

Grand Night Out Kyffin Elementary School Golden, CO



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Kyffin Elementary School, located in Jefferson County Public Schools, is a collaborative community that uses innovative teaching and learning opportunities to maximize student growth and individual success. The school offers many ways for students to grow socially and academically with after school programs, enrichment rotations, and Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). School staff wanted to showcase their students and highlight the positive school culture they strive to foster. As a result, in November 2017, Kyffin hosted Grand Night Out.

The purpose of Grand Night Out is three-fold:

- To honor, recognize, and enlist family support
- To support the school's Book Fair and a focus on the English/Language Arts Major Improvement Strategy of the Unified Improvement Plan
- To celebrate the Arts



The 2 ½ hour evening event includes the coffee and dessert, the book fair, and student performances from Kyffin's choice and dance troupe. Classroom teachers have an open door policy on this night where students can bring their family members into the classroom and share their work and their learning. Because the event is held near Veteran's Day, the school showcases its Wall of Heroes. Attendees can see and honor those who have served in the armed forces.

Planning the Grand Night Out is truly a team effort. The Parent-Teacher Association hosts the coffee and dessert reception. Kyffin office staff prepare the Veterans Wall of Heroes. Teachers share their classrooms with families and the music teacher coordinates student performances. Finally, the School Accountability Committee reviews feedback after the event.

Kyffin's principal shares that Grand Night Out is the perfect opportunity for students to share with "grand" guests all of the hard work they do in school. It may also provide families ideas with how to support learning outside of school.