

MOOSE TRAX

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Dear Families,

Fall Conferences are over, and that means it's time for Altitude's Teacher of the Year Award. I would like to encourage each of you and your children to consider completing a nomination form. This award is given to a teacher who represents Altitude's continued dedication to excellence in education. It is a wonderful opportunity for a teacher to be recognized for inspiring all students to think, to learn, to achieve, and to care. The educator that is selected represents the many outstanding teachers at Altitude. Forms are available within this newsletter and also in the front lobby. Please have them turned in by Friday, December 8.

A BIG thank you goes out to our entire Southshore/Altitude community. Parents, grandparents, and families came to school last week to help us celebrate Veterans Day at Altitude Elementary! It was an amazing day to honor and recognize our veterans, active-duty service members, and first responders. We would like to thank the Altitude PTCO for creating a very welcoming hospitality room for our special guests. It takes a lot of people to make this parade such a memorable experience for our students and families. Thank you to all the participants: Altitude staff and students; Aurora Police and Fire Departments; Buckley Space Force Base; Scouts; CTHS Staff, Pep Band, and dance and sports teams; Fox Ridge Middle School staff, teams, and students; Corvette Club of Colorado; Ms. Engdahl and her horses; Basset Construction; Signature Orthodontics; Michelle Yardeny; Ken Norris; Allen Cook; Fox 31; and so many more! Thank you to everyone! A special thank you goes out to our Grand Marshall Mr. Eugene Meyer, Lori Norris, Emily Kimpton, and Brian Felker for making sure the parade went off without a hitch.

Altitude Elementary School focuses on building problem solving and critical thinking skills in our students. We use the Launch Cycle as a thinking map for our students to guide them in this process. Over the past few weeks, our 4th and 5th graders have been working on building various apparatus to race around a timed course. Our grade level teachers have been collaborating with our Integrated Arts teachers, specifically STEAM, to build these vehicles from scratch. Students have had the opportunity to learn from failure and "highlight and fix" to make their creation the best it can be. They have had to work with a group of students to make their vehicle the best it can be. The skill of working with others is what we call "Group Basics," and we feel it is another important skill our students need to have to be successful in the future. Our 4th grade Elch-Strassenrennen (Moose Racing) event takes place next week along with our 5th grade Hovercraft Races (you read that correctly), where a student will sit on a team-created hovercraft and be pushed around a course in the gym. These events are examples of what makes Altitude an amazing place for our students. We are lucky to have teachers that push the envelope when it comes to creating highly engaging learning activities!

Happy Thanksgiving! This is my favorite time of year because it signifies the importance of giving and being thankful. It is time to think about the truly important things in life such as family, health, and children. We would like to wish everyone a fantastic start to the holiday season, and please know that I am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful school and community.

Have a great time with family and friends,

Scott

PS. The Marvelous Moose Showcase is on Wednesday, December 6 from 5:30 - 7:00pm.

Events Snapshot:

November 22: Qdoba Spirit Night (4pm-8pm) 23923 E. Prospect Ave.

November 22 - 24: Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

December 6: Marvelous Moose Showcase (5:30pm)

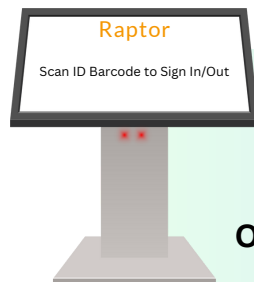
December 13: Dirty Dough Spirit Day (more details to come!)

December 25 - January 8: Winter Break - NO SCHOOL (school resumes

January 9th)



ALT Families: Please **DO NOT** get out of your car in the drop off lane. Staff will help you find your students. If you need to get out of your car, please park in the lot. Thank you for your cooperation.



ALT Families!

Our new check-in kiosk is up and running!

You **MUST** have a physical Driver's License to get checked in when visiting or volunteering at the school, or when you are checking out a student. **ALWAYS** bring an ID!

To sign in to visit or volunteer:

- Ring first door bell to be buzzed in by staff
- Scan ID at kiosk in vestibule
- Listen for second door to unlock
- Check in with office for printed badge

To check out a student:

- Ring first door bell (and let them know who you are picking up) to be buzzed in by staff
- Show ID to staff
- Sign student out



ALT Educator of the Year

Altitude Elementary is happy to announce our process for nominating our 2023-2024 Educator of the Year.

All Altitude Elementary teachers, special service providers (i.e., counselors, psychologists, social workers, nurses, therapists, etc.) and non-teaching licensed personnel (i.e., instructional coaches, etc.) are eligible for nomination. The nomination form is due to the Altitude front office by Friday, December 8th. Parts of your written nomination may be used when informing the winning teacher.

We are excited to honor our outstanding educators and we hope that you will participate in the nomination process. The winning educator represents all the teachers of Moose Nation! A teacher list and nomination form may be found below (or at the front office). We will announce the Altitude Teacher of the Year at our winter break assembly on Friday, December 22.

2023-2024 Altitude Certified Staff

<u>KINDERGARTEN</u> Jen Christianson Julie Kimura Melissa McBride Stephanie Dryer Samantha Parsons Margaret Whipple	<u>FIRST GRADE</u> Jackie Ayler Paul Grogan Katie Parker Kelly Engdahl Pam Haines	<u>SECOND GRADE</u> James Christensen Wendy Smith Jillian Derrick Leanne Snyder Ali Buchanan Danielle Tauriello
<u>THIRD GRADE</u> Meredith Ramsey Ashley Nordine Caroline Forbes Grace Young Jenna Goncharov	<u>FOURTH GRADE</u> Angie Schaefer Linda Goodenow Ben Lowy Ellen Clark Tiffany Larson Alysa Claverie	<u>FIFTH GRADE</u> Danielle Davis Ashley Echols Albert Rios Allison Siquefield Kristina Larson
<u>INTEGRATED ARTS</u> STEAM – Ryan Remien Art – Rob Hay PE – Matt Mundy Music – Justin Kerr Global Citizenship – Caren Berger	<u>Special Ed/Mental Health</u> LD - Julia Maraschky LD - Heather Koopman OT – Anna Siegel SL – Claire Quisling SLP A – Rani Bell ILC – Anna Winston Psychologist - Dr. Amber Waheed Social Worker – Brian Felker Nurse - Barb Fischer	<u>Support Services</u> GT - Kiley Eberly ELS - Amy Henrion Reading Enrichment – Stephanie Post Math Enrichment – Mandy Deleeuw Instructional Coach - Margot Hatch



Educator of the Year Nomination Form 2023-2024

In order to nominate an exceptional educator who is going above and beyond for our students, please provide a written submission. The nomination should include specific examples and/or stories that demonstrate how the educator has impacted students in a positive manner.

Educator of the Year nominations must be received no later than December 8, 2023.

*Students ages 13-18 must have their parent's permission to complete a nomination.

*Students ages 12 or younger are not permitted to submit nominations. Their parents may submit on their behalf.

Nominator's First Name _____

Nominator's Last Name

Cell Number (optional)

Email Address

First and Last Name of the educator you are nominating _____

Position (teacher, counselor, social worker, etc.)

Written Nomination

You may provide a written nomination here. The submission must have between 150-500 words. Forms submitted without a written nomination will not be utilized.

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Please return this form to the main office no later than December 8, 2023. There will be a ballot box available at the front office or you can email your submission to lnorris3@cherrycreekschools.org
Please use TOY in the subject line.

Save The Date...

MARVELOUS

MOOSE SHOWCASE



DECEMBER 6 AT 5:30PM



PANTHER PARTNERS

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE



COMING SOON!!

QDOBA IS BRINGING FLAVOR TO OUR COMMUNITY



FUNDRAISER FOR

ALTITUDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 4PM-8PM

23923 E PROSPECT AVE
AURORA, CO 80016

Order online with the digital coupon on this flyer, or
show this flyer in restaurant. Also valid on Catering orders.

SCAN THIS QR CODE
IN RESTAURANT



OR ENTER THIS
COUPON CODE ONLINE
QDOBAGIVES



Don't feel like
cooking before
Thanksgiving?

Support our
school and enjoy
some delicious
QDOBA!!



LOST & FOUND!



CHECK OUT LOST & FOUND!

Any items that are not claimed by
November 30th will be donated.

Reminder!



Please make sure that your students are dressed
appropriately for the weather!

We send students outside for recess as long as the "feels
like" temperature is 20 degrees or higher and there is
no significant precipitation!

So many moose happenings!!

A HUGE thank you to our community for helping to make all of these fun events possible!!

3rd Grade Musical Performance



2nd Grade Wings Over the Rockies

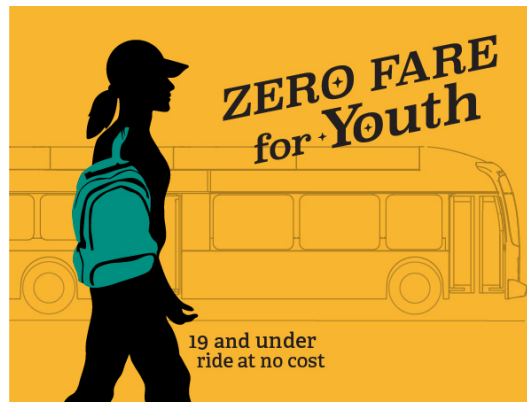


Trunk or Treat



Veterans Day Parade





**FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024, YOUTH 19 AND UNDER CAN
JUST HOP ON BOARD ***

RTD is excited to welcome a future generation of transit users to experience all the benefits at no cost.

Zero Fare for Youth is a one-year pilot program that aims to enhance the lives of RTD customers and communities by reducing transportation costs for families.

By inviting youth ages 19 and under to ride the bus and train at no cost, we also remove barriers to education and employment, while creating access to destinations across the metro Denver region. If you're new to our system, check out our How to Ride video.

***What Do I Need to Show When I Ride?**

To ride at no cost as part of this program, you must be prepared to show one of the following to the bus operator or fare inspector: current school ID, valid government-issued ID, alien registration/permanent resident card, Military ID/dependent card with DOB, RTD-issued youth special discount card.



Click [HERE](#) for more information!

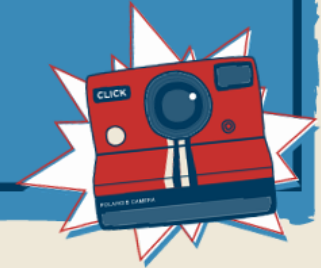


MOOSE MEMORIES!!

★ 2023-2024 ★

**ALT YEARBOOKS ARE
NOW ON SALE FOR \$25!**

SCAN THE QR CODE TO PURCHASE!




Calling all dads, grandads, uncles, and other male father-figures interested in volunteering!

Please click [HERE](#) to fill out CCSD's volunteer application (if you haven't already). This must be filled out each year by our volunteers.

Please click [HERE](#) to sign-up to be a WatchDOGS volunteer!


Please see below for information regarding food insecurities, as well as food pantries in our area.

Altitude will begin taking donations in February 2024.



Donation Drive

CherryCreekSchools/Wellness/Food Insecurity



District-sponsored Donation Drives

All items collected go to CCSD school-based resource pantries

February 2024	→	Cherokee Trail & Feeder Schools
March 2024	→	Smoky Hill & Feeder Schools Overland & Feeder Schools
August 2024	→	District Buildings
October 2024	→	Grandview & Feeder Schools Eaglecrest & Feeder Schools
November 2024	→	Cherry Creek High & Feeder Schools

[Click here for a list of community food pantries](#)

Healthy, nourished students learn better and have a greater chance at an active and productive life. This aligns with CCSD Core Values of Whole Wellbeing and Equity.

**SUPPORT STUDENTS
EXPERIENCING FOOD INSECURITY**

Don't miss our Dec. 5 presentation - ONLINE ONLY



There is Hope!

Inoculating Kids Against Addiction

Concerned about the dangers of substance use?
Wondering if your child may have risk factors
associated with addiction? Join PIN to hear
award-winning author, Jessica Lahey, discuss:

- **Why adolescents are so vulnerable**
- **Ways to change thinking and behavior**
- **Strategies for preventing childhood substance abuse at home**

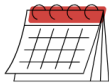


Tuesday Dec 5, 9:15 - 11am

*** ONLINE ONLY ***

Visit www.PINccsd.org for Zoom link

Jessica Lahey is the author of both *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed* (a New York Times bestseller) and *The Addiction Inoculation: Raising Healthy Kids in a Culture of Dependence*. For 20 years, Jess has taught about adolescent addiction and has written about parenting and child welfare for The Washington Post, The Atlantic, and the New York Times.



Save the Date: Feb. 6 with Craig Kaley, founder of Moneyletics – 9:15 a.m.
Money Doesn't Grow on Trees: Raising Financially Savvy Kids

PIN: Informing, Inspiring and Empowering Parents for more than 45 years
Missed the live presentation? Recordings will be available at PINccsd.org

Thanksgiving Break
November 22-24
NO SCHOOL

**We wish our Altitude community a
safe and happy break!**



English:

Please contact Heather McDonnell at hmcdonnell2@cherrycreekschools.org for support with this resource in your language.

Amharic:

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Arabic:

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

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。

Hindi:

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

Korean:

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

Nepali:

कृपया जेम्स रसाइथीलाई jrasaily@cherrycreekschools.org मा तपाइयको भाषामा यो संसाधनको सहयोगको िगी सम्पर्क गर्नहथ िो।

Russian:

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

Somali:

Fadlan la xiriir 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, Helena Gognat en hgognat@cherrycreekschools.org o Monica Pantoja en mpantoja@cherrycreekschools.org.

Vietnamese:

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