

Maya Delaney, 10, Miah Frank, 11, Kylee Eastmond, 11, and Madison Dykstra, 11, all gather in front of Frank's Ford Escape named Larry with the stuffed monkey she keeps in her car. Frank also holds ibuprofen, chocolate milk, vaseline and sunglasses.

Photo by Chloe Amonson



Dude, What's in Your Car?

by Anna Olson

Stuffed animals. CDs. A Post Malone air freshener. These are just a few of the items we found when we asked Arapahoe students and faculty to give us a peek inside their vehicles.

Open the doors of junior Lily Treitz's car and you'll spot a blanket.

"It was originally for football games," she says. "But I feel like now, my younger siblings get in the car and are cold. I don't want to listen to them complain, so I just give them a blanket."

Students and faculty also like to keep things like pencils, sports equipment, tissues and even a five-year-old bag of Veggie Straws.

Whether it's a back flow preventer cover (yes, this was in physical education teacher James Dollaghan's car), extra clothes or ibuprofen, cars are just extensions of our backpacks, lockers and even bedrooms. Here are a few of the things we discovered in the school parking lots.

-Additional Reporting by Chloe Amonson and Molly Winslow



"I wear Pit Vipers when I drive because they block out the sun," says Addison Roswech, 11, who keeps sunglasses, blankets, lip balm and pencils in her vehicle.

Bode Schellhaas, 11, keeps his Arapahoe football bag, along an aux cord and charger—a must—in his black Acura MDX.



Photo by Anna Olson



Holly Jayasanker, 12, has quite the arrangement of items in her car. Along with her bag of veggie straws, Jayasanker keeps a big bottle of lotion and a big book with every written document since 1950. She drives a Mercedes E320 named Tank.

Photo by Grace Olson

Addie Gonzalas, 11, likes to keep a miniature Stanley Cup and claw hair clips in her army-green Jeep Wrangler.



Illustration by Molly Winslow

What the ...? It's a hose bib cover, of course!



Left: In his car, Dollaghan absolutely needs his radio, sunglasses and gum. He also keeps a hose bib cover because you never know when you're going to have to protect your faucet from leaking.
 Middle: Social Studies teacher Jeremy Hawthorne claims to always have CDs in his car. "I don't know why, because I never listen to CDs," he says.
 Right: Although he likes to keep his car clean, Greyden Wandry ,10, makes sure to have a Post Malone air freshener in his Subaru Crosstrek named Burt.