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Thank you for a great start,

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A Message from Principal Schleich

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ALTITUDE TRAFFIC

Thank you for exercising your patience during the first couple of weeks of back to school traffic! We have over 700 students that need to get on the bus, walk/bike home and/or be dropped off and picked up every day and with only one way in and out of the school, it can become quite congested. Your patience and vigilance watching for children will help us keep the area as safe as possible for our students and families. We will soon have another way in to school via East Southshore Parkway and that should provide an alternate way to arrive at school.

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Our Altitude Elementary school goal is 96% for tardies and attendance. We send out an attendance/tardy notification to families who have accumulated 3 or more tardies/absences during the first trimester, 5 or more cumulative tardies/absences by the end of the second trimester or 7 or more for the entire school year. Please help us achieve our 96% rate by staying within these expectations. Please try to plan vacations during school breaks. Thank you for modeling the importance of school attendance.

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Destination Imagination (DI) is an extra-curricular activity that is open to all Altitude students who enjoy creative thinking, problem solving, and being part of a seriously committed team. Participation in DI is a three to five month commitment that typically begins in October and culminates at the Cherry Creek DI Regional Tournament. This year, the district tournament will be held on March 14, 2020 at Cherokee Trail High School. Teams that do well advance to the State Tournament held in April, 2020.

Typically, five to seven students comprise a DI team. These teams are often multiage grouped. DI is dependent upon team managers who are adult volunteers. Team managers are required to attend one training in the fall. Teams get together with managers and parents to discuss schedules and find a common time for meetings. Most teams meet in the team manager’s home or school once a week in the early weeks. As the competition nears, the length and frequency of meetings can increase as the team desires.

Interested families are encouraged to put teams together with the necessary adult volunteers. Altitude will support our DI teams! Please contact me if you plan to form a team.

Kiley Eberly
Destination Imagination Building Coordinator
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Congratulations to our 2018-2019 Altitude DI team, The KFC Glitching Fort Fighters!
We are excited about our new apparel site. Your student will be bringing a flyer home in the next week. The back of the flyer has monthly coupons. Free shipping is available for 2 weeks starting August 23rd. The orders will ship directly to your house.

Altitude PTCO Boosterthon Moose Fun Run
September 12, 2019

Parents and Families—one of this year’s main fundraisers is the Boosterthon Moose Fun Run! It’s a two-week program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on Tuesday, September 3. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps) at the Boosterthon Moose Fun Run, which will happen on Thursday, September 12. This year our goal is to raise $50,000 for student laptops, climbing wall and teacher grants and we need your help! We’ve asked the experts at Booster to power our fundraiser to make it easier, more profitable, and more FUN.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, MINDSPARK: WILD WEST! Booster’s most exciting theme yet combines S.T.E.A.M. skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) with character-building. While they’re teaming up with the MindSpark Kids to save Dr. Shock, our students will learn five character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world.

Donations will go toward student laptops, climbing wall and teacher grants and the entire two-week experience. So please help our school by getting pledges from family and friends and entering them on FUNRUN.COM. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on our students at the Boosterthon Moose Fun Run. Thanks so much for your support!

Grade level run times:
AM PreK and K at 8:15 – 9:15
2nd and 3rd grade at 9:20 – 10:20
PM PreK and 1st at 12:00 – 1:00
4th and 5th grade at 1:25 – 2:25