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Jobsite Spotlight of the Month

We begin our June Project Spotlight by hopping on the highway and taking a short trip south to Colorado Springs. Classical Academy is located at the north end of Colorado Springs at Voyager Parkway and Stout Road. It is just north of our recently completed Progressive Insurance Campus. Haselden Construction is managing this project.

Classical Academy is a charter school in Academy District 20. This school is an experiment in advanced or accelerated study. The school is not for the gifted students, just students and parents who are willing to work hard for a good education.

This project is headed up by Mr. Colorado Springs himself, Carl Stoudt and assisted by his right hand man, Stuart Mitchell. Any job would be lucky to have such qualified Foremen on the Job.

The school is scheduled for completion by September of 2004. The intent is to have this new campus open for the 2004 -2005 school year.

The school is a combination of structural steel with a brick veneer finish. The interior finishes are typical to any school of this size. As this project began, we watched steel prices rise and availability tighten, but with a dedicated team in Colorado Springs, steel was located and the project remains on schedule.

This project is being managed out of the Colorado Springs office. This team consists of Bill Peyer, Scott Richardson and its newest member, Glen Riffe.

We look forward to completing this project in plenty of time for the next school year!

Congratulations to the following folks, who in the month of June have hit their respective anniversaries with Denver Drywall Company!

Tommy Cearns 10 years

Randy Alexander 3 years



Robert Darras 8 years

Michaela Lucente 1 year

Spotlight Employee of the Month

Some call him Big D and others refer to him as Darrell Harken. Either way, we call him the June spotlight employee of the month.

Darrell started with DDC back in 1996. Darrell has been running work for DDC for a number of years. Some of his jobs have included: Lone Eagle in Keystone; Aspen Grove in Littleton; Littleton Hospital; Exempla Hospital in Lafayette; and Terrace Gardens in Littleton.



Darrell is currently lending a helping hand up at St. Julien's Hotel while getting ready to begin St. Andrews Methodist Church.

Darrell has definitely come along way over the years with DDC and is considered one of the top foreman in the company.

Employees know what to expect when they work on a Darrell job. Darrell is strict yet fair. With diligence and hard work over the years, he has grown into a well-respected foremen.

If you have been around Darrell lately, you will find that his philosophy has not only affected his attitude but also his physique. He takes the time to lead by example not merely by direction.

And those are just a few of the reasons, Darrell Harken is the Spotlight Employee of the Month.

Each month we will be featuring a spotlight employee from Denver Drywall. We want you to get to know your fellow employees. We have enjoyed getting to know each other better and we hope you will too.

A Chuckle for the Month

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**"I always give 110% to my job.
40% on Monday, 30% on Tuesday, 20% on
Wednesday, 15% on Thursday, and 5% on Friday."**

A Little Slice of Safety



Recently, Denver Drywall Company was awarded the prestigious platinum level STEP award presented by the Association of Builders and Contractors (ABC). There are 4 levels of awards with platinum being at the top followed by gold, silver, and bronze.

STEP is an acronym for Safety, Training, Education, and Process. The criteria for such an award was based upon the number of man hours worked by DDC employees. The criteria is also based on OSHA 300 log information from the year 2003, and company safety policies and procedures in place.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter of ABC was recognized for having the highest number of STEP award applicants and winners in the country.

We would like to offer congratulations to everyone. We recognize that to receive such an award, safety must come first.

This is our second year in a row to achieve such an honor. Again, way to go.

THE MORE YOU KNOW...

June 21 – First Day of Summer

You know it as the first day of summer. Others refer to it as the longest day of the year. So, what makes this day – the *solstice* – special? To understand, you'll need a little background about the Sun and the Earth.

In the summer, days feel longer because the Sun rises earlier in the morning and sets later at night. When the North Pole of the Earth is tilted toward the Sun, we in the northern hemisphere receive more sunlight and it's summer. As the Earth moves in its orbit, the tilt of the North Pole changes. When it is tilted away from the Sun, it is winter in the northern hemisphere. In between we have autumn and spring.

The day that the Earth's North Pole is tilted closest to the sun is called the summer solstice. This is the longest day (most daylight hours) of the year for people living in the northern hemisphere. It is also the day that the Sun reaches its highest point in the sky.

The winter solstice, or the shortest day of the year, happens when the Earth's North Pole is tilted farthest from the Sun.

In between, there are two times when the tilt of the Earth is zero, meaning that the tilt is neither away from the Sun nor toward the Sun. These are the vernal equinox – the first day of spring – and the autumnal equinox – the first day of fall. *Equinox* means "equal." During these times, the hours of daylight and night are equal. Both are 12 hours long.

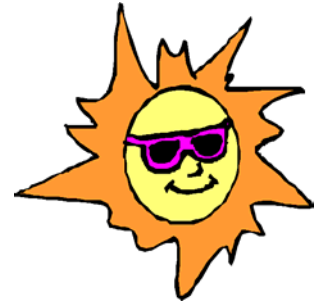


Health Education Corner

Sunburn

Many people say that a sunny day makes them feel better. Sunlight can help our mental outlook and help our bodies feel healthier. Many people also think that a suntan makes a person look young and healthy. However, sunlight can be harmful to the skin, causing immediate problems as well as problems that may develop years later. These problems include:

- Sunburns caused by the sun's ultraviolet light.
- Heatstroke or other heat-related illnesses from too much sun exposure.
- Allergic reactions to sun exposure or to sunscreen products.
- Skin changes that may cause premature wrinkling or brown pigment spots.
- Increased risk for skin cancer.



The amount of sun your skin is exposed to depends on:

- The time of day. You are more likely to get a sunburn between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun's rays are the strongest. You might think the chance of getting a sunburn on cloudy days is less, but the sun's damaging UV light can pass through clouds.
- Whether you are near reflective surfaces, such as water, white sand, concrete, snow, and ice. All of these reflect the sun's rays and can cause sunburns.
- The season of the year. The position of the sun on summer days can cause a more severe sunburn.
- The **altitude**. It is easy to get sunburned at higher altitudes because there is less of the earth's atmosphere to block the sunlight.
- The UV index of the day, which indicates the risk of getting a sunburn that day.

Some people are more likely to get a sunburn than others. Your skin type affects how easily you become sunburned. People with fair or freckled skin, blond or red hair, and blue eyes, usually have the skin type that easily sunburns. Your age also affects how your skin reacts to the sun. Children under age 6 and adults over age 60 have skin that is more sensitive to sunlight.

Preventive measures and home treatment are usually all that is needed to prevent or treat sunburn.

- Protect your skin from the sun.
- Do not stay in the sun too long.
- Use sunscreens and wear clothing that covers your skin.



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