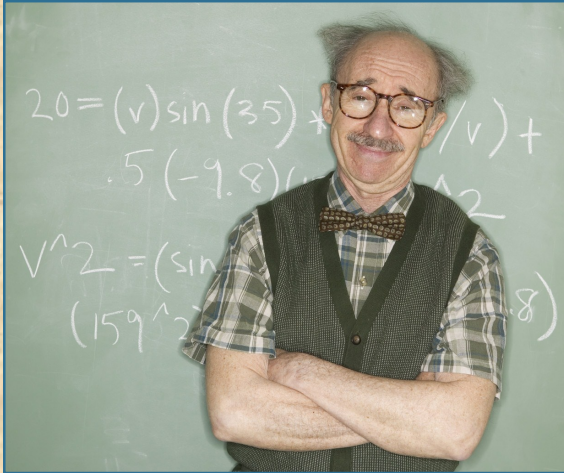


# Liberty Newsletter



# November 2011



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-5pm, 5:30-7pm  
(Drop-in format, “arena” style, in the gym)

Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm, 5:30-7pm  
(Drop-in format, “arena” style, in the gym)

Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 8am-3pm  
(by appointment with individual teachers only)

### School of Choice for the 2012-13

School of Choice paper forms will be available in **all** schools and the District Admissions offices from Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:30am through Wednesday, February 1, 2012. Applications will be approved on a first come/first serve basis with priority given to families with siblings attending the school next year. The applications will be date and time stamped when they are completed and turned in, and parents will receive a copy as their receipt. Parents will be notified of the decision by March 15, 2012.



**Challenge School** is now accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. Challenge School is a K – 8th gr magnet program in Cherry Creek School District designed to meet the needs of academically advanced, motivated and gifted students. Applications and information are available on the school’s website at [www.challengeschool.info](http://www.challengeschool.info). Applications are due by January 13th, 2012.

Tours of the school are available on selected days at 9 a.m. There is one informational evening. The parent information night is December 7th at 7pm, and no reservations are necessary. If you would like to sign up for a tour, or for further information please call 720-747-2100.



## Washington, D.C.

See the likes of Lincoln and Jefferson. Witness the Eternal Flame and the changing of the Guard. Experience the, the Spirit of St. Louis, and the original Constitution of the United States. Sit on Albert Einstein's lap and visit the home of our first president. Where can you do all this and more?  
Only in **Washington, D.C.**

Preparations have begun for the Spring 2012, 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Washington, D.C. As the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of 2011-12, you will have the opportunity to visit one of the world's greatest cities. Every 8th grader is invited to take part in what has proven to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

See or call Mark Rencehausen at (720) 886-2449 if you have any questions.



# Book Fair

The hours for the book fair are as follows:

Tuesday 11/1/11: 7:30am – 4:00pm

Wednesday 11/2/11: 7:30am-7:15pm (Parent Conferences)

Thursday 11/3/11: 7:30am – 4:00pm

Friday 11/4/11: 7:00am-4:00pm (Parent breakfast)

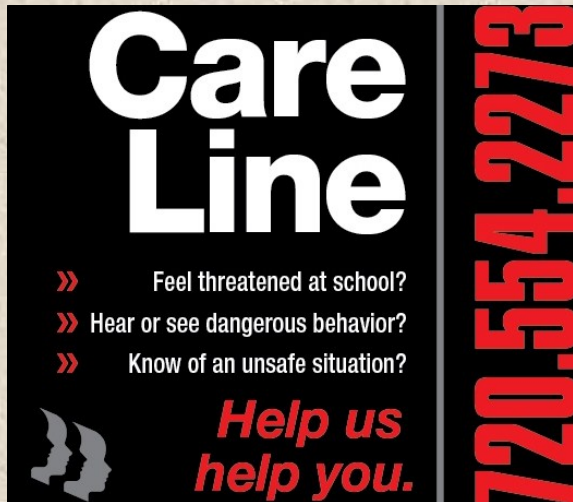
The fair is open Wednesday night during parent conferences and Friday morning during the breakfast. Parents can look for teacher requested-items. There will also be online ordering available at the fair, or for out-of-town family members.

## Guitars needed!

Liberty would like to offer a new music class, Beginning Guitar. It will be a semester long class for our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders serving as an introductory to classical guitar. We will need 32, **nylon stringed, acoustic guitars** for the class. The guitars do not need to have a case and need to be in good condition for students to learn the basics. If you have a guitar that is not being used and would like to donate it to Liberty, please drop it by the main office. We are happy to provide a letter of receipt for your charitable donation!



## Cherry Creek Schools Care Line has new look, same important purpose

A graphic for the Care Line. It features the text "Care Line" in large white letters on a black background. Below it, three red arrows point to the right, each followed by a question: "Feel threatened at school?", "Hear or see dangerous behavior?", and "Know of an unsafe situation?". At the bottom left is a silhouette of a person's head and shoulders. At the bottom right, the text "Help us help you." is written in red. To the right of the graphic, the phone number "720.554.2273" is written vertically in red.

**Care Line**

» Feel threatened at school?  
» Hear or see dangerous behavior?  
» Know of an unsafe situation?

*Help us help you.*

**720.554.2273**

After the 1999 tragedy at Columbine High School, the Cherry Creek School District established the Care Line (720-554-2273 or [careline@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:careline@cherrycreekschools.org)) as part of its ongoing school safety efforts, which emphasize the importance of prevention, positive school climate, and physical and psychological safety measures.

“Nothing is more important than the safety of our students, our staff members, and our families,” said Superintendent Mary Chesley. “The academic excellence that exists in our district stems from the fact that people are safe and feel safe in our schools, allowing them to focus on teaching and learning.”

In the past 12 years, the Care Line has been used by many students, parents and community members to report potentially dangerous behavior or unsafe situations. Reports can be made anonymously. Last year, about one-third of Care Line calls or emails involved conflict situations. Another third were related to suicidal thoughts or behaviors and the final third related to a variety of issues including drugs/alcohol, potential cyber crimes, threats and weapons.

To increase awareness of the Care Line, the district used funds from a Safe and Drug Free Schools grant to create posters, magnets, stickers and business cards highlighting the Care Line.

“We want students, parents and community members to know this resource is available to them,” said Dr. Scott Siegfried, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Support Services. “We encourage them to share concerns directly with an administrator, teacher or counselor in a face-to-face manner, if possible. However, we know there are times when they may not feel comfortable doing that and want an anonymous reporting option.”

Director of Safety and Security, Randy Council said it’s also important to know when to call 911 instead of the Care Line. “In an emergency or life and death situation, call 911, not the Care Line.”

When a call or email comes in to the Care Line, a team of district administrators and safety and security personnel are alerted to the message and read the email or listen to the phone call. The situation is investigated in a variety of ways depending upon the nature of the information.

For instance, if the reporting party leaves contact information, safety and security will call them back to obtain any additional pertinent information. Local authorities may be asked to conduct a welfare check. Parents and the principal of any involved school may also be contacted. District mental health experts and the crisis response team also become involved if needed.

“The Care Line is an important part of our comprehensive commitment to safe, respectful and inclusive learning environments,” said Janise McNally, Wellness Coordinator for Cherry Creek Schools. “It’s another way we can work together to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, families and community.”

**WINGS**  
**Winter Coat Drive**  
**on behalf of:**



**COATS**  
**FOR COLORADO**  
Celebrating 30 Years

**OCTOBER 1-NOVEMBER 30**

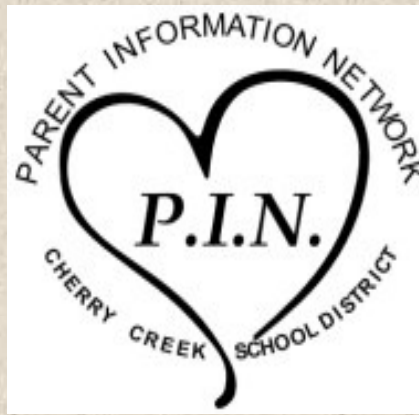
*A Tradition of Caring*

Join in a long-standing tradition of keeping Colorado warm by donating to Coats For Colorado. Bring your gently used or new coats to any Dependable Cleaners between October 1st and November 30th. Donations will be distributed to charitable organizations, homeless shelters and thousands of Coloradans in need.

[www.TheDenverChannel.com](http://www.TheDenverChannel.com) [www.coatsforcolorado.org](http://www.coatsforcolorado.org)

For more information call Dependable Cleaners 303-777-2673 Ext. 31  
Dependable Cleaners Coats For Colorado is a non-profit subsidiary of Dependable Cleaners and Matt Laundry, Inc.



**Tuesday, November 1, 2011  
9:15 am - 11:15 am**

### **"Teaching the Value of Character and Leadership"**

*In honor and appreciation of Veterans on November 11, 2011, we will have retired Air Force Colonel and Chaplain, Dr. Phil Miller, as the guest speaker at the November PIN meeting.*

Making leaders is more than giving an individual the opportunity to lead. Leadership is valued for both competence and character. Teaching the qualities of leadership involves understanding the themes of integrity, excellence and service.

Learn the importance of building character and promoting an ethical culture for raising tomorrow's leaders. Discover what character aspects will help your child be a better leader and citizen of the world.

Our speaker, Phil Miller, PhD, a retired Colonel and Chaplain, with 26 years in the Air Force Reserve, and the current Executive Director of TLC Meals on Wheels, will discuss the importance of teaching leadership, with strong character values being the most important element to instill in future leaders.

*Following our November meeting we are sponsoring an Artisan Fair, with a wide variety of vendors selling crafts and services. The Artisan Fair will be a great way to start your holiday shopping! The Fair will be in the SARC building from 11:30-2:30 p.m. All proceeds will go to funding the PIN/Sherry Sargent Scholarship. Plan to stay after the presentation and shop!*

Presentations are free and are held the first Tuesday of each month  
at the **Student Achievement Resource Center (SARC)**.

14188 Briarwood Avenue, Centennial, south of Arapahoe Rd., between Potomac and Jordan Roads  
Come at 9:00 a.m. for refreshments and networking

For further information go to: [www.PINccsd.org](http://www.PINccsd.org).

*Mark Your Calendars!*

December 6<sup>th</sup>  
January 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Give Yourself a Break. You're Doing Great - Celebrate You!**  
**A panel of CCSD students - Managing Stress, Developing Resiliency**

# CHERRY CREEK COMMUNITY LEGISLATIVE NETWORK

## *“Breakfast With Our Legislators”*



**Date:** November 9, 2011  
**Time:** 7:30 AM  
**Place:** SARC (Student Achievement Resource Center)  
14188 E. Briarwood Ave., Centennial 80112  
**Directions:** South from Arapahoe Rd onto Jordan Rd, then west onto Briarwood  
**Cost:** \$7.00

Members of the Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network cordially invite you to join us for breakfast with members of the Colorado General Assembly representing the schools in the Cherry Creek School District.

This is a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with members of our delegation in an informal setting as we work together for a successful 2011-2012 session benefiting Colorado students.

***Mail reservation form with payment  
by Wednesday, November 2, 2011.***



**Breakfast with our Legislators  
Reservation Form  
(Please print)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast(s) at \$7.00 each. Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to CCCLN (Cherry Creek Community Legislative Network) and mail before November 2 to:

Rita Gomez  
7978 S. Clayton Circle  
Centennial, CO 80122

For more information, please call Mariellen Guerra at 303-549-5627

(CCCLN follows Cherry Creek Schools snow policy. If schools close, the event will be cancelled.)





# Help Guide Your Child through their Tweens!

*A Program for Parents of 4th-8th Graders!*

**Pick a location that works best for you!**

Each class meets from 6:00 to 8:30 pm for four consecutive weeks starting on the date listed below:

October 3rd . . . . . Mondays  
Eastridge Elementary School

November 2nd . . . . . Wednesdays  
(skipping Thanksgiving week)  
Meadow Point Elementary School

January 4th . . . . . Wednesdays  
Horizon Middle School

February 2nd . . . . . Thursdays  
Liberty Middle School

February 28th . . . . . Tuesdays  
Campus Middle School

\*April 3rd . . . . . Tuesdays  
Prairie Middle School

April 5th . . . . . Thursdays  
West Middle School

*Childcare available on a limited basis*

*Light snacks provided*

*\*Please note, this class will be presented in Spanish*

Cherry Creek School District psychologists, social workers and counseling staff present the Guiding Good Choices program throughout the district year-round. Guiding Good Choices is nationally recognized as a Model Program by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

As children evolve from parent-pleasing little ones, to adolescents yearning for independence, testing boundaries and seeking peer acceptance, this **proven effective** four-week class offers tips for parents on navigating those challenging years.

## LEARN TO:

- » Teach your child to stop, think and control impulses
- » Communicate peer pressure refusal skills
- » Understand adolescent brain development and how it affects behaviors
- » Develop healthy beliefs and clear standards within your family
- » Strengthen family bonds
- » Manage family conflict

## INVEST THE TIME!

- » Four classes can make a lifetime of difference!
- » Research shows that Guiding Good Choices has been demonstrated to:
  - › Reduce alcohol use by 40 percent
  - › Increase the probability of remaining drug free
  - › Significantly reduce the the rate at which adolescents develop depression

**Cost: \$30.00 per family - includes a \$10 workbook fee (Scholarships available for families who receive Free & Reduced Lunch - Call 720-554-4247 for more information.)**

*Additional costs of the program are sponsored by the CCSD Wellness Office and the Colorado Department of Education's Division of Safe and Drug Free Schools.*

**Space is Limited – Register Now!**

**EMAIL:** [smilian@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:smilian@cherrycreekschools.org)  
**PHONE:** 720-554-4247



*Dedicated to Excellence*  
Cherry Creek Schools

To view a map of the seven convenient locations please see other side.



## Artisan Fair

November 1

Immediate following the PIN Presentation

11:30 to 2:30 at SARC

Visit [PINccsd.org](http://PINccsd.org) or email [info@PINccsd.org](mailto:info@PINccsd.org)

Crafts Jewelry Artwork

Please join us for this new event.

PIN wishes to showcase some of our talented community members.

This will be a great opportunity to do some early holiday and gift shopping, and to support our Sherry Sargent Scholarship!!!

All are welcome to browse, be here early for the best selections.

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

We expect to have a wide variety of artisans. If you are interested in participating, please contact PIN Board member Debbie Aragon at [DebNDLmom@aol.com](mailto:DebNDLmom@aol.com). There will be a fee of \$25 to participate. This will go to the Sherry Sargent Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is presented to a CCSD college bound senior at our annual May brunch. Additional donations from the artisans will also go to the scholarship fund and would be greatly appreciated.

Plan to stay after the PIN Presentation:  
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