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WHAT: Stein Elementary School award banner presentation assembly

WHEN: Friday, March 1 at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Stein Elementary School, 80 S. Teller St., Lakewood, 80226

STEIN ELEMENTARY REWARDED FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Lakewood's Stein Elementary School is a winner of a *2013 Foundations for Great Schools* award, which recognizes and rewards outstanding success among public schools serving high proportions of low-income students in the metro Denver area.

The \$35,000 grant award allows the school to support continued academic achievement and to display a school banner announcing the news to their community.

Principal Socorro Alarcon said the school is thrilled, honored and humbled to receive the foundation award for the third year in a row.

"We have an amazing staff, great kids and wonderful parents. It's a wonderful place to work and we are making great gains," said Principal Socorro Alarcon. "We really believe all children can learn. They are opportunities, rather than challenges for us. We believe that our kids can learn because we have research-based practices in place for reading, writing and math."

Stein Elementary's top success strategies include highly trained, effective teachers; challenging data-driven instruction; and its reading, writing, and intervention program.

A partnership of five private Colorado foundations comprises *Foundations for Great Schools* including *The Anschutz Foundation*, *Daniels Fund*, *Fox Family Foundation*, *Gates Family Foundation*, and *Piton Foundation*. The group collectively selects annual award winners from among a 12-school district area based on a variety of factors like academic performance and growth, percentage of students qualifying for the federal free and reduced lunch program, school leadership, culture, and instructional effectiveness.

Learn more about [Foundations for Great Schools](#) and view their list of 2013 common success factors.