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## It's Just ROCKET SCIENCE

**SRS presents at district science fair**  
**TUNNEL VISION** Presenting their project to science teacher Kat Ellis on Feb. 20, Kent Phommatha (12) and Landon Crain (12) share details about what they discovered about a technology called star shades, which allow astronomers to block out the light of bright stars to see some of the celestial bodies around them. Phommatha had always been interested in science and thought the best way to express that was through the science fair. "I've always found it interesting how the world works," Phommatha said. **STAY GREEN** Standing by her board, Kelsey Wolf (12) explains how temperature affects the presence of algal species in different bodies of water. Wolf won the Stockholm Junior Water Prize for her project, which allowed her to enter into a state-level competition. "We can potentially win money or a state-level prize, which is cool," Wolf said. **MUTATION MIX** Gesturing to her poster, Caroline Dahm (12) describes the findings of her research about a genetic mutation that differs in mice versus humans. Dahm is part of the science research seminar (SRS) class that spends the whole year creating a project for at the science fair. "I think it's fascinating that you can take a class to become specialized at the college level," Dahm said.



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### GLAMOUR VS. GENIUS

Explaining to Miss Honey, played by Marina Eissenstat (11), that looks are more important than smarts, Lacy Thompson (11) performs as Matilda's mother, Mrs. Wormwood. "Matilda is such a fun show because it's a book I read as a child, so it has a special place in my heart," Thompson said. **EASY AS ABC** Holding letters to create the alphabet, the cast of Matilda poses at the end of "School Song." Despite two snow days, the show was performed three times over the course of March 15 and 16. **BEHIND THE SCENES** Playing the trumpet, Sophie Duquette (10) helps create live music for the musical inside the pit. This was the first time since Covid that a live pit was included in the musical. "The pit was very different from performing as an ensemble, especially with the cuing and trying to line up with the actors," she said. **BUNDLE OF JOY** Singing, Graham Szudera (11) holds baby Matilda in the opening scene. **FLYING HIGH** Floating in the air, Callie Truman (10), playing Amanda Thripp, is lifted across the stage. "Our directors worked so hard to make the Friday show happen,"



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"There was definitely talk about it at the beginning of the week. At our first tech rehearsal, we were all like, 'There's this big snowstorm coming in. What are we going to do?' The snowstorm came on our opening night, so we had to cancel our show on Thursday, but we have such amazing directors and an amazing principal who advocated for us to perform on Friday night. We're really grateful for that, but I have to say we were so disappointed about losing our Thursday show that we were on top of it for our Friday show. The energy was amazing."  
 — Anna Claire Jones (11)



## GET That

### DECA prepares for

**CHARTING SUCCESS** Motivating to a pie chart, Zidane Prough (11) presents a business operations research on Rock Creek Spine and Therapeutics during a DECA meeting on Feb. 21. Students practiced their presentations before heading to state championships the following week. "We do mock trials to get the gears turning and get everything in motion to feel like you are going to succeed when you get to states," Prough said.

## FLOWER PWR



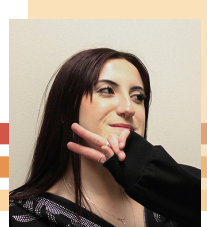
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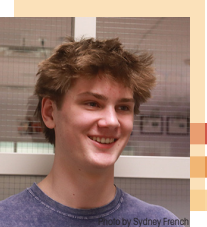
### Garden Club brings color to Winter Ball

**WINTER BLOOM** Cutting a faux sunflower, Ruby Stein (10) creates a corsage in a Garden Club meeting during Access time on Feb. 21. Because of the winter weather, the club focused on creating the arrangements for the Winter Ball. "Winter has slowed things down a bit, but once spring starts, we're going to start gardening things again," Stein said. **GROW AND GLOW** Twisting together a few flowers, Lana Choi (10) helps craft corsages for the winter ball. Along with making corsages, the club also painted rocks to leave throughout the community and dug up the garden beds around the school for planting. "I think it's really great for people in our school to spread awareness about the things we are able to grow," Choi said.

## MY SPRING THING!



"I enjoy going out and thrifting with my friends and finding different fashion"  
 — Emma



"I enjoy mountain biking with my dad. I got into it during Covid, and I just started traveling and biking all the time. I like the community and all the people I get to meet."  
 — Nathan Kindrachuk (10)



"I do a lot of hiking with my friends in the spring. I usually hike trails in the Flatirons or in Golden. It's a really nice way to be outdoors and connect with nature."  
 — Gracie Jacar (11)



"I like playing baseball in the spring. It's fun because it takes your mind off of other things, and it gives you something to work towards."  
 — Oliver Hillard (9)