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Welcome to 2025! The first semester always goes so fast, however, we didn't waste any time getting back to work and learning after the winter break. It's always so great to see everyone in the new year!

January is Board of Education Recognition Month! I want to acknowledge the devotion of our school board and thank them for their unwavering advocacy for the students and staff in our great school district. We are grateful for our Cherry Creek School District Board of Education members: **Anne Egan, Angela Garland, Kelly Bates, Kristin Allan**, and **Ruthie Knowles**, and thank them for their hard work and dedication. As citizen leaders, they face complex and demanding challenges. We appreciate their continued efforts to promote and expand the vision of safety and excellence in Cherry Creek Schools to ensure that every one of our more than 53,000 students are prepared for success in the world that awaits them.

As winter starts to ramp up in Colorado and temperatures drop, please be sure to send your student(s) to school with appropriate clothing and gear for the weather. We follow the Cherry Creek policy, which is to allow students to participate in recess when temperatures are 20 degrees and above. It is important to give students time to be outside and play, so be sure that you send them with the necessary coats, hats, and gloves so they can enjoy their time at recess.

The next two weeks mark Altitude's participation in Cherokee Trails Make-A-Wish drive. We help support their Make-A-Wish student and the Make-A-Wish foundation by collecting Quarters for Kids! **January 13 through January 31 is our Make-A-Wish/Quarters for Kids drive.** The money raised will go towards Cherokee Trail High School's Make-A-Wish efforts.





Each year CTHS and all the schools that feed into CTHS raise money to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation to help make very ill student's wishes come true! Every quarter that our students turn in earns them a raffle ticket where winners will be drawn to accompany Mr. Schleich and Ms. Kimpton to lunch and to the CTHS Make-A-Wish Assembly on Friday, January 31. Thank you for helping us help others and for your support of our Service value at Altitude!

Before winter break, we announced Altitude's Teacher of the year for 2024-2025. Our Teacher of the Year is Ryan Remien, Altitude's STEM teacher. Better known as Mr. R2, Ryan has been the cornerstone of our Launch Cycle and Project-based learning focus. He collaborates with all our grade levels to make sure students participate in hands-on, engaging projects that build their critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Congratulations Mr. R2!

We also celebrated our building engineer, Mr. Andrew Giron, as he was chosen as a Cherry Creek All-Star because of his work ethic and relationships with staff and students. Mr. Andrew goes above and beyond to make sure Altitude's grounds and school are in the best shape possible so our students can learn at high levels. Congratulations Mr. Andrew!

At Altitude, we are beyond thankful for our parent and community members. This week we celebrated our Volunteer of the Year, Tiffany Wells! Tiffany always sets the bar high with everything she does for our school, staff, students, and families. Tiffany and her mom made sure our students had the PTCO Holiday Shop before break and they made it the best experience in the district. Congratulations and thank you Tiffany!

We appreciate everyone's support and commitment to our students and staff. Once again, welcome to 2025! Thank you for all you do!



January 20: NO SCHOOL January 22: SAC/PTCO General meeting - 6:00 January 30: 1st Grade Music Performance - 6:30 January 20 - 31: Make-A-Wish/Quarters for Kids January 27 - 31: Make-A-Wish Spirit Week February 4: ALT PASS Meeting February 19: Festival of Nations

Kindergarten Roundup Coming February 3rd!

Please click <u>HERE</u> to read about the CDC Guidelines on how to decide if your child is too sick to attend school. Questions or concerns? Email Nurse Carmen at ctrimborn2@cherrycreekschools.org



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Congratulations Mr. Remien!



Altitude's 2024 -2025 Educator of the Year



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Congratulations Tiffany Wells!



Altitude Elementary's 2024-2025 Volunteer of the Year

Altitude P.A.S.S. Meeting

ALL Families are Welcome! Tuesday, February 4th, 6 -7 (ALT CLC)

The Altitude P.A.S.S. (Partnership for Academically Successful Students) committee is comprised of parents, teachers, administrators and community members.

Our goal is to foster an inclusive and safe environment to support the success of students of color.

District Voices of Color

District VOICES of Color engages community members in meaningful and effective partnerships that lead to positive outcomes for all students, but more specifically, students of color.

Please join us for this month's meeting:

When: Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm Where: Grandview High School 20500 E Arapahoe Rd, Aurora, CO 80016 Classrooms U307 and U308

Topic: Career and Technical Education (CTE) in CCSD

Please note, child care will be provided as well as interpreter services for our Spanish speaking families. For other language interpretation, please submit a request to the email address below at least five days prior to the meeting. Additionally, District VOICES of Color meetings are not recorded nor live streamed.

> If you have any questions or concerns, please email <u>CCSDEquity@cherrycreekschools.org</u>.

For more information about District Voices of Color visit the Cherry Creek School District website: <u>https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/12789</u>



Please join us for our annual Festival of Nations on Wednesday, February 19th, 2025 from 5-6:30pm

where we will come together to honor, access, and engage with the many cultures that our students represent.

What is culture? Identification with, or sense of belonging to, a particular group based on various cultural categories, including nationality, ethnicity, race, gender, and religion.

We are looking for families to share their culture with our Altitude community.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the office or use this google form if you want to participate

Festival of Nations Signup

If you have any questions, please reach out to Caren Berger or Emily Kimpton

I would like to participate in the Altitude Festival of Nations

Share Food - food can be homemade or store bought, must be in ready to serve individual servings I would like to serve my food at a table I would like to drop off food prior to the event.
Lead an Activity Craft Game Teach something like language, writing, dance
Do a Performance or Demonstration - singing, dancing, ritual, etc I would love to share How long will your performance/demonstration be? (we will create and share a schedule with all of our participants)
Bring in Items that represent my culture-art, clothing, artifacts, etc. I would like my items to be used for a display I would like to have a table set up so that I can share and educate others about my items
Join in the Parade of Nations- similar to the parade of countries at the start of the Olympics, students and their families will walk in a parade around the school behind the flag of the country they are representing. Traditional clothing can be worn, but is not required. <i>The Parade will begin at 5:30pm</i> .
I know someone else who would be interested in participating (local businesses/restaurants/etc)
Student(s) name(s) and grade(s):
Parent/Guardian Contact Name and email
Culture and/or Nation your family represents:
I would like to participate in another way Please fill out this form and return it to the front office by February 12th We will follow up with you by February 14th

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Don't forget to order your FREE Digital SmileSafe card!

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School Name: Altitude Elementary School

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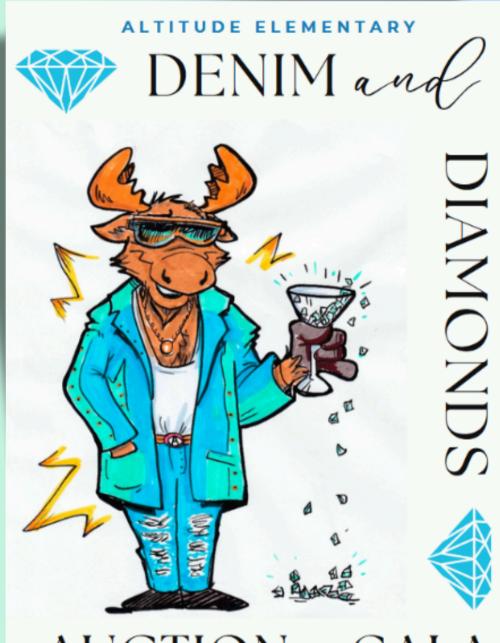
Lifetouch



We are excited to announce phase 2 of the Altitude legacy brick project open! This ordering phase will close before winter break and we do not have a 3rd phase confirmed yet! Please use the following link below to become a permanent part of Altitude's history and purchase your brick today!

Questions can be sent to treasurer@altitudeptco.com *Note, early bird pricing is no longer available.





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APRIL 26, 2025



Calling all dads, grandads, uncles, and other male father-figures interested in volunteering!



Please click **HERE** to fill out CCSD's volunteer application (if you haven't already). This must be filled out each year by our volunteers.

Please click HERE to sign up and schedule your WATCH D.O.G.S. day.

January Virtual Donation Brive

in recognition of the CCSD Board of Education

Ways to Donate:

Make a Monetary Donation





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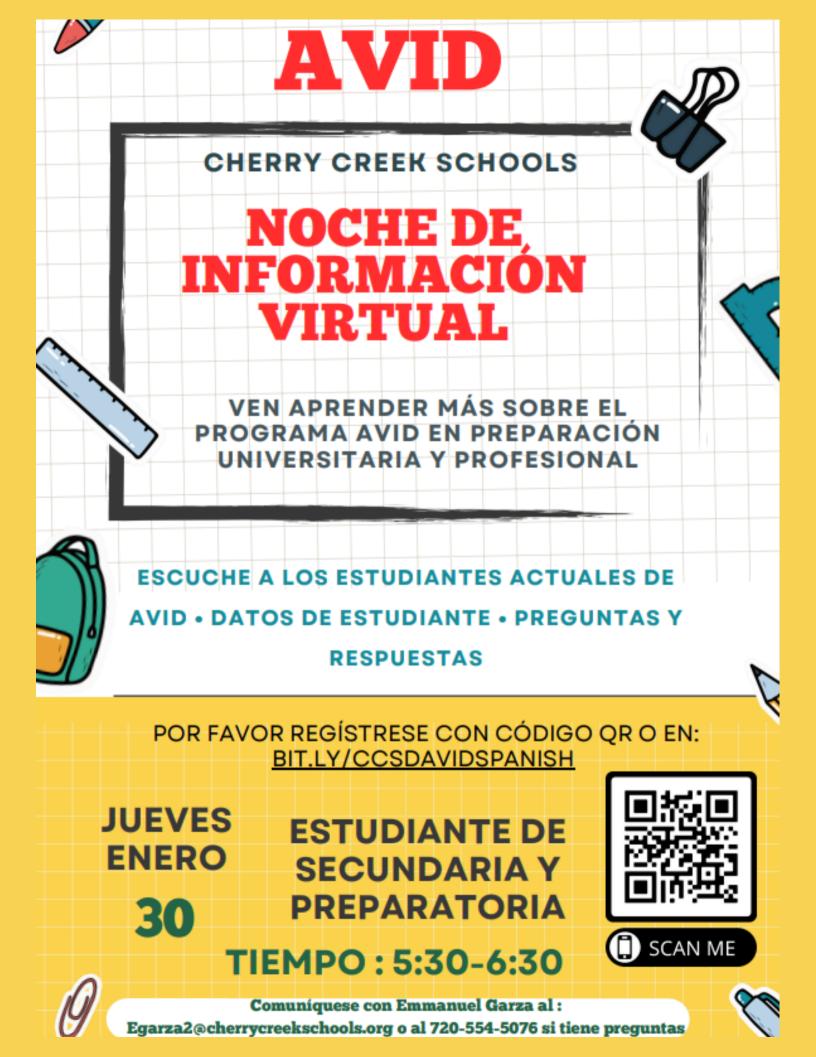
Choose Items from the Amazon Wishlist to Donate



all donations support school resource pantries throughout the district



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SUMMER EBT

Starting Summer 2024

About the Program

Summer EBT helps families buy food during the summer months. If you qualify, you will get \$40 per child for each month when school is not in session. This amounts to up to \$120 per child. You'll receive a card pre-loaded with money in the mail.

You Are Eligible If...

- · You already participate in SNAP, TANF or Medicaid
- Your child attends a school that offers the National School Lunch or School Breakfast program and you qualify based on income

How Can You Receive Benefits?

- Make sure your school has a benefits form or household income application on file
 - For the Cherry Creek School District you may apply at www.myschoolapps.com
- Make sure your school has your current address and parent/guardian information
- Your family will automatically qualify if you participate in SNAP, TANF or Medicaid
- EBT cards will be mailed by the Colorado Department of Human Services





This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

stery kid sports:

Do you need help paying youth sports registration fees?

The Every Kid Sports Pass can help. Receive funding up to three times per year, per child.

Qualifications:

- Is your child enrolled in Medicaid, SNAP, or WIC?
- Is the sport recreational (not elite or travel team)?
- Does the sport season last at least 4 weeks?
- Is the child ages 4-18?

If your child meets these qualifications, apply today!

www.everykidsports.org





English:

Please contact Allie Crocker at acrocker@cherrycreekschools.org for support with this resource in your language.

Amharic: እነዝህን መረጃዎችን በተመለከተ በቋንቋዎ ዕገዛን ለማግኘት ከፈለጉ እባክዎን ተሊሌን በዝህ እሜይል ያግኙዋት thirpa@cherrycreekschools.org.

<u>Arabic:</u>

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<u>Chinese:</u>

如有需要,<u>请经由 ctaylor9@cherrycreekschools.org</u> 与凯瑟琳•泰勒联系,以您的语言获得此资 源 的支持。

<u>Hindi:</u>

अपनी भाषा में इस संसाधन के समर्नथ के लिए कृपया जेम्स रसाइथिी को jrasaily@cherrycreekschools.org_पर संपेकथ करें।

<u>Korean:</u>

귀하의 언어로 이 자원에 대한 지원을 원하시면 (리아 리) 에게 (llee6@cherrycreekschools.org) 로 문의 하십시오.

Nepali:

कृपया जेम्स रसाइर्थिगिइथ j<u>rasaily@cherrycreekschools.org</u>मा तपाइथको भाषामा यो संसाधनको सहयोगको िागी सम्पकथ गननहथ ोा।

Russian:

Пожалуйста, обращайтесь к Ларисе Бака по адресу: <u>lbaca3@cherrycreekschools.org</u>для получения поддержки с помощью этого ресурса на своём языке.

<u>Somali:</u>

Fadlan la xiriir Omar Nur cinwaanka emaylka <u>onur2@cherrycreekschools.org</u> si aad u hesho macluumaad ku qoran luqadaada.

<u>Spanish:</u>

Si necesita ayuda con este recurso en su idioma, póngase en contacto con llse Chavez Maldonado en <u>ichavezmaldonado@cherrycreekschools.org</u>, Rosa Han en <u>rhan4@cherrycreekschools.org</u>, Helena Gognat en <u>hgognat@cherrycreekschools.org</u> o Monica Pantoja en <u>mpantoja@cherrycreekschools.org</u>.

<u>Vietnamese:</u>

Vui lòng liên hệ với Thuý Ngọc tại <u>Lchung2@cherrycreekschools.org</u> để được hỗ trợ về tài nguyên này bằng tiếng Việt.