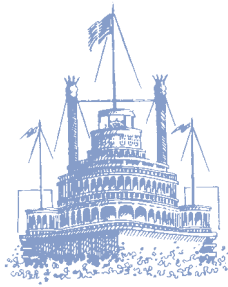


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Pickup, dump truck collide head-on, shutting highway for two hours

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**Second-graders at Soda Creek Elementary School**, from left, Wyatt Gebhardt, Jack Ringer and Ruth Holguin count syllables in various words during class Wednesday. Soda Creek and Steamboat Springs High School received "high" ratings in reports released Wednesday by the Colorado Department of Education. Strawberry Park Elementary School and Steamboat Springs Middle School maintained "excellent" ratings.

# Schools stay strong

## State: Steamboat excels, but Hayden, South Routt get mixed reviews

**Mike McCollum**  
PILOT & TODAY STAFF

### STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Steamboat Springs Middle School and Strawberry Park Elementary School maintained "excellent" ratings in reports released Wednesday by the Colorado Department of Education.

Principals of both schools

were quick to credit students and staff for the achievement.

"I'd just like to say how proud I am of students and staff at the middle school, and I appreciate the support the parents give us," middle school Principal Tim Bishop said. "Our teachers, day in and day out, do a fantastic job of educating our students."

Strawberry Park Principal Brenda Barr said the achieve-

### On the 'Net

Access School Accountability Reports for all Routt County schools, released Wednesday by the Colorado Department of Education, by reading this story on the Web at [www.steamboatpilot.com](http://www.steamboatpilot.com)

the dedication and hard work of the teachers and students is recognized," she said. "There is always things to improve, but they are doing an excellent job."

School Accountability Reports are based on each school's Colorado Student Assessment Program, or CSAP, scores. The reports compare 2007 CSAP

ment is a testament to the school's goal of meeting the needs of every child.

"I think it is wonderful that

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## SKI TOWN USA SNOW REPORT

### Steamboat Ski Area

New snow — Mid-mountain*	0 in.	Total snow†	52 in.
New snow — Summit	0 in.	Trails open	35/165
Base — Mid-mountain	18 in.	Lifts open	6/20
Base — Summit	18 in.	Conditions	Packed powder

\*24-hour snowfall as of 12:30 p.m. previous day; † total snow beginning Oct. 18 as measured at mid-mountain



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