



## Canyon Creek Cub Reporter

December 1, 2021

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## Calendar of Events

**December 1-3**  
Book Fair

**December 8**  
Canyon Creek Spelling Bee  
8:30—10:00 am

**December 14**  
PTO Meeting. 6-7 pm  
Showcasing 5th Grade

**December 18—January 3**  
Holiday Break—NO School  
School Office will be closed



From the Canyon Creek Staff  
To our Families....  
Happy Holidays!

Judith Clayton

Grace Swallow

Tanya Willsea

Sharon Jordan

Janet Burgeson

Sam Smith

Maureen Gantt

Mr. Ray K

Kathy H

Cecilia Magro

Terri Simonich

Kristin Ramirez

Michael P

Taylor Kallisen

Rebecca Boyd

Kara Perrod

Cathy Leary

Amelia H

Allison Leikani

Ann Buchanan

Julie Mancuske

Rachel Thornton

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Robyn Bentley

Tara Byers

Debbie P

Stephanie Barclay

Debbie Anderson

Jackie Alden

Nicole Printon

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# Canyon Creek PTO

December 2021

## Monster Mash Recap!

On a beautiful fall afternoon superheroes, witches, and various other creatures and characters descended on Canyon Creek Elementary school seeking fun times and sweet treats. Candy bags were filled, trunks were emptied, games were played, and memories were made!

The PTO would like to thank the local vendors/families for setting up their trunks, and the time, energy, and efforts of our more than 100 volunteers (ranging from Canyon Creek student council, Thunder Ridge students, CT Poms, parents, and administration).

Finally, thank you to the estimated 700 attendees! It was a great Monster Mash and we hope you had a great time!

## Happy Holidays

As the year comes to a close and preparations are made to celebrate the holidays and new year with family and friends - we are grateful for the Canyon Creek community! Thank you, stay safe, healthy, and warm. We look forward to seeing you at a PTO meeting and/or event next year!

## WINTER COAT DRIVE FOR CUBS!

The PTO is collecting new or gently-used winter items for fellow cubbies. As the temps get cooler we wanted to have the basics available for any families that might need a little warmth this winter. Examples of items include: Jackets, hats, gloves, and mittens.

If you have questions, please contact June at [Secretary.Canyoncreekpto@gmail.com](mailto:Secretary.Canyoncreekpto@gmail.com)

\*If your student could benefit from these items, please reach out to the schools's office for details

## Events

**November 29 -  
December 3rd**  
Book Fair

**December 14th**  
PTO Meeting

**December 15th**  
Restaurant Night - MOD  
Pizza

**December 20th -  
January 3rd 2022**  
No School for Students



### CANYON CREEK PTO

Samantha Sands, President  
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## 5 STEM Gifts worth giving this year!

At the October PTO meeting a couple parents asked Mr. B for some gift suggestions for Christmas, let's see what he came up with...



1. For Kindies and 1st graders- I love KEVA planks. These deceptively simple "blocks" are laser cut and are all identical so you never have to worry about missing pieces. Also, the blocks are solid wood, which means they are incredibly hard to break, no matter how many times your towers tumble. There are tons of free resources online to inspire creative uses including creating cities, ships, trains, drawings, trees, and of course awesome towers. <https://www.kevaplanks.com/>



2. For second graders- It's time to introduce some pretty fun and interactive robotics to the mix- For a beginning robot I can't think of one better than the Dash and Dot from Wonder Robotics. We have these in class, and they work very well right out of the box which allows for some instant gratification. Once they are out however, they only get more for and interesting with options to program/code your robots, allow them to interact with each other, and interact with their environment. Many expansion packs are available including musical and catapult options. This robot does work with a tablet or computer to get the most out of it. <https://www.makewonder.com/>

3. For third graders- Moving back into hands on science- Take a look at most anything from Steve Spangler Science- <https://www.stevespanglerscience.com/> A variety of hands on and amazing science experiments are included in the STEM science kit bundle which will keep your little scientist experimenting for weeks! Water science, electricity, physics, bubbles, and more are included in this ultra kit! These are demonstrations and experiments that I have been using for years in science museums around the country. Solid science that's actually really fun!



4. Fourth grade- This one is a little more for the techies in your life. Remember those old video games that took up way too much of your time when you were a kid? Thinking of Mario Brothers (yes the original), Legend of Zelda, Mega Man, Castleprevania, and other? Bloxels is a program that allows the gamer in your house to create, design, test, and share original games with a huge community of other builders. The next AmongUs is out there just waiting for you! <https://playbloxels.com/>

5. Fifth grade- LEGO SPIKE Robotics (Prime OR Essential). For casual coders who love LEGO or LEGO pros ready to kick things up a notch, there is a new LEGO robotics product in town. SPIKE replaces older kits like Mindstorms and WeDo and takes kids through over 100 different robotics activities and challenges. Spike Prime is for more serious 5th graders and Middle School, while Spike Essentials is for younger builders. <http://www.Education.lego.com>

Happy Giving!!! And have fun with STEM!

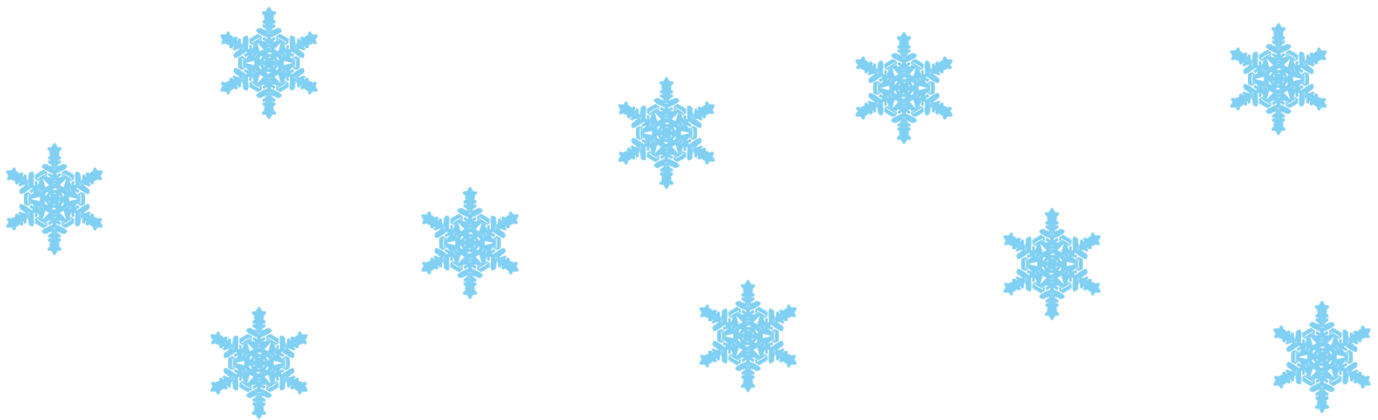
(from Mr. Hostetler (STEM Teacher))



## Volunteer of the Year

Congratulations to  
Samantha Sands

Samantha is a passionate volunteer who has gone above and beyond for Canyon Creek during the last two years. She has led our PTO with helping to organize two very successful fundraisers, multiple community events, staff appreciation initiatives, and structural PTO requirements-all requiring a great deal of time, teamwork, and tirelessness! Our community is stronger through her efforts- She is an invaluable member of the Canyon Creek community!



This is just a friendly reminder that we are all required to wear masks in the school building. Right now we are going through 50-75 children's size disposable masks each day. And while we know sometimes in the rush to get ready and get to school, masks are forgotten at home, we would ask that you try and remember to send your student with a mask every day. We pick up many masks on our school grounds and in our hallways, and all these lost masks end up in a landfill. Thank you for keep our students and our school safe! And helping to protect our environment as well.

# Illness at School and Decreasing the Spread: How Can you Help?

**Please keep your student/s home from school if they are feeling sick.**

**If your student has symptoms seen with COVID-19 (regardless of their vaccination status), they should not come to school.**

Symptoms of COVID-19 include ANY of the following: Feeling feverish, having chills, temperature of 100.4 F or greater, new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste and smell, sore throat, runny nose or congestion, muscle aches, headache, fatigue, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

We encourage anyone with symptoms to reach out to their healthcare provider and seek out COVID testing.

No-cost COVID testing is available to anyone in the Cherry Creek community who needs a test:

- For current Cherry Creek students and staff: <https://www.primarybio.com/l/cherry>
- For friends, family and community members: <https://www.primarybio.com/l/cdphe>

**The best way to prevent experiencing severe illness due to the COVID-19 virus or the upcoming seasonal flu (influenza) virus, is to get vaccinated.**

COVID-19 vaccines are available throughout the Denver-Metro area: <https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=13483>

Seasonal Flu vaccines will be available at most sites after October 1<sup>st</sup>, but many grocery and drug stores have them available all year.

Below is a link to a general guide for students experiencing symptoms, when they should stay home and when they can return to school.

Please note, if your **student has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and is currently experiencing symptoms** this leads to an automatic 10-day isolation per (Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nhgGibakyAJY3XJ2TW44sw7btXXqISBR/view>

## **COLDER WEATHER IS HERE!**

Please make sure your students are dressed for the weather.

We go outside for recess when the temperature (with wind chill) is 20 or above.





## Attendance Line 720-886-3695

Please remember to call the attendance line anytime your student is going to be late or absent.



### Safety Reminders—When we return to the building

- Please drive slowly and carefully through our parking lot—the sun glare is very bad in the mornings and we have staff, parents and students crossing from the parking lot to the school who are hard to see.
- If you have older students who wait for their bus on Versailles, please ask them to stand back, away from the curb. One false step and they will be in the street and in the path of on coming traffic.

## School of Choice

The Cherry Creek School District allows its resident students to apply for enrollment in the Cherry Creek school of their choice. In other words, you may request that your child attend a Cherry Creek school outside your assigned attendance area. The School of Choice applications are an electronic form that you can access online from **January 1<sup>st</sup> - February 1<sup>st</sup>** from any computer, at any time -for acceptance to a school starting in the 2021-2022 school year.

Please visit the District Admissions website at: <http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Admissions/Pages/SOCandIDT.aspx> for more information and to submit an electronic School of Choice application in January.

