with another organization that uses Membership Toolkit you can use the same email and password to login. You can then proceed to the numbered steps below.
- · Select "Create Account" and fill in the name, email, and password information.
- · Click "verify my email" and then check your email for a link to complete the process. The link expires in 2 hours. If you do not receive the email, check your spam or junk folders.
  - · Once you have verified your email address, log back in and finish the registration process.
  - 1. Complete the **Parent/Family and Student Information**.
  - 2. Complete the **Directory/Publish Preferences**.
  - 3. Once these forms are complete, you will be presented with forms for Signups.

Once the Primary Account is set up, the **Primary User can "invite" other email addresses** to access his/her account. This allows the Secondary User to have their own login information, but still have access to the family account.

Please check out our many wonderful committees you can sign up for today!

Questions? - Please don't hesitate to contact us at [pto@stemk12.org](mailto:pto@stemk12.org)

## Be A Part of the PTO!



Current open positions include:

**Member At Large:** The Member At Large Officer shall oversee all hospitality needs, volunteer and staff appreciation as well as serve as a liaison between volunteers, parents, and staff/teachers. The Member At Large Officer shall serve as the Chair of the Hospitality Committee. This position consists of three (3) board officers who shall share these duties.

**Vice-President(s):** The Vice President shall coordinate fundraising and events. Vice-Presidents shall serve as Chairs on the Fundraising and Events Committees. This position shall be a parent or guardian who is not employed by the school. This position consists of three (3) board officers who shall share these duties. Each of the 3 positions shall represent each school level (Elementary, Middle School and High School)

**Co-Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall oversee all funds of the organization in accordance with The Foundation procedures. The Treasurers shall serve as Chairs of the Finance and Grants Committees. This position shall be a parent or guardian who is not employed by the school.

**Co-Communications Officer:** The Communications Officer shall oversee all STEM PTO communications and marketing. The Communications Officer shall serve as Chair on the Communications Committee.

Please contact [pto@stemk12.org](mailto:pto@stemk12.org) if you are interested!

## FUNDRAISING

**mabel's labels** - You asked for it! STEM PTO is now fundraising with Mabel's Labels! They have every size and shape you can think of with designs for littles all the way to adulthood! They last through everything and we can reduce Lost and Found items. Just click here to order:

<https://mabelslabels.com/fundraising/support>

and search for STEM PTO (Highlands Ranch). It doesn't cost you any more but some of your purchase then comes back to PTO to help fund our events!



**King Soopers** - (We may want to edit and add the most stats we received in April for 1st quarter of 2021) just received our quarterly statement from 10/01/2020-12/31/2020 and we have an increase from our previous quarter of participating families from 138 to 158, and a quarterly donation of \$2,279.19. We greatly appreciate your participation and look forward to more families joining in the program. How can you do that? Log into your King Soopers account, in your dashboard menu on the left side of the screen is a "Community Rewards" option, click on that and if you're not already enrolled, or want to change your enrollment, search for STEM PTO as an education organization. When you find STEM PTO click "enroll" and STEM will receive a donation from King Soopers every time you scan your King Soopers card. No more need to purchase gift cards!

**PTO Email Addresses:**

[pto@stemk12.org](mailto:pto@stemk12.org) for general information

[ptoevents@stemk12.org](mailto:ptoevents@stemk12.org) for Event information

[ptofundraising@stemk12.org](mailto:ptofundraising@stemk12.org) for all Donations and fundraising information

[ptocommunications@stemk12.org](mailto:ptocommunications@stemk12.org) for all communications information

[ptotreasurer@stemk12.org](mailto:ptotreasurer@stemk12.org) for all our financial information

[ptosecretary@stemk12.org](mailto:ptosecretary@stemk12.org) for all our bylaws, policies, procedures and minutes

[ptohospitality@stemk12.org](mailto:ptohospitality@stemk12.org) for all hospitality question/needs

STEM PTO, Chapter of the Foundation for Douglas County Schools, is a Parent Teacher Organization that uses its resources (materials, funds and services) to support our school, STEM School Highlands Ranch.







