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# in 5th the grade



Future Spartan Day is a day when the 5th graders from Burlington, Niwot, and Indian Peaks Elementaries visit Sunset. It is a day where future Spartans learn about the classes and after-school activities that are offered during middle school. They are taken to the Band, Choir, Orchestra and Mariachi rooms to see what opportunities await them. W.E.B. leaders take over during the tour and take the 5th graders to different stations that include, drama, robotics, and stem. This is also a great opportunity where staff and students connect with the 5th graders. The W.E.B. Leaders often get to bring around 5th graders from the elementary school they attended.



## Science Gaining



The Rube Goldberg is an 8th grade science project where students work on their creativity and build a multiple-step machine to complete a simple task, while applying concepts of potential and kinetic energy conversion. For example, steps such as a marble running through a course to get to an end goal. One of the biggest challenge students faced this year was a flood that wrecked the science classroom as well as several projects and materials. Students had to move to a different classroom for the majority of this project while the science classroom was under repair. Another huge challenge is that Rube Goldberg are so complicated that anything can go wrong at any time. But our students showed amazing perseverance the result being some pretty cool projects.

## thankful

What are students thankful for this year?

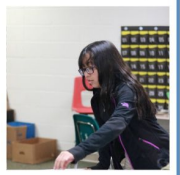


"I'm thankful for my friends and my moms delicious food that she makes me every day."  
**Brandon Paez Aguilar,**  
7th

"I am thankful for my family because they have inspired me to help, be kind, and be myself."  
**Alan Varela,**  
7th



"I'm thankful for my family and teachers for providing me with resources that are helping me get a brighter future."  
**Betzy Arellano,**  
8th

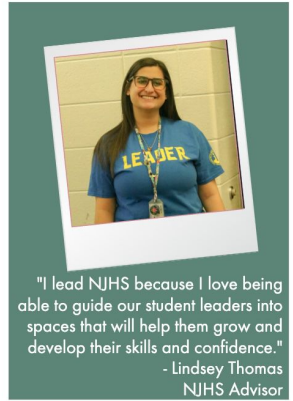


"I am thankful for my family, friends, a home, clothes, a bed, and my principal and teachers."  
**Axel Murillo,**  
7th

## Spartan Volunteers



National Junior Honor Society, also known as NJHS is a program in which 8th graders commit hours to the school and their communities. These 8th graders are chosen for their inspiring attitude and work ethic, their have many IB learner traits such as being open minded, strong thinking, and risk-taking. NJHS is a prestigious program that requires committed and dedicated students. To enroll, you are required to fill out an application and be accepted into the program. A student can be kicked out at any time and must keep their grades up, and complete their required hours if they wish to stay in the program. As an opportunity to grow, students get to develop new capabilities and grow their confidence, NJHS students give back to the community and help our own community here at Sunset.



"I lead NJHS because I love being able to guide our student leaders into spaces that will help them grow and develop their skills and confidence."  
- Lindsey Thomas  
NJHS Advisor