Dear Parents,

We know that students learn best when they are in an environment where they feel respected, valued and safe, have positive parent support, and are given clear standards and expectations for their learning.

As part of Altitude’s Asset Building Program and Goals, we regularly review the attendance records of our students to make sure that they are able to take advantage of this type of environment. State Law mandates that an attendance goal be established for every school. Our attendance goal is 96% school-wide or an average of 7 absences per student during the entire school year.

I have noticed an increase in tardies and absences over the past few weeks, and I want to stress the importance of making sure your children are here every day and on time. Please remember that school begins promptly at 8:00 am. Students may be dropped off at 7:40 am and they are able to enter the building through their grade level door and get ready for the day. Please plan for cold weather and traffic congestion by arriving closer to 7:45 and not waiting until 7:55 when the traffic may become more congested. Students that are tardy start their day a little behind and can spend most of the day just catching up.

Some of you will soon be receiving a letter indicating tardies and absences that are below our 96% goal. This letter is to heighten your awareness on this issue and make you aware of your child’s current number of tardies and absences. Sometimes a day here or a few days there add up, and you may not be aware of the total number of days/time missed. Please know that this letter by no means is meant to encourage you to send students to school ill. We are also aware that some students have had serious illnesses that have required them to miss a number of days that exceed our 96% goal. Again, these letters are for you to be aware of absences and tardies. Families will be contacted individually if an attendance plan is needed.

One of the reasons Altitude is such a successful school can be attributed to students coming to school each and every day who approach learning eagerly and with great commitment. You as parents help us greatly in this endeavor. There is a responsibility for all of us to play an active role encouraging school attendance, timeliness, and compliance of the Colorado Compulsory School Attendance Law.

Families will receive an attendance/tardy letter if they exceed three total absences and/or tardies for the first trimester, five for the second and seven total for the third trimester. Thank you for helping us meet our 96% goal!

Sincerely,
Scott

**REMINDER:** Please send your students to school in weather appropriate clothes and shoes. If there is snow on the ground, boots are required to play in the snow. We do keep them inside if it FEELS colder than 20°.
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If your child is going to be out sick, please call Attendance Line: 720.886.4395

The Flu: A Guide for Parents

Flu information

Influenza (also known as flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Flu is spread from a cold, and usually occurs in sudden bursts. Each year flu viruses cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospital stays and thousands or tens of thousands of deaths in the United States because of influenza. The flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

What parents should know

How serious is flu?
While the flu can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at high risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchiolitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

How does flu spread?
Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with the flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land on the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get the flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

What are flu symptoms?
Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headaches, chills, having tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with the flu will not have a fever.

Protect your child
How can I protect my child from flu?
This first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal sprays for the vaccines are both options for vaccination.
- It’s especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at high risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (It’s okay for younger than 6 months to be at high risk for serious complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant women should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination protects the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu vaccines are currently changing so that flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

Is flu vaccine safe?
Flu vaccines are made using mist safety and production measures. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccine for decades. Flu shots and nasal sprays for the vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?
- A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick. When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of getting sick with flu by about half.
- Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized from flu. One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children’s risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.

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This class will increase positive awareness and understanding of Indigenous ways of life, as it pertains to CCSD communities. As “Indigenous People” encompasses a multitude of tribes, customs and languages, and geographically located traditions, this course will examine the impact of stereotypes, misperceptions, and misunderstandings regarding the students and families of CCSD. Educators will develop a critical perspective of contemporary/urban Indigenous voices, informed by real lived experiences, and learn ways to interrupt inequitable educational practices.

This course will facilitated by Ms. Donna Chrisjohn, Community Parent Educator

Saturday, February 22nd 9:00 - 12:00 pm SARC
Tuesday, February 25th 6:00 - 8:00 pm SARC
Saturday, February 29th 9:00 - 12:00 pm SARC
Tuesday, March 3rd 6:00 - 8:00 pm Fremont
* Sat. March 7th History Colorado Museum
Thursday, March 12th 6:00 - 8:00 pm Fremont

Register on PD Pro
1 CCSD Credit hour is $100

Contact Lisa Drangsholt for more information ldrangsholt@cherrycreekschools.org

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CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS
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Saturday, November 16, 2019

Onsite Interviews 8AM – 1PM
Educational Services Center (ESC)
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- Resume (Not Required)
- I-9 Documents (ex. Driver License & SSI Card or Passport)
- Pertinent certification (ex. CDL, A9 or A.S.E. certifications)

What makes the Cherry Creek School District
Transportation a great place to work?
- Bus Driver starting wage $19.05/hr - $25.00/hr
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