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Water, Electricity, a Phone and an Office!

A trip to the site of Eagle Rock School provides a glimpse of what is to come. The bridges at the entrance and the roads to the building site are nearly completed.

The Lodge and the Professional Development Center foundations have been poured and back-filled and now await carpenters. A well designed hole in the ground marks the spot for the first houses for students. Foundations for this building will be started any day now.

Plans for the Lodge, Professional Development Center and one dorm, which are accessible to the disabled, are out on the market now. Bids will come back mid January, and a builder will be chosen by the third week. Wood construction will be under way by the first week in February.

The "backbone" utilities have been put in. These are the main sewer and water lines. Temporary power poles have been installed, and there is electricity and a phone on the site.

There is also an Eagle Rock Office on the site in the form of a trailer.

Meet the Eagle Rock Staff . . .

Staff members have been busy as the Eagle Rock train gathers speed.

Robert Burkhardt, Head of School, oversees every facet of the development of the school and spends a great deal of his time meeting with educators and community members discussing Eagle Rock and bringing them up to date on its progress.

Sally Duncan, Eagle Rock's Director of Operations, is wearing many hats at the moment as she oversees the physical plant and sets up the business structure of the school.

Judy Gilbert, Director of Curriculum, is planning the building of the curriculum and professional development activities for the staff.

Garth Lewis, instructional specialist, is our own "eagle eyes" on site during the construction.

John Oubre, Director of Students, is developing guidelines for student selection and admission and considering what student life will look like at Eagle Rock.

In-depth profiles of staff members will follow in coming editions of Eagle Eyes.

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This past year was full of exciting events for American Honda Education Corporation as Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center moved closer to becoming a reality. Highlights this past year include: acquiring land for our school site, ground breaking ceremonies and the beginning of construction, and the hiring of our leadership team. None of these milestones would have been possible without the support of many of you. Thank you!

This year will be even more eventful. The tempo and range of activities will increase rapidly as we prepare for the arrival of our first students in the late spring or early summer.

Construction of the facilities will proceed at a brisk pace. Construction of the curriculum will intensify as we bring on instructional specialists. Relationships with partner school districts and universities will be further defined and solidified. We look forward to your continued support as we approach "opening day" when we can begin to provide a service for you.

With the arrival of the first group of students nearly four years will have been passed since we first started to form the vision which has guided the

evolution of Eagle Rock. Opening our doors to students will be a culmination of what began as research into innovative ways to make a meaningful long-term contribution to society through direct involvement in an area unrelated to our day-to-day business needs.

Eagle Rock exemplifies American Honda's long-standing commitment to good corporate citizenship, demonstrating our determination to exceed what is normally expected of responsible corporations.

As a cooperative venture, Eagle Rock combines the best that our partner school districts and universities and American Honda Education Corporation have to offer. The Professional Development Center at Eagle Rock will help prepare teachers to provide alternative learning experiences for youth in their own schools through curriculum development, research and professional development activities. As a result, Eagle Rock will not only benefit our students, Eagle Rock will also provide valuable experiences for those engaged in initiatives intended to strengthen education both locally and nationally.

Thanks again! And we're looking forward to another year of working together with you during this critical period in the life of the school.

Upcoming Events 1993

January:

Move to our new expanded office space.
Hiring of four instructional specialists.

February:

John O. will be visiting school districts to begin shaping the student body.

Student application and admission procedures developed.

March:

Instructional specialists begin work.

April and May:

Staff development activities.
Identification of first sixteen students.

Summer:

First sixteen students arrive. Four months will be spent shaping the values and culture of Eagle Rock.

Special one-week Colorado Writing Project Institute sponsored by Eagle Rock.

Late Fall:

An additional eight students will arrive every two months until the student body of 96 is complete.

New Temporary Office Space

Since the Eagle Rock office moved to Estes Park last summer, it has been housed in a single room on the bottom floor of a veterinary clinic. Two telephone lines, two desks and a card table have not proved to be the most efficient arrangement for the expanded staff.

As much as the sound effects of the present office will be missed, the Eagle Rock staff will move to the Black Canyon Inn Lodge the middle of January. The Lodge is located off Devil's Gulch Road northwest of the Stanley Hotel. The address and telephone numbers for the school remain the same.

The larger office offers individual work space, meeting areas, a conference room and a kitchen. A large deck with a magnificent view promises opportunities for problem solving in a serenely contemplative atmosphere. Come visit!

Staff Interviews Held

More than four hundred and fifty letters of interest and resumes have been received at the Eagle Rock Office.

From this number seventy-five were selected for initial interviews for the first *Instructional Specialist* positions focusing on outdoor education/athletics, life skills/counseling, science/math, social studies/society and literature/languages. These interviews were held both in person and over the telephone.

Fifteen of those interviewed have been asked to travel to Estes to tour the site with Garth and to Boulder for a longer interview with the other four staff members.

Candidates have been asked to prepare a ten-minute lesson to teach to the panel of interviewers. March 1 is anticipated as the starting date for the new staff members.



Eagle Rock Forms Partnerships with School Districts

Robert and John and other staff members have been meeting with representatives of school districts, local boards of education, superintendents, and principals exploring the possibilities of a partnership between school districts and Eagle Rock.

A letter of understanding has been drafted and will be presented to local school boards for approval beginning this month.

Since students will receive a diploma both from Eagle Rock and their "home" high school, it is important that a strong cooperative network is established.

Questions concerning entering the partnership agreement should be directed to Robert Burkhardt or John Oubre.

Professional Development is a Priority

The five present members of the Eagle Rock staff embarked on their professional development voyage together by seeing "Malcolm X" at a Boulder theater.

John Oubre led the second professional development experience with the viewing of a Bill Moyers' special, "Circle of Recovery," followed by a spirited discussion of the issues it addressed.

Professional development activities are planned for each two weeks with members of staff leading the sessions. All activities will be centered around the eight themes of the school: intellectual discipline, physical fitness, aesthetic expression, spiritual development, cross-cultural understanding, service to others, environmental stewardship, and democratic governance.

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