

Canyon Creek Cub Reporter

March 1, 2021



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Main Office: 720-886-3600
Attendance Line: 720-886-3695

Calendar of Events

March 1-5

Conferences

March 4

Conferences—NO STUDENTS

March 5

NO School—NO STUDENTS

March 5

Last Day of Read-A-thon
Pledges and Reading Minutes
Due

March 14

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Spring forward

March 15—March 19

Spring Break

March 24

Spring Picture Day

March 30

PTO Meeting 6:00 pm

March 31

Restaurant Night—On
the Border



Dear Canyon Creek Community:

On behalf of the staff, I'd like to express our heartfelt gratitude to our wonderful PTO and our parent/guardians for all of the support you have given Canyon Creek- especially right now during our Read For Funds campaign! We are over half-way to our funding goal within the first week and our students have been excited to read in their classes, at home, on the bus, or in our Before and After program! We are so grateful for all of you!

CMAS

The state expects us to perform state testing (CMAS) for all 3rd-5th grade students this year. Last week we sent instructions on the process for opting out of state testing for your child(ren) and it is your right to request such an action. The testing window opens up on March 29th. We will be sending out our testing schedule in the coming weeks so that you know when our 3rd-5th graders will be testing, at what time, and in what subject. If you do not want your child(ren) to test this year, please perform the exemption process as soon as possible so that we may plan accordingly.

Front Loop:

As a reminder, unless your child has a special need, please refrain from exiting your vehicle to give hugs, adjust coats, etc. while in the front drop off loop. Please have our students ready to exit your vehicle with the things they need in their laps or on the floorboards in front of them. The purpose of this request is to make our front loop as safe and efficient as possible for entering/exiting the Canyon Creek campus. When you get out of your cars in the front loop it creates unnecessary back-ups for those trying to enter the loop behind you. If you have the need to exit your vehicle, please park in our parking lot. Also, please pull up as far into the loop as possible to allow for the maximum amount of vehicles to enter the front loop. While your child may have to walk a few extra steps to get to class (not a bad thing!), you are helping keep the flow of traffic moving so that cars do not have to maneuver around your vehicle to pull in.

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Thank you for being considerate and mindful of the above expectations. The more thoughtful and diligent we are to these guidelines, the safer our students will be getting to and from school!

Class Placements-2021-22:

It is that time of year where we will begin to determine class placements for the 2021-22 school year. The staff will look at balancing each class based on: male/female ratios, heterogeneous range of reading; writing; and math skills, number of special needs; learning needs; student social dynamics, leadership abilities, and study habits. Our staff takes a great deal of care and consideration in creating a balance in each classroom.

Since we have a thoughtful process in determining class placements we **will not** accept specific requests for classroom teachers. However, you may submit, in writing, a special request to not have your child placed with a specific teacher. Such requests must be based on personal experience and not on another parent's experience. Before writing a request for non-placement please consider the following. The experiences and perceptions our parents and children have with their teachers depend on the degree of partnership and constructive communication they develop together. Being active in creating a positive relationship with whomever your child gets placed with, regardless of what has been said or assumed, usually determines the experience you and your child will have with any teacher at Canyon Creek.

If you choose to submit a non-placement request to me, the main office must receive it no later than Friday, April 16th, 2021.

Thank you for your support!

Keep reading!
There's still a lot of great
information
following this page!



CANYON CREEK PTO

MARCH 2021



Yearbook pictures wanted!

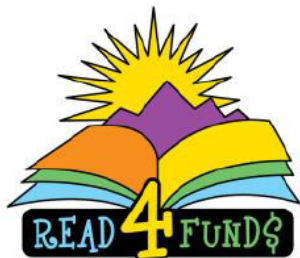
Mrs. Burgeson is organizing the yearbook and is looking for pictures. If you have any pictures from this year – first day of school pics, projects at home during remote learning weeks, students wearing new spirit wear, anything fun and school related - please share them! You can email

president.canyoncreekpto@gmail.com to share the pictures or send them to PTO in a Facebook message!

Photos WANTED



Keep reading! Read4Funds ends March 5th!



This year, we have a new winter fundraiser, Read4Fund\$! Created by the same people who bring us Run4Fund\$ every year, this fundraiser rewards students for reading! Our goal is to raise \$15,000 and have our student body read for 50,000 minutes!!!

Our students will be reading 10, twenty minute reading sessions over 2 weeks and

then gathering pledges for these minutes/sessions. Each student can earn a variety of prizes, based on how much they raise. Visit

<https://r4funds.com/schools/canyoncreekread21/> to check our goal, enter your student hours and make pledges!

If remote families would like to participate, please email treasurer.canyoncreekpto@gmail.com to sign up!

Join us for our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, March 30th at 6 p.m. The First Grade Team will be joining us!



March 4th-5th
NO SCHOOL- conferences

March 5th
Read4Funds pledges and
reading minutes due!

March 11th
Read4Funds Prize Day

March 15th-19th
NO SCHOOL- Spring
Break

March 31st –
Restaurant Night:
On the Border

CANYON CREEK 2020-2021 PTO

Samantha Sands, President
Heather Corssmit, Vice President
Valerie Stewart and Leanne
Polson, Co-Secretary
Jhentry VanZoest and Nikki
Locky, Co-treasurer

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Cherry Creek District Food Drive

March 1—31

We will be collecting non-perishable food items in our cafeteria the entire month of March.
Thank you for your help!



MARCH IS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH
**Place Food Here for
FOOD DRIVE**
OF NON-PERISHABLE
FOODS IN EACH OF OUR
63 CAFETERIAS

LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

All food collected during the drive will be taken to school pantries across the district to help our communities.

Bring canned goods, cereal, grains, beans, and anything a family may enjoy!

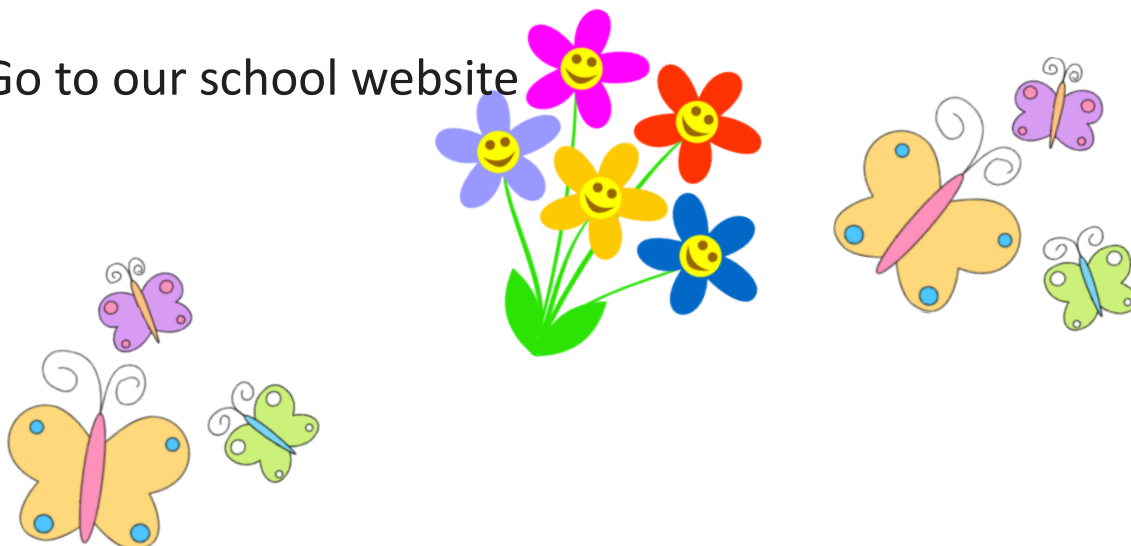
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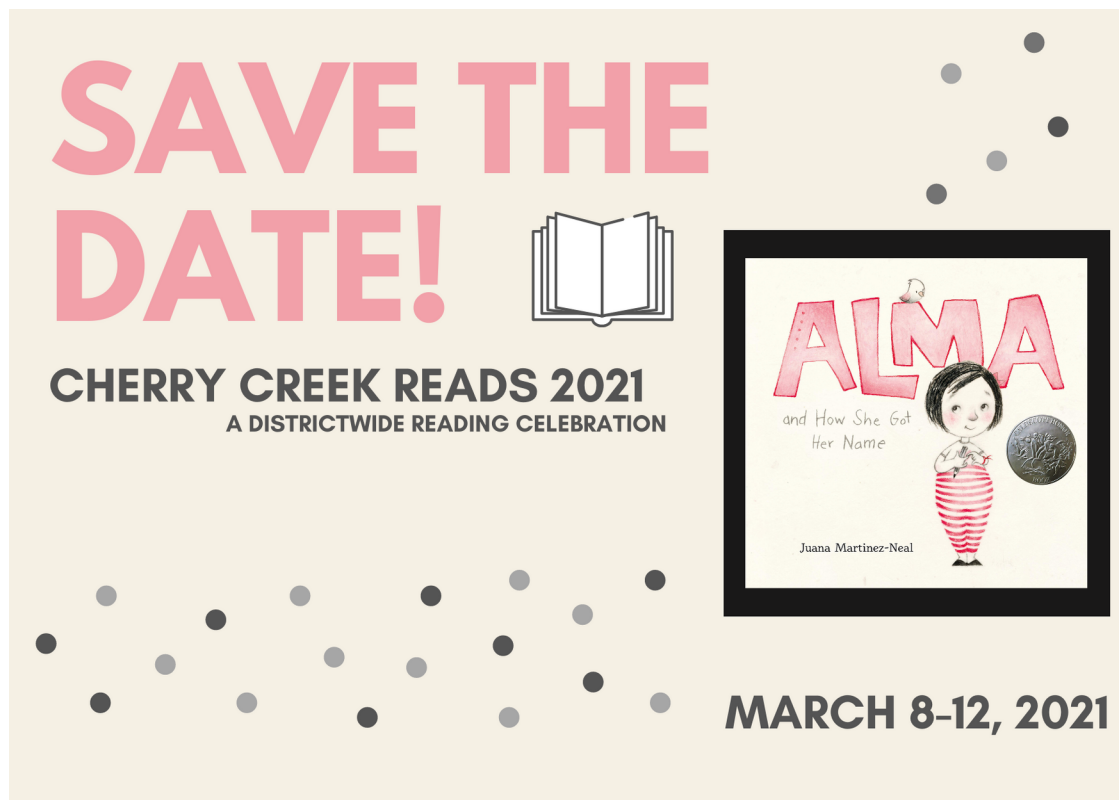


Friendly Reminders

- Office hours are 7:30 am—4:00 pm
- There are no dogs allowed on school grounds
- Our attendance line is **720-886-3695**. This is a 24-hour service provided for your convenience in order to notify the school of an absence or late arrival.
- Please do not drop your students off before 7:50 am. We do not have adult supervision for them prior to 7:50 am. If they are having breakfast in the cafeteria, they may arrive at 7:30 am.
- For **snow** delay or school closure information call **720-554-4701**.

Go to our school website





Get Ready for Cherry Creek Reads 2021

What's your story?

Find out during Cherry Creek Reads 2021, a districtwide celebration of reading, coming up March 8-12!

The theme for the week is "Read Together, Share Our Stories Together!" and is based on the inspirational book *Alma and How She Got Her Name* by Juana Martinez-Neal. It's a heartfelt story about a little girl who deepens her understanding of her own identity and her own story by learning about the power behind her name.








Just like Alma in the book, students, parents and families are encouraged to have fun dinner table discussions about the books each family member is reading, think about their own name stories and ask questions like, What does your name mean? What does your name stand for? What do you want to be known for?

Cherry Creek Schools students, parents, teachers, staff, friends and family members are encouraged to read for 67 minutes or more. That's one minute of reading for every CCSD school. Students may also participate in a variety of special activities, from student-created podcasts, videos or posters telling their own name stories, messaging a favorite author or illustrator or schoolwide "Drop Everything and Read" time. Here at (insert your school name), we will be (list Cherry Creek Reads activities here.)

So, grab a book and join us for Cherry Creek Reads 2021!

Cherry Creek School District

Here are just a few highlights about summer 2021!

-  Come play, learn and discover with your friends!
-  Affordable daily rates.
-  Register for just the days you want to come!
-  Lots of outdoor play!
-  Ages 5-11 welcome to attend!
-  Project-based learning experiences every morning!
-  STEAM activities every afternoon!



FREE
Breakfast
& Lunch Daily

ECS SUMMER CAMPS **2021**

CALL 720-251-2206
for more information



**JOIN PIN FOR A FREE, ONLINE
COMMUNITY EVENT ON MARCH 2:**

YOU'VE MADE IT THROUGH A YEAR OF COVID...WHAT'S NEXT?



Join clinical psychologist and CCSD parent Jacaranda Palmateer, Psy.D, as she takes a closer look at our experience of collective grief and trauma during this past year and shares meaningful and mindful ways to navigate forward.

Dr. Palmateer will share her insights about:

- Trends in mental health during the pandemic
- How to identify signs in kids who are suffering
- Tips on how to cope and focus on today

Tuesday, March 2nd at 9:15 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Jacaranda Palmateer

Topic: One Year Later, Coping During & After Covid



CONNECT TO THIS ONLINE EVENT: [PINCCSD.ORG](https://pinccsd.org)

Jacaranda Palmateer, Psy.D, is in her 10th year as Director in the Counseling Services department at the University of Denver's Health and Counseling Center. She earned her doctorate at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Professional Psychology. Jacaranda is the mother of three CCSD children, and is an active member of the CCSD Community Wellness Committee.

PIN: INFORMING, INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING PARENTS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS!

MISSED THE LIVE PRESENTATION? RECORDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT [WWW.PINCCSD.ORG](https://www.pinccsd.org).

APPLY TODAY

FOR MEAL PROGRAM BENEFITS

Yes, meals are free this school year, but did you know that approved meal applications have benefits that go beyond meals?

SCHOOL BENEFITS

Cherry Creek Schools receives a portion of its educational funding based on the percentage of students enrolled in the meal program. More funding means continued success for our students!

STUDENT BENEFITS

Students with approved applications on file can access a wide range of non-meal benefits such as discounts on fees for sports, testing and Before and After Care services.

How do I apply?

1. Apply online at

family.titank12.com

- Safe and Secure
- Easy step-by-step instructions
- Available in **8** different languages
- Accessible 24/7

2. Or pick up a paper copy of the application from your school's front office.

Need Assistance?

Contact Indira at 720-886-7172
irojasnarvaez@cherrycreekschools.org



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APLICA AHORA

PARA EL PROGRAMA DE ALIMENTOS GRATIS Y SUS BENEFICIOS

Sí, los alimentos son gratuitos este año escolar, pero ¿sabías que las solicitudes al programa de alimentos aprobadas tienen beneficios que van más allá de los alimentos?i

BENEFICIOS PARA LA ESCUELA

Las escuelas de Cherry Creek reciben una parte en fondos educativos basado en el porcentaje de estudiantes inscritos en el programa de comidas. Más fondos se traduce a éxito para nuestros estudiantes!

BENEFICIOS PARA ESTUDIANTES

Los estudiantes elegibles para el programa de alimentos reciben otros beneficios, como descuentos en las cuotas de participación en deportes, exámenes escolares y descuentos para los servicios de guardería del Distrito.

¿Cómo puedo aplicar?

1. Llena tu solicitud en linea

family.titank12.com

- Seguro y confiable
- Instrucciones sencillas paso a paso
- Disponible en 8 idiomas
- Accesible 24/7

2. O pasa por una solicitud en papel a la oficina de la escuela.

Necesitas ayuda?

llama a Indira al 720-886-7172

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