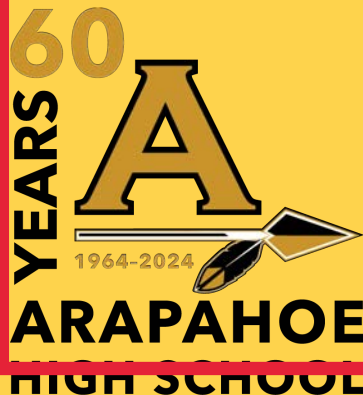


CELEBRATE 60

In the 2023-2024 school year, Arapahoe High School celebrated its 60th anniversary as a high school. Opened in 1963, Arapahoe High School has served many students, faculty, and staff members.

Principal Natalie Pramenko has worked at Arapahoe High School for 20 of the school's 60 years, first as an assistant principal and then as the principal starting in 2012. "For a school to be thriving in its original building 60 years later is incredible to see. To be a part of a school and institution that has lasted for so many years carries such a sense of pride and tradition. You walk into the building and just feel it," Pramenko said.



"It's important to celebrate all of the alumni, faculty, and staff who have built the pride and traditions over the years," Pramenko said.

HERE WE ARE

ARAPAHOE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUILDING OPENING

LOOKING BACK TO 1

During the 1963 school year, students in the first class of Arapahoe High School took classes at Newton Middle School while waiting for construction of the school building to be completed. It was then that students chose the mascot, picked the school colors, and created the first volume of the Calumet Yearbook.



Photos from the 1964 Calumet Yearbook

A calumet was a long, reeded pipe used by the Arapaho Tribe during ceremonial occasions. A calumet was more commonly known as a "peace pipe" in western culture.



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LEGACY OF 10

On Dec. 13, 2013, a tragic school shooting took the life of Arapahoe High School student Claire Davis. In an effort to heal from the event and unite the school community, an annual remembrance week was created to commemorate the event and honor the memory of Davis.

This week came to be known as Deliberate Acts of Love and Kindness Week, during which students and faculty focused on selfless acts of service, love, and community. Each year on December 13, school members donned purple shirts in memory of Claire Davis. Following the direction of the Davis family and community members impacted by the

shooting, the Arapahoe High School community focused on healing and moving forward as a school.

After the events of December 13, schools in Colorado re-evaluated their security policies to ensure the safety of all students. At both a district and school level, physical security measures coupled with an amplified focus on mental health aimed to keep students safe. More mental health professionals were introduced at Arapahoe High School and a heightened focus was brought to the program Safe2Tell. Inside the school building, changes were made to promote safety and security kiosks were placed inside the main entrances to regulate who entered the building.



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HONOR 30

September 17, 2023 marked the thirty year anniversary of the relationship between Arapahoe High School and Arapaho Nation from the Wind River Indian Reservation. This relationship was officially endorsed following the first "Arapahoe Warrior Assembly" which occurred on September 17, 1993. The relationship between the two communities promoted awareness to the co-existence of two very diverse cultures. Students and staff of Arapahoe High School shared a responsibility to demonstrate the importance of upholding meaningful and significant relationships between cultures in the greater community. The "Arapahoe Warrior" logo designed by Wilbur Antelope, a Northern Arapaho artist, continued to act as a unifying symbol. The use of the "Arapahoe Warrior" logo for school activities was endorsed in a proclamation signed on September, 17, 1993. Stipulations to ensure the proper respect and protection of the logo were included in the proclamation and were still rigorously maintained 30 years later.



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