



September 27, 2024

24 Hour Attendance Line: 720-886-2795

October 1-31	CCSD EHS Feeder Food and Resource Donation Drive
October 1	STOMPEDE Reward Obstacle Course and Hamster Ball
October 5	CCSD Veterans and Military Appreciation Event
October 9	Picture Retakes
October 14-18	Fall Break
October 23	Spirit Day
October 23	Community Night at Noodles and Company and Panda Express
October 23	Community Meeting & Accountability 6pm in MVE Library
October 24	Voices of Color Meeting 5pm in MVE Library
October 26	Monster Mash 2-5pm
October 28-31	Conferences and Book Fair
November 1	Non-Contact Day/No School

Message From the Principal

Dear Mountain Vista Families,

We have incredible news to share! Thanks to your overwhelming generosity and participation, we not only met but surpassed our goal in the Fun Run fundraiser, raising a remarkable \$40,684! This accomplishment wouldn't have been possible without the support of our wonderful community—friends, family members, parents, students, and staff. The event was filled with laughter, cheers, and so much FUN! Students had such a great time running alongside their friends, redeeming prizes with their peers, playing in the foam party and contributing to a cause that directly benefits our school. I'd like to give a special thanks to all of our volunteers, especially our PTO, for making this event such a huge success. The funds raised will help enrich our students' learning experiences, enhance the programs that make our school so special and support our TA fund.

As we move into October, I want to remind everyone of the critical role that consistent school attendance plays in student success. Every day in school counts, and attendance helps ensure that students are learning, growing, and developing essential skills. October 1 is especially important as it is Count Day for Cherry Creek Schools, which helps determine the funding our school receives based on student enrollment. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is present on this day and throughout the year. Your commitment to regular attendance supports not only your child's education but also the resources available to all students.

This November, Cherry Creek Schools will have measures 4A and 4B on the ballot, which address potential funding and infrastructure needs within the district. These measures are designed to provide additional support for our schools, staff, and facilities. We encourage all members of our community

to stay informed, learn more about the details of these measures, and participate in the election process. You can find more information about measures 4A and 4B at cherrycreekfuture.com and cherrycreekschooldistrict.info.

Thank you again for your continued support and involvement. Together, we are making a difference!

Warm regards,

Megan Carkhuff
Principal
Mountain Vista Elementary School

UPDATES

- **Check your voter registration!** Are you registered to vote this November? Check your registration today at <https://www.coloradosos.gov/voter>—it only takes 1 minute! Reminder: Ballot measures that impact your town and your school district will be at the **bottom of the ballot** after national, statewide, and county measures. Don't forget to fill out your ballot completely. Measures at the bottom of the ballot have the greatest local impact.

Pets on campus

- For the safety of staff and students, please note that pets are not allowed on campus. If you plan to walk with your dog, you will need to have your student meet you off campus.

ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL/ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Please remember that we have a soft start beginning at 7:45 a.m., and school starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Do not drop your students off any earlier than 7:45 a.m. as there is no supervision outside the entry doors before then. Keep in mind that frequent tardiness and early dismissals lead to missed instruction and can affect your student's ability to successfully meet grade level standards and take part in the school community. If you are calling to excuse an absence for your child, we advise you to use the 24-hour attendance line (720-886-2795) and not the main office line. If you need to pick up your child prior to dismissal, you must do so no later than 2:25 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and 1:25 p.m. on Wednesdays. Thank you for your partnership and cooperation in supporting our students.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE – ATTENDANCE LINE – 720-886-2795

If your child will be absent for any reason, please remember to call our *24-hour* attendance line, **720-886-2795**. Please include following information with your message:

- **Student's first and last name (please spell)**
- **Teacher name and grade**
- **Reason for the absence.**
- **Your name**
- **Contact phone number**
- **Brief description of symptoms**

Thank you for your partnership as we work to keep our students and staff healthy.

Health and Wellness Reminders from CCSD Health Services

More information can be found at The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE)
[How Sick is Too Sick? / \(¿Qué tan enfermo es demasiado enfermo?\)](#)

The best way to remain healthy and prevent illness from spreading is through *good handwashing habits* (washing hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water after using the bathroom, blowing nose, sneezing/coughing, and before/after eating), *getting vaccinated for preventable diseases*, and *staying home when sick!*

Stay home when sick!

- If your student is not feeling well enough to take part in their usual activities, due to illness symptoms, they should stay home.
- If your student needs to be picked up from school, have a plan in place to pick them up as soon as possible.

Fever

- Defined as a body temperature over 100.4° F.
- Students may return to school *after* being 24 hours fever-free without the use of fever-reducing medication such as Tylenol (acetaminophen) or Motrin (ibuprofen).

Vomiting/Diarrhea

- Students may return to school 24 hours *after* the last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea unless it is caused by an illness that requires them to stay home longer.
- If your student has a medical condition that causes them to have a baseline of spit-up, reflux, or loose stools regularly, notify your school nurse, so we can best support your student's success.

Cough

- Remind students to cough into their elbow, this helps keep the hands clean from illness and can decrease the spread of illness.
- Keep your student home if the cough is severe or uncontrolled.
- If a cough lasts longer than 2 weeks, we encourage checking in with your healthcare provider.

Lice

- Signs of lice:
 - Itching of the scalp, presence of live lice, eggs attached to the hair shaft, and/or small pinpoint scabs at the base of the hairline.
 - If *live* lice are present, students may remain in school until the end of the school day; however, they cannot return until *after* receiving an approved pediculicide treatment per CDPHE guidelines.
- Reminder: lice is a nuisance and not a public health concern.
 - This means it is not a reportable infectious disease, as it does not spread disease.
 - It is *not* due to poor hygiene habits.
 - We do not send notification letters home when cases of lice are present.
 - We do not perform routine classroom-wide lice checks.

Vaccines

- Many childhood/school-aged illnesses can be prevented by receiving routine vaccines. Talk with your provider or school nurse for more information.

Wishing all students, parents/guardians, and staff a healthy school year!
Cherry Creek School District Health Services Department



ILLNESS REMINDER FOR PARENTS

All students must be fever-free (fever = 100.4* or higher) without fever-reducing medication for **24 hours** and feeling well enough to participate in school.

They also must stay home until it has been **24 hours** since their last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea and eating and drinking before returning to school.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact our school nurse:

Mandy Jackson BSN, RN 720-886-2704

ajackson4@cherrycreekschools.org

****WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM??****

FROM MS. ROWLAND

We have been busy going back to the Prehistoric and Egyptian times of the Ancient World. The students are discovering that studying the art from the past gives us great insights into the daily lives of these civilizations.

These artworks that they are creating now will be used for our "Art to Remember" fundraiser and include, cave art mammoths, blue hippos, and scarab beetles. This program gives your family the option to purchase products with your child's artwork on it, while raising money for our art class. Please see additional information in this newsletter.

I will be starting a "5th grade Mural" class that will be offered on Tuesdays, after school. We will be making design decisions and then executing these murals throughout the building. It is time to add more permanent ART to MVE! The students will be accepted through an application process. I will be handing out these applications to interested artists before Fall Break. Be on the lookout!

Be sure to be on the lookout for some of these MARVELOUS new pieces of artwork on display:

- Mrs. Vogel's Kindies- "Pete the Cat and Five Pumpkins"
- Mr. Palumbo's First graders- "My Many Colored Days"
- Mrs. Washburn's Second graders- "Me" as David Collages
- Mrs. Larson's Second graders- "Mighty Mammoths"
- Mrs. Sallee's Fourth graders- "Egyptian Scarab Beetles"
- Mrs. Finch's Fifth graders- "Egyptian Scarab Beetles"

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.
krowland4@cherrycreekschools.org

Attention Families!



We are participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art. Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork, and soon you will receive a personalized order form.

Here's what you can expect:

Over 50 keepsake products featuring your child's artwork

Many of the products are less than \$20

A percentage of every order goes right back to our school

Safe, secure online ordering at ArtToRemember.com



Art to Remember keepsakes are the perfect gift for any occasion!

Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.



October Donation Drive

supporting
Literacy, Health & Wellbeing, and Disproportionality
for students

Donations accepted October 1st-31st! Items can be placed in the LARGE BIN in the MAIN HALLWAY of MVE!
SCHOOL GOAL: FILL THE BOX to earn a school reward!

DROP OFF DAY!!

While donations will be accepted everyday during October, we would love to bring the community efforts together on **October 24th!** Student Council will be out 7:30-8:00 and 2:45-3:00 to help bring in donations!

MONSTER MASH!

Drop your donations off in the bin during the Monster Mash on October 26th!

Collecting Individually Packaged Snacks, Toiletries, and Shelf-stable items



all donations support school resource pantries throughout CCSD

**Make a
Monetary
Donation**



**Use Amazon
Wishlist to
Donate**



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Cherry Creek Schools

NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH

OCTOBER 2024

ABOUT

The Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit was designed to help students learn to recognize bullying, respond by refusing to participate or intervening if it's safe to do so, and report it if necessary. It was also designed to help educators create safer school environments and sound bullying prevention policies and train everyone in the school to respond appropriately to bullying reports.

REMINDER

Bullying is serious. When your child reports bullying, it is most important to listen carefully and ensure your child's safety.

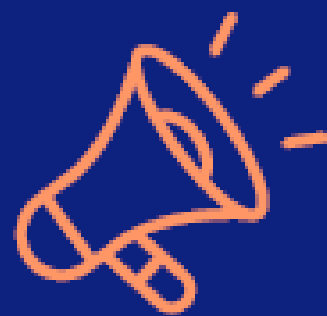
WHAT STUDENTS LEARN

- How to recognize, report, and refuse bullying
- The difference between bullying and conflict between peers
- That they can refuse bullying in different ways
- That bystanders can help stop bullying and that it's the right thing to do
- How bystanders can be part of the bullying problem
- The similarities and differences between cyber bullying and other types of bullying
- Ways to recognize and help stop cyber bullying



Mountain Vista's Voices of Color

(formerly P.A.S.S.)



At Mountain Vista, we are committed to amplifying diverse perspectives of color and fostering a supportive environment for all families. Please join us on the following dates to share your diverse perspective and learn more about the ways in which we are working together to improve outcomes for our students of color.

**CHILDCARE
PROVIDED BY
EAGLECREST
STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS**

**JOIN
US!**

**ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN
THE MVE LIBRARY FROM 5-6PM**

SEPTEMBER 26

OCTOBER 24

NOVEMBER 21

DECEMBER 12

JANUARY 30

FEBRUARY 27

APRIL 3

MAY 8



We are on Instagram!
Follow us for important updates!





MVE PTO NEWS

October 2024

MVE'S FUNDRAISING EVENT:

STOMPEDE



WE REACHED OUR GOAL BY RAISING

\$40,000

PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS,
THANK YOU SO MUCH!

THE MONEY RAISED SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL IN SO MANY WAYS. SEE THE ATTACHED PIE CHART TO SEE WHERE FUNDRAISING MONEY GOES.

UPCOMING DATES

TUES 10/1: OBSTACLE COURSE & HAMSTER BALL
REWARDS

WED 10/9: PICTURE RETAKES

MON-FRI 10/14-18 FALL BREAK

WED 10/23 COMM. NIGHT - NOODLES & CO. &
PANDA EXPRESS

WED 10/23 PTO COMM. MTG. 6:00 MVE LIBRARY

SAT 10/26 MONSTER MASH

MON 10/28-31 CONFERENCES

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MONSTER MASH

MONSTER MASH IS A FUN, FREE FAMILY EVENT THAT NEEDS YOUR HELP ON SATURDAY OCTOBER 26TH! BE ON THE LOOK OUT TO SIGN UP FOR A SHORT SHIFT OR TWO! MORE INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME WITH YOUR CHILD AND ON OUR FB GROUP!

CONTACT THE PTO

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AMANDA TIPPETS

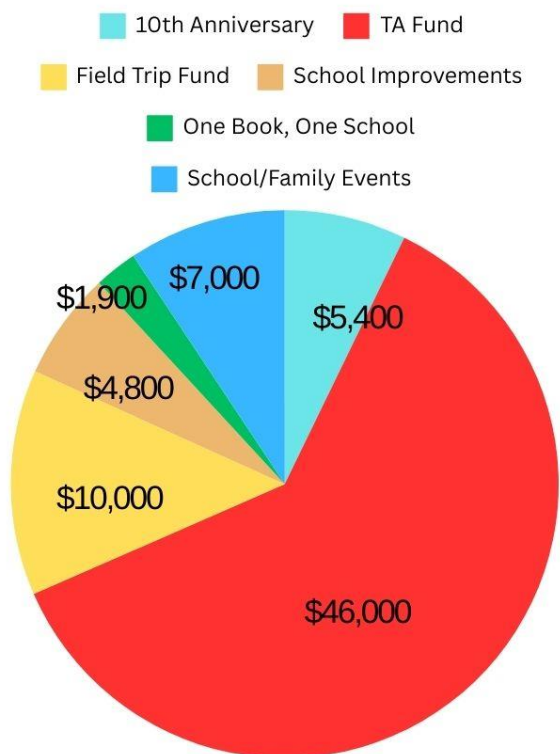
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MELISSA ROUSE



MVE PTO INCOME & EXPENSES

FUNDS RAISED DURING THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



FUNDS SPENT DURING THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR



Pre-K Enrichment

Foundation of Excellence

Extend your child's prekindergarten day with our tuition-based Enrichment Program. This play-based program reinforces key skills, fosters growth, and includes a hot lunch. Affordable rates and CCAP financial assistance are available.



Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Enroll Today

Enrichment@cherrycreekschools.org
or call 720-554-4056





You are invited: [Special Education Advisory Committee \(SEAC\)](#)

SEPTEMBER 12, 2024
9:30-11:30am @ SARC

Guest Speakers:

- **Chris Smith**
Superintendent
- **Dr. Tony Poole**
Assistant Superintendent,
Special Populations

Who: CCSD
parents, guardians,
and caregivers who
have children on
IEPs and 504s

When: Thursday,
Sept 12, 2024
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Where:
Student
Achievement
Resource Center
(SARC Building)

14188 E Briarwood Av
Centennial, CO 80112

Upcoming Events:

October 10, 2024
6:00-7:30 pm
@ SARC Building

November 14, 2024
9:30-11:30am
@ SARC Building

December 12, 2024
9:30-11:30am
@ Fremont Building

SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Alissa Beck
720.886.7047
abeck5@cherrycreekschools.org

VETERANS & MILITARY APPRECIATION



Community Celebration & Football Game



October 5, 2024

Legacy Stadium | 26101 E. Arapahoe Road | Aurora, CO 80016

Luncheon

12-2:00 p.m.

- Dine-in for Veterans, Military Members, and their families.

Community Celebration

2-5:00 p.m.

- Chinook Helicopter
- Army National Guard Gaming Trailer
- Air Force STEM
- The Honor Bell
- Live Music
- MORE! (Items subject to change)

Football Game

6:00 p.m.



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2024-25 PIN Presentations

Join us for an exciting year of dynamic speakers!
14603 E. Fremont Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112

Sept. 3 -- 9:15 a.m. (TUES) AND Sept. 10 -- 6:45 p.m. (TUES)

Family Vision Workshop:

Crafting the Close-Knit Family You've Always Wanted

Kerry Stutzman, LCSW, LMFT and Palmer Skudneski, teen life coach

The Connected Family

Oct. 1 -- 9:15 a.m. (TUES) AND Oct. 8 -- 6:45 p.m. (TUES)

Dealing with Challenging Behavior: Who is Challenged: Me or My Child?

Dr. Rosemarie Allen, PhD

Professor MSU Denver, CEO of Institute for Racial Equity & Excellence

Nov. 5 -- 9:15 a.m. (TUES)

Finding Our Feelings: Tools for Exploring and Navigating Emotions

Rae Thomas, LPC, CCO and Co-Owner of Feelings Found

Jan. 28 -- 9:15 a.m. (TUES)

Raising Mentally Strong Kids:

How to Combine the Power of Neuroscience with Love and Logic to Grow Confident, Kind, Responsible, and Resilient
Children and Young Adults

Dr. Charles Fay, PhD, CEO of Love and Logic Institute and Jim Fay, co-founder of Love and Logic

Feb. 26 -- 9:15 a.m. (WED)

Growing Up in Public: Helping Your Teenager Navigate Life

Devorah Heitner, PhD and author

Mar. 4th-- 6:45 p.m. (TUES)

Topic and Speaker To Be Announced

ANNUAL BRUNCH April 1 -- 9:15a.m. (TUES)

Collaborative Problem Solving:

Improving Children's Executive Function Skills

Erica Stetson, M.Ed. Psychologist with CCSD for 35 years

Visit www.PINccd.org for podcasts of past presentations.

English:

Please contact (name of liaison) at (email) for support with this resource in your language.

Amharic:

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thirpa@cherrycreekschools.org

Arabic:

يرجى الاتصال بـ (جميعه صباحي أو جادة العلمي) على (jsebbahi@cherrycreekschools.org) أو
dajani.ami@cherrycreekschools.org للحصول على الدعم مع هذا المورد باللغة العربية.

Chinese:

如有需要，请经由 ctaylor9@cherrycreekschools.org 与凯瑟琳·泰勒联系，以您的语言获得此资源的支持。

Dari:

لطفاً برای کمک در مورد این منابع به زبان خودتان با قزافی مهرزاد یا ایمیل qmehrzad@cherrycreekschools.org تماس بگیرید .

Hindi:

अपनी भाषा में इस संसाधन के समर्थन के लिए कृपया जेम्स रसाईली को jrasaily@cherrycreekschools.org पर संपर्क करें।

Korean:

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

Nepali:

कृपया जेम्स रसाईलीलाई jrasaily@cherrycreekschools.org मा तपाईंको भाषामा यो संसाधनको सहयोगको लागी सम्पर्क गर्नुहोला।

Russian:

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

Somali:

Fadlan la xirii Omar Nur cinwaanka emaylka onur2@cherrycreekschools.org si aad u hesho macluumaad ku qoran luqadaada.

Spanish:

Si necesita ayuda con este recurso en su idioma, póngase en contacto con Ilse Chavez Maldonado en ichavezmaldonado@cherrycreekschools.org, Rosa Han en ghan4@cherrycreekschools.org, Carmen Vargas-Ball en cvargasball@cherrycreekschools.org o Monica Pantoja en mpantoja@cherrycreekschools.org.

Ukrainian:

Будь ласка, зв'яжіться з Зоряною Герман по електронній пошті zherman@cherrycreekschools.org, щоб отримати підтримку з цього ресурсу на українській мові.

Vietnamese:

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