is proud to announce the Cherry Gulch Chess Club has won first place at the Idaho State Chess Championships in both 2008 & 2009 in two separate divisions. The Cherry Gulch chess players learn to use all the critical thinking benefits of chess to make good decisions in their daily lives. These skills include patience, planning, concentration, teamwork, problem-solving and improved communication skills. Daniel J. Vellotti is currently the Chess Coach for Cherry Gulch School.

Hidden Lake Uses Chapter 11 to Rebuild: (June 4, 2009) A local news source in Lumpkin County, GA, reports Hidden Lake Academy, which voluntarily filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in May, 2009, is hoping this filing will allow the school to regroup and rebuild the private therapeutic boarding school which was founded in 1994, rather than face foreclosure

Greenbrier Academy Receives SEVIS Approval: (June 5, 2009) Beth Ragland, Director of Outreach and Business Development, Greenbrier Academy for Girls, Pence Springs, WV, 877-788-8422, announced Greenbrier Academy has been approved and has received certification in the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVIS) and is now able to complete 1-20's and accept international students.

Hope High School has New Home: (June 5, 2009) Blueprint Education, Glendale, AZ, has welcomed a new Principal, Mr. Ric Rodriguez, to Hope High School in Phoenix, AZ. In addition, Hope High School has found a new home and will be opening a brand new school facility for the upcoming 2009–2010 school year. Mr. Rodriguez holds a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision, a dual Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and Special Education and an Associate of Arts degree in Business with an emphasis on Marketing and Distribution. For questions about enrolling students in Blueprint Education programs, call Marmy Kodras at 800-426-4952 ext 4840.

Open Sky's Fernandes Recognized: (June 5, 2009) Durango Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards event presented Aaron Fernandes, founder and co-owner of Open Sky Wilderness, Durango, CO, its prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year award this past January. Fernandes was acknowledged for his entrepreneurial achievements at the annual awards ceremony held at Fort Lewis College. To learn more about Open Sky, contact Aaron at 970-382-8181.

Cunningham Addresses NATSAP: (June 8, 2009) Dr. Barbara Cunningham, Summit Preparatory School, Kalispell, MT, 406-261-9437, gave a presentation on: "Intellectually Gifted Underachievers: the Oxymoron Unraveled" at the June 11, 2009, Regional NATSAP Conference in UT. For more information, please contact Barb Cunningham.

"SWINE CREW" Team Wins: (June 9, 2009) James Meyer, Executive Director at Oakley School, Oakley, UT, announced the Oakley School Ultimate Frisbee team nicknamed the "Swine Crew" returned from the UT State Tournament with the ultimate prize: the championship. To learn more about Oakley School contact James at 435-783-5001.

Rusnak at In Balance Ranch: (June 9, 2009) Patrick Barrasso, owner of In Balance Ranch Academy, Tucson, AZ, 520-722-9631, is pleased to announce Ed Rusnak has joined the team at In Balance. Ed will be the primary therapist for the Transitional Living program and be part of the Family Weekends at the Ranch. Ed received his MS in counseling from Danbury Connecticut State University and is experienced in addiction, co-occurring disorders and family systems. Ed is a national certified counselor and licensed as an independent substance abuse counselor.

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