Dear Parents,

One of our Altitude goals is providing a safe environment where teachers can teach and students can learn. In order for students to reach their academic potential, it is important for students to feel safe in the school environment. The aspects of school safety include students feeling safe on their way to and from school. Please remember, DO NOT leave cars unattended in the drop off/pick up lanes so we can keep cars moving. Please keep children off the playground before and after school. This will help us make sure that all students are accounted for and those students that are not picked up will be brought to the office to call home. It takes an effort from everyone to help make Altitude a safe and inviting place for students. Thank you for your help! Below is some information about our school and district efforts to make sure Cherry Creek Schools are safe and prepared to handle emergency situations.

Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS)

As a result of funds received from a Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant from the Office of Safe and Drug Free Schools, all leadership and school safety/crisis teams in the Cherry Creek Schools have been receiving REMS training and have developed updated and effective emergency response plans and procedures that align with state and federal Homeland Security Emergency Management and the National Incident Management System. We have improved communications with our community agencies, trained key staff to provide for the emotional impact of a crisis on students and staff, and developed sustainable training materials and crisis response kits for our schools. Laminate glass has been added to your school’s main access points and a RAPTOR screening system has been installed in the elementary schools to help screen visitor IDs, similar to the middle and high schools.

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform parents about recent changes to the Cherry Creek Website that now give parents needed information about school safety and related issues. The website explains the district’s efforts to provide for both the physical and psychological safety of our children, and gives parents links to excellent on-line resources. This section of the district website continues to be under construction and materials will be updated as needed. You can view the information by going to www.cherrycreekschools.org, District Departments, Safe Schools or view directly at https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1756.

Topics and information include:

Recent School Safety News
What to Do in the Event of an Emergency
Information about the CCSD Comprehensive Safe Schools Plan
Safe2Tell Information
Other Resources, Links and/or Handouts:
Bullying/Harassment
Crisis Resources
Internet Safety
Parenting
Personal Safety (neighborhood, strangers, etc.)
Violence Prevention

For more information about your school’s crisis planning, please contact your school’s Principal. For further information about ERCM planning in the schools, please contact Ian Lopez, Office of Safety and Security, 720-554-4489 or Ronald Lee, Psy.D., Safe Schools Design Team, 720-554-4406.
Altitude School Reminders

Please remember to use the crosswalks, especially in the front parking lot. There are two crosswalks at each end of the parking lot for your convenience and we typically have someone at each crosswalk to help you cross.

Please do not drop student off in the left drive through lane. Only use the right kiss & go lane for drop off. Please pull all the way forward in the drop of lane to help the line move forward. We will be sending a map of our parking lot to provide a visual for our drop off and pick up process. If you need to walk your students into the building, please park in the parking lot and use the crosswalks.

Students who are dropped off must go around to their grade level door UNLESS it is after 8:00 am. If a student is dropped off at or after 8:00am, please bring them in to the main entrance door and sign them in on the clipboard in the vestibule. If they are dropped off before 8:00 am, they will have to walk around to their grade level door. The only exceptions to this rule are when the temperature is at or below 20 degrees or if there is a medical need.

Safety is the number one goal of Altitude. Please remember to discuss Stranger Danger with your children so they know what to do when they are out in the neighborhood. If students do not feel safe, they are not able to maximize their learning potential. It takes the entire Altitude community to take care of and watch over our children.

- Please wear a mask while on school grounds and encourage your children to do the same.
- Try to keep 6’ distancing while on school grounds.
- Please do not bring your pets (dogs) on school grounds. I love dogs but we do have students who are allergic and students who have been attacked by dogs. Thank you for helping them stay and feel safe!
- Please cross at the crosswalk. Do not cross in the middle of Titus and/or Southshore.
- Please NO U-turns on Titus and Southshore.
- You may now park against the curb on Titus!
- Southshore is open to the east! You can turn right out of the Altitude parking lot.
- Please walk bicycles and scooters on school grounds.
- Create a plan for pick up. There will be a lot of traffic especially in the front lot. It may be wise to park along the Southshore curb to the east of the school parking lot and walk up.
- Please send your student to school with a water bottle. We have had to shut down the drinking fountains for safety reasons.
- Please do not pull into the BUS ONLY loop off Titus. This is for BUSES ONLY. Please stay on the sidewalk when walking around the bus loop and do not cross through the loop for your safety.

The better we do with the above safety precautions, the safer we will all be and the longer we can stay in school! Thank you for your help and support!

Thank you for your help,
Scott
CELL PHONES/PHONE WATCHES AND OTHER PERSONAL DEVICES

Cell phones, watches that connect to cell phones and other personal devices should be kept in student backpacks and turned off during the school day.

Teachers may collect cell phones/devices at the beginning of the day. These devices may be used during the day with teacher permission.

If you need to reach your student for an emergency, please call the front office at 720-886-4300.

Altitude Elementary is not responsible for any damaged, lost or stolen devices.

TIME FOR LUNCH

Kindergarten 10:15 - 10:40
First Grade 10:45 - 11:10
Second Grade 11:15 - 11:40
Third Grade 11:55 - 12:20
Fourth Grade 12:25 - 12:50
Fifth Grade 12:55 - 1:20

Recess begins at the end of lunch.

Visit here to see the lunch menu: https://family.titank12.com/menu/7E9BB5?lang=English

REGISTER HERE TO PUT LUNCH MONEY ON YOUR STUDENTS ACCOUNT

1. Register
Register at Family.titank12.com by clicking on Sign up today!

2. Confirm Email
Confirm your email address by clicking on the email verification link sent to your email address.

3. Sign In
Now you can sign in at Family.titank12.com using your email and password.
ALL students are expected to do their part to protect the health and well-being of our school communities by using the COVID Symptom Checker before they come to school each day.

There are three easy ways to access the Symptom Checker:
1. Log in to myCherryCreek and click on the COVID Symptom Checker tile
2. Click on this link: https://bit.ly/ccsd-health
3. Use the QR code to be directed to the Log in screen

For more information about how to use the COVID Symptom Checker, Watch this short video

If any member of your household has any COVID-related symptoms or if they are getting tested based on symptoms, DO NOT send your child/children to school for 3-4 day or until:
• All symptoms have resolved for all family members.
• Negative test results for the family member are confirmed.
• An alternate diagnosis is provided by a physician.

If your child/children have just returned from out-of-state travel or overnight camps, they are fine to return to school if they were not in direct contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 and have no symptoms.

Colorado Department of Public Health COVID-19 Guidance

CAN I GO TO SCHOOL TODAY?

At-home symptom screening for parents and staff:
If your student or you are experiencing any potentially life-threatening symptoms please call 911 immediately.

Use this checklist to determine when to keep students and school staff at home based on the level of COVID-19 transmission in their community.

Any student or staff diagnosed with COVID-19 or who is a close contact of a person with COVID-19 should not go to school and should isolate or quarantine according to public health recommendations.

These lists refer only to new symptoms and/or a change in usual symptoms. A student/staff should not be kept home for usual symptoms they experience due to a chronic condition unless they are worse than usual.

These guidelines are in addition to your regular school guidance (for example, a student with vomiting should also not attend school based on usual school guidelines).

Sustained Community Transmission (Safer at Home or Stay at Home): If any of the following symptoms are present, please follow the outlined steps.

SYMPTOMS:
• Feeling feverish, having chills, or temperature of 100.4°F or higher
• New or unexplained persistent cough
• Shortness of breath
• Difficulty breathing
• Loss of taste or smell
• Fatigue
• Muscle aches
• Headache
• Sore throat
• Nausea or vomiting
• Diarrhea
• Runny nose or congestion.

STEPS:
1. Student/staff must stay at home
2. Inform the school of symptoms
3. Reach out to a healthcare provider about COVID-19 testing
4. Follow healthcare provider’s recommended guidance for treatment

The Cherry Creek School District COVID Symptom Checker is a quick and convenient way for staff and parents/guardians of students to identify potential COVID symptoms to determine whether they should come to work/school each day.

Go to: https://bit.ly/ccsd-health
OR Scan this QR Code:
OR Log in to myCherryCreek and click on the Symptom Checker tile.

https://siswebapps.cherrycreekschools.org/#healthcheck/dashboard
VIRTUAL BOOSTERTHON DANCE OFF
Help us reach our goal of $40,000!

Here is a quick video overview of our fundraising program:
Watch video here

- All families can support our school by either donating, sharing on funrun.com, or both.
- Students receive rewards when parents share from funrun.com.
- All students get to participate in the virtual event day on Thursday, September 10, regardless of financial participation.
- This fundraiser comes with an incredible character development program for students where they’ll be learning about the importance of teamwork, care, courage, grit, and celebration.

Our fundraiser has corporate matching! Click here to search your employer’s name to see if they’ll match your donation. When you give or funrun.com, you can select your employer and it could DOUBLE YOUR DONATION to our school!

We are working hard to make this fundraiser safe, fun, and successful for everyone!

Key dates to remember:
Donating Opens - 8/24/2020
Fundraiser Kick Off - 8/31/2020
Event Day – 9/10/2020

Register FUNRUN.COM SHARE & GIVE!

Thank you for working with us to make our school stronger. We are grateful for your support!

Altitude PTO
Your teacher will notify you of your scheduled day.

Order up to 3 days after picture day. Order hasta 3 días después del día de la imagen.

All portraits will be shipped to your school. Todos los retratos serán enviados a su escuela.

Have questions? We are here to help!! ¿Necesita ayuda para pedir? ¡Estamos aquí para ayudar!!

M-F 8am to 5pm M-F 8am to 5pm

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2020-2021 YEARBOOK PREORDER NOW

Click HERE to order your 2020-21 YEARBOOK
Altitude Elementary 2020 – 2021
PTCO Year-Round Fundraisers

**BOX TOPS**

**COLLECT ALL YEAR**
Drop off at school by Oct. 22 and Feb. 19.
Clip and save Box Tops off select participating products.
Turn them in to the collection box in the front office.

**AMAZON**

**amazon smile**

You Shop. Amazon gives.

**WHEN:** Every time you shop amazon.

**HOW:** Link to AmazonSmile. A portion of the price of eligible purchases will be donated to the PTCO.

**WHERE:** amazon.smile.com

**WHAT:** Amazon will donate a portion of every purchase to our school.

**NOTE:** AmazonSmile is used in conjunction with all other amazon rewards.

**KING SOOPERS**

**WHEN:** Every time you shop King Soopers.

**HOW:** Use your Rewards card to shop at King Soopers. Go to the website and login. Click on your account to change the pickup location.

**WHERE:** kingsooperscommunityrewards.com

**WHAT:** King Soopers will donate a portion of every purchase to our school.

**AMERICAN FURNITURE WAREHOUSE**

**WHEN:** Every time you shop with AFW.

**HOW:** You can increase our donations by presenting a card at the time of purchase. School ID: ALTIDUS

**WHERE:** Online and in-store

**WHAT:** AFW will donate 2% on all purchases.

Thank you for supporting our school.

**Questions or Comments?**
We’d love to hear from you!

- Email: altidus@altidus.com

**We couldn’t do it without the help of our amazing Moose Nation!**

**Stay Connected and Get Involved!**

Keep up with the latest events and community activities with the resources below.

- Facebook: Altitude Elementary - Cherry Creek Schools
- Instagram: Altitude_elems
- Email: school@altitudeptoms.com
- Join Our Mailing List: info@altitudeptoms.com

**PTC Website:**

**School Website:**
Altitude Elementary Cherry Creek Schools

**School Calendar:**
cherrycreekschool.org/Page/95/Calendar/72/201900201723020020520

**RevTrak:**
AltitudeElementaryDevonnh.org

Your source for tickets, pictures, yearbooks, grade-level plans, meals and more.
Click HERE to order your GRADE LEVEL shirt

Click HERE to order your MOOSE Mask!

Click HERE to order your Altitude Spiritwear!

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MONTHLY SPECIALS!

Wear your Altitude or MOOSE attire on Friday for Spirit Day!
The fourth grade team is helping homeless people.

Bring your donations to school and place in the box by your grade level doors during the entire month of September.

We are in need of the following things:
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Toothbrushes
- Soap
- Shampoo (travel size)
- Adult winter hats
- Adult gloves
- Adult Socks

******Make sure you bring NEW, not used items******

Here is a link to watch their video: https://youtu.be/MhspmLecoxM

JOIN PARENT INFORMATION NETWORK (PIN) OF
CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR
TWO FREE, ONLINE COMMUNITY EVENTS!

WIRED AND CONNECTED

Your child is WIRED TO CONNECT. Craig Knippenberg, LCSW, M.Div, author of the bestselling book, Wired and Connected, will share important research and give you practical information on how you can better support your child’s social brain.

We will explore topics related to your child’s social brain:
- Self Control
- Your Child’s Unique Emotional Temperament
- Empathy & Understanding Others
- The Teen Brain On Hormones
- Supporting Your Child Through The Pandemic and Beyond

Tuesday, September 1st, 9:15-11:15 am
9:20 am - CCSD Welcome
9:45 am - Speaker Craig Knippenberg
Wired to Connect: Understanding and Working with each Child’s Social Brain
11:00 am - Q&A (time permitting)

Tuesday, September 8th, 6:30-8:30 pm
6:35 pm - CCSD Welcome
6:45 pm - Live presentation for entire family
High-stakes: The Impact of Gaming and Social Media on the Social Brain
8:00 pm - Q&A (time permitting)

CONNECT TO THIS ONLINE EVENT:
HTTPS://WWW.PINCCSD.ORG

Craig A. Knippenberg, LCSW, M.Div., is an author of Wired and Connected: Brain-Based Solutions To Ensure Your Child’s Social and Emotional Success (Mumity Media Global, 2019) and Denver-based mental health therapist and consultant with nearly four decades of experience working with children and families.

Click here for a discount in purchasing his book (code PIN2020).

PIN: INFORMING, INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING PARENTS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS!
MISSED THE LIVE PRESENTATION? RECORDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE PIN WEBSITE: PINCCSD.ORG
District P.A.S.S. meeting

September virtual District P.A.S.S. meeting
Wednesday, September 16th from 6-8 PM

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: Sep 16, 2020 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkf-irqjkHdUmNUiAltB9ijvakAn4KBq

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.