



Hello Campus Families!

I hope you are doing well. Below is an important message regarding the “One Chip Challenge”:

I am asking for your help in protecting our students from the dangers of the “One Chip Challenge,” a social media challenge that has sent both children and adults to hospitals in several states.

In this challenge, people are encouraged to record and post their reaction as they eat a single tortilla chip seasoned with Carolina Reaper pepper and stinging Scorpion pepper. Eating these chips can cause serious reactions, including intense stomach pain, profuse vomiting, chest pain and difficulty breathing.

Please talk with your students about the dangers of participating in these types of challenges and help them develop the skills they need to say no to dangerous activities.

Thank you so much for your partnership in keeping our students safe and healthy.

Below is some important information from our Parent-Teacher Organization:

1. Membership Toolkit really is an easy and efficient way to stay connected to everything happening at CMS. There are also links to sign up to volunteer for the library and school store, in addition to other events such as One Book One Campus, Red Ribbon Week and Veteran’s Day.
2. Mustang Giving Circle: We are asking each family to make a one time donation of \$100 per student. This is the only fundraiser that Campus sponsors and the allocations directly benefit CMS students and staff, so it’s a win-win! Please feel free to donate whatever you are comfortable giving. We appreciate your support!

In addition, as we near the end of the first quarter, we have some important upcoming events that provide a great opportunity to partner with the school. I look forward to seeing you soon!

September 28: Coffee with the Principal-I will be hosting my first Coffee with the Principal on the 28th from 9:00-10:00 am in the CMS Library. This is an informal open house for any interested parent to pose questions and gather information about what is happening at Campus. I look forward to seeing you there.

September 29- Parent/Teacher Conferences: We will be holding our Parent-Teacher Conferences on the evening of September 29. These conferences will be drop-in, arena-style conferences for all grade levels. More information will be coming out regarding the format within the next week. We look forward to seeing you there.

October 2-7- Spirit Week for Walk for Sudan: This is an important fundraiser for the Sudan and a great opportunity to connect with the community and take a walk through the Cherry Creek Reservoir with your children.

October 9-Walk for Sudan: The walk itself is taking place on Sunday, October 9 from 1-3:30 p.m. We will begin at Campus and then walk the reservoir as a group.

October 6 & 7-CogAt Testing (6th Grade Only): We will be administering the *Cognitive Abilities Test™ (CogAT)* to all 6th grade students. The test will be group administered in an online format which takes a total of 2 hours to complete; however, the assessment will be administered over 2 days in separate sessions. The CogAT will be administered at Campus Middle School on October 6th and 7th, 2022.

The CogAT appraises the development of student reasoning abilities using verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal cognitive tasks.

Results will indicate children's areas of strength so that classroom teachers can provide instruction to nurture those individual, relative strengths. The results will be added to an individual student body of evidence. Later this Fall, students scoring at the 90th percentile or higher on the CogAT will be administered follow up academic achievement assessments in all four core content areas.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Assessment Coordinator, David Torfin, at dtorfin@cherrycreekschools.org.

October 11- CMS Diversity & Inclusion/PASS Speaker Series- We will be hosting our first Diversity & Inclusion speaker series on the evening of October 11 from 6-7:30 pm in the CMS Library. Come and hear some important information about how to combat microaggressions. This discussion is going to be led by leaders on the student board of Youth Celebrate Diversity (YCD) and moderated, in part, by Caleb Munro who is the Executive Director of YCD.

October 10-14- One Book, One Campus-Our Library is sponsoring our One Book, One Campus Literacy event. Students will be bringing home permission slips that allow them to get a

free copy of the book that is being highlighted. Students will also be participating in several exciting activities throughout the week.

October 17-21- Fall Break!!

In Partnership,

Lissa Staal

Principal

Campus Middle School