

COMMUNITY



# Swansea Elementary School



Central 70



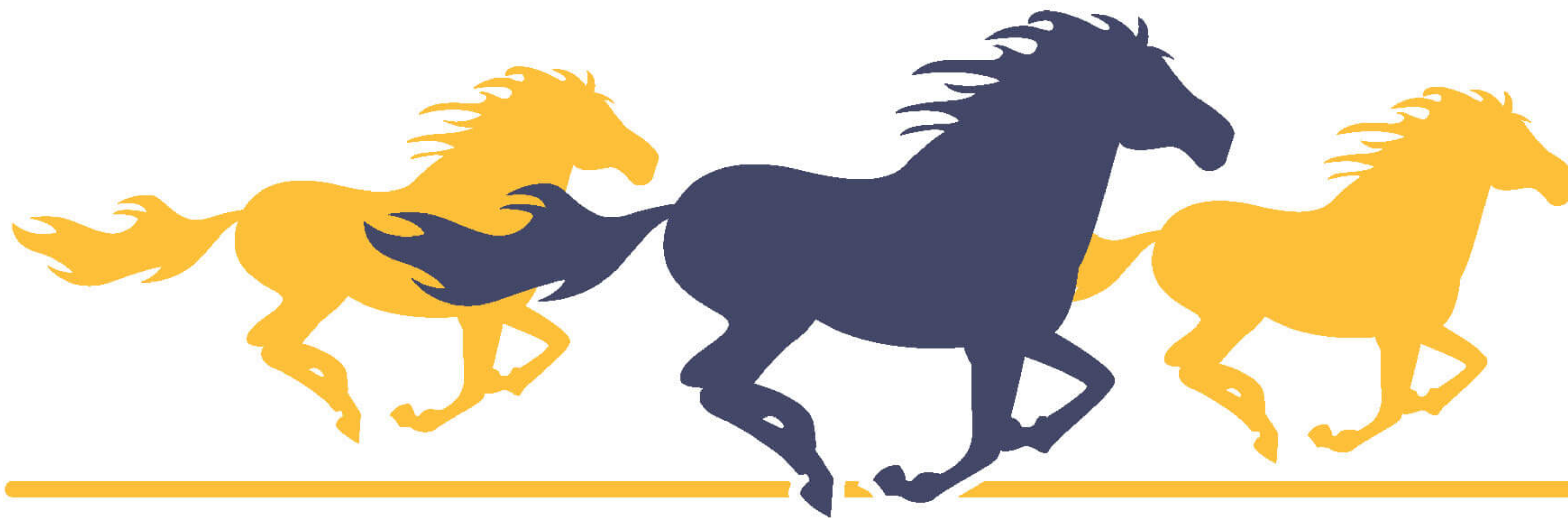
**SWANSEA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** has been a key landmark within the Elyria-Swansea community for generations. Originally built in 1891, and then rebuilt in the 1970s, the team heard early on from the community how important it was to keep the school in its location.

With the school a mere 50 feet away from construction and the future lanes of I-70, CDOT invested \$18.9 million in improvements to the school to ensure the long-term safety and success of this crucial community landmark. Improvements include two new Early Childhood Education (ECE) classrooms; new hospital-grade heating, ventilation and air condition systems; new windows and doors; renovation to the interior courtyard, including a new ECE playground; and a renovated main entrance and administration office. The Project's new 4-acre park will be immediately adjacent to the school and will feature an outdoor classroom and two U8 soccer fields for the exclusive use of the school during school hours.



**Exterior photograph of Swansea Elementary School in 1948 during recess in Denver, Colo.**

*Denver Public Library, Western History Collection, WH1990.*



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The entrance to the school was moved to the east side of the building in 2017 where a new community room and offices are now located.



A dedication ceremony was held in 2017 when the new wing and entrance to the school were completed.

The wing was dedicated to Lorraine Granado, a long-time community activist.



The temporary playground was dedicated in October 2018. Once the cover park opens in 2023, the playground will be moved to the south side of the school.