

The youth take charge in the climate battle

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We, as young people, are tired of being constantly betrayed by those who are supposed to work for our greater good,” said Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old climate activist, at a climate strike on Oct. 11 in Civic Center Park. “Someone needs to do something, and that someone could be me, it could be you, or anyone. You don’t have to wait for someone else to do something. No one is too small to make a difference.”

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A RISING DEMAND FOR CHANGE

BY GRACIE LORDI
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“Let’s understand that the effects that we’re going to see are not necessarily the effects that we in Greenwood Village are going to feel. If we start experiencing increased periods of drought or increased periods of really high temperatures, we can turn on the sprinklers, we can turn on the faucet. A drought in Colorado is never going to decrease our ability to fill a swimming pool or to take a shower. An increase in temperature in Greenwood Village is never going to make us feel uncomfortable because we can turn up the air conditioning. But in the poorest places, in the places where the people have less responsibility or culpability for increasing climate change, those are the people that are going to be most negatively impacted. People in rural Uganda who have not been contributing to climate change are going to be the ones that experienced those same things, those same increased variabilities and increased intensity of weather events. They’re the ones that are going to feel the brunt of it. Because if it gets hotter in Uganda, there is no air conditioning. If there’s drought in Uganda, then crops wither and die and people starve.”



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-science teacher Jeffery Boyce pictured above installing solar panels in Nyaka, Uganda.



YOUTH PROTEST: On Friday Sept. 20, over 100 students over the world are skipping school in order to protest. Participants include Sage Cramer, Oli Gillespie, Frances Healy, and others.

“We’ve tried so many things: recycling, composting, we tried to do a sustainability report for the school. It’s been very very difficult to get anything done. Just because there’s no open ears, everyone is not wanting to hear about why we should be sustainable. So, it’s definitely been an uphill battle to get people to think about it. I think a sustainability team for Creek would be amazing - adult and student led.”

-senior Riley Weeks President of the Ecological Action club

“Our generation is the one who has to face the biggest consequences and I’m tired of adults that don’t have to live through the consequences of their action just because they don’t care about our future.”

-senior Grace Campbell

WHAT IF WE HAD SOLAR PANELS?

Creek spends

\$60,000
/month on electricity.

IF

we spend

\$3,000,000
on solar panels **NOW**

it would take

50
months for the solar panels pay for themselves

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20, over 7,500 people participated in the Denver Strike on Capitol Hill. Students all in order to fight for environmentally sustainable policy change. (From left) Creek seniors Healy, Grace Campbell, Aidan Patrick, and Riley Weeks missed school to attend.

the biggest consequences live through it not taking about our future."

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"Imagination is a wonderful thing. But it's only a wonderful thing if you couple imagination with action. And action is the most important thing we can do to change the world."

-Jeffrey Boyce

THEN

Creek could save

\$15,000,000

Over the next

25

years



102%

Increase in carbon emissions in Denver since 1990



2°

Temperature increase in Denver since 1990



220

lbs of plastic per person per year



20

metric tons of co2 per person every year

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