

The much anticipated annual CSCC cricket clinic was held at Colorado Springs School on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Abhay, Anurag and Raymond took a few hours off their work schedule to spend time teaching sixteen 7<sup>th</sup> graders a bit of cricket.

Abhay started off the session with a short introduction to cricket. We then watched a couple of videos on the basics of cricket and highlights of an IPL match. The students had a lot of questions about the game and were raring to get out on the field.

The wet weather from the past few days had rendered the open field unplayable and so we moved indoors into the school gym. The students were split into three groups and we rotated among the three stations – Abhay worked on bowling, Anurag focused on batting and Raymond ran the fielding drills.

Once the students got a grip on the basics, we formed two teams with the two teachers as captains and played a 5 overs a side match. It turned out to be a high scoring game with Ms. White's team scoring 66, thanks to a generous amount of wides. Ms. Wills' team took up the chase but fell short ending with 42 runs, thanks to disciplined bowling by the fielding team.

Everyone had a good time but what mattered most was that cricket had made its way into the lives of a few Americans on the south side of Colorado Springs.

A special thanks to Mike Riley and Dan Ruparel for providing us with the training kits. We hope more teams will spread the game to our local youth.