August 28, 2020

24 Hour Attendance Line: 720-886-2795

Dear Mountain Vista Families,

Welcome back students and parents! The 2020/2021 school year is off to a great start! The first full week of school has been one of the best starts to a school year that we can remember. The students have come in ready to go, and they are as excited to be back in the building as we are! Our entire staff is looking forward to another great school year and with the support of the parents and community, our children will continue to make tremendous gains.

As I walked around the school this week, I was amazed how focused our students were after the super long summer break. Our students and staff didn’t skip a beat. In all classrooms our students were already engaged in learning, as if we never left last March. The great preparation by the staff is one of the reasons our students are inspired each day they come to school. As a school, we are focused on the academic growth of every child, as well as their physical, social and emotional growth. We work hard to make sure ALL MEANS ALL.

I want to take a moment and thank all of our parents for their support as we begin this school year. I know we have different procedures in place to keep our students and staff safe, but you have been nothing but supportive of these changes, and we can’t thank you enough. Morning drop off has been smooth and allowed students to enter the building through their cohort doors. Our new student material drop off has been successful, allowing parents to get needed materials to their students but helping ensure the safety of everyone in the building. We have made some adjustments to student dismissal which has made dismissal much easier to manage and allows us to get students home safely and in a timely manner. Thank you for your support and grace to begin the year!

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**Upcoming Events**

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A big welcome to Mrs. Megan Carkhuff, our new assistant principal! Megan is joining us from Cimarron Elementary where she served as both teacher and assistant principal. I am excited to have Megan at Mountain Vista this year to help support our students, staff, and parents. Please see her attached letter.

I am very proud to be part of this amazing school and community. I look forward to serving you as we pursue our goal of excellence for all students. Thank you for supporting our mask wearing, hand washing, and social distancing as we model these behaviors to keep our students and staff safe and in school for as long as possible. We are dedicated to making the 2020-2021 school year one of the best yet! #MAMMOTHPRIDE


Warmly,
Toby Arritola
Principal

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Hello, Mountain Vista Families!

My name is Megan Carkhuff, and I am beyond thrilled to be serving as your new assistant principal! It is an honor to join a community recognized for its commitment to excellence and outstanding growth and achievement, and I want to take this opportunity to share a little about myself.

This year is my eleventh year in Cherry Creek Schools. For the past three years, I have been the assistant principal at Cimarron Elementary in Cherry Creek Schools, and before that, I taught 4th grade in CCSD and 2nd grade in Michigan and Colorado Springs. My husband and I enjoy living in Aurora with our two-year-old son, Lyle, and our cat, Loxy. Our family is growing, and we are expecting another little boy in December! Our weekends and time together are usually spent taking advantage of the many outdoor opportunities Colorado has to offer and spending time with family and friends.

Something you should know about me is that I am deeply passionate about helping all students succeed. One of my strongest beliefs is that every child deserves to be engaged in learning experiences that cultivate their individuality and encourage their heart. I am eager to get to know your children!

I look forward to meeting each of you and learning more about your families. One thing I have already learned in the short time I’ve been here is that MVE is one big family. I am astounded by the love, compassion and support present in this community. I feel so fortunate to be a Mammoth! Undoubtedly, we will forge an excellent partnership for our students!

Truly,
Megan Carkhuff
mcarkhuff@cherrycreekschools.org

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REPORTING AN ABSENCE – ATTENDANCE LINE – 720-886-2795
If your child will be absent for any reason, please remember to call our 24 hour attendance line. Please leave your student’s first and last name and the reason for their absence. If your child is not feeling well, please describe in detail the symptoms they are experiencing. For example, do they have a fever? Do they have shortness of breath, cough, runny nose, upset stomach, vomiting, or diarrhea? Also, leave your name and a good contact phone number for you. Thank you for your partnership as we work to keep our students and staff healthy. Attendance: 720-886-2795

CAFETERIA NEWS
From Food and Nutrition Services: Did you know that meals are available for all students in all learning scenarios??

- K-5 students can enjoy breakfast and lunch daily when in person at school.
- 100% on-line students or their parents can pick up a full week of breakfast and lunch on Monday each week at any middle school.
- Middle and high school students on the blended schedule or their parents can pick up 3 breakfasts and 3 lunches for their remote learning days on Monday each week at their high school.
- Students or parents will need to provide name and student ID to pick up meals at mobile sites.
- Cash will not be accepted at mobile sites – payments and meal applications can be completed at family.titank12.com.
- Reminder: PayPams is no longer being used for meal account management. Our new system is called Titan and families can register at www.family.titank12.com.
- Families: Don’t forget to apply for the Free and Reduced Meal Benefits every year. Apply by going to www.family.titank12.com > Log-in > Applications. If you have questions, call the MVE cafeteria.

Holly Creach
Kitchen Manager
(720) 886-2714

PTO NEWS
The community has voted and elected the PTO Board. Listed below are the elected officials for the 2020-2021 school year.

President: Becky Bridgham  presidentmvpto@gmail.com
Secretary: Emily Hoaglin  secretarymvpto@gmail.com
Treasurer: Bolo Januud  treasurermvpto@gmail.com
Communications Coordinator: Natalie Guenther  communicationsmvpto@gmail.com

We’re only 2 weeks away from our Mountain Vista Stompede Dance Fit! Our goal is to raise $30,000 for an additional Teacher's Assistant and school improvements!

Also, here are a few things to know about this important fundraiser:
- All families can support our school by either donating, sharing on funrun.com, or both. Students can receive rewards when parents share from funrun.com.
- All students get to participate in the Event day, 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.
Also, did you know that our fundraiser has corporate matching?! When you give on 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 - 8/26
  Register on FUNRUN.COM, SHARE, & GIVE!
- Fundraiser Kick Off - 8/31
- Event Day - 9/11

Thank you for your help to make our school even more amazing!! We are grateful for your support!

Becky Bridgham
PTO President

**GIRLS ON THE RUN**

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR OUR FALL VIRTUAL GOTR SEASON!

Girls on the Run inspires girls to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with fun lessons, activities and games. We will meet VIRTUALLY, beginning on **October 1st** on Mondays and Thursdays from 3:15 – 4:00. Girls on the Run is open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girls.

To Sign Up: Go to [www.girlsontherunrockies.org](http://www.girlsontherunrockies.org)
Click the “Register Now” button > choose your geographic area (Denver or Colorado Springs). Find and select Mountain Vista Elementary in the drop down menu. After completing the form, hit “submit”. You will receive a confirmation email from Raceplanner. Please make sure to check your spam folder in case the email goes there. If you do not receive this email, chances are you did not fully complete the registration form.

Once you are registered, we will send you information regarding the platform we will be using with our Girls on the Run team. Please reach out to any of our coaches with questions you may have leading up to our season.

This season may look different, but together we will make it GREAT! Girls on the Run is SO much fun!

Your coaches:

Sarah Vasilauskas svasilauskas@cherrycreekschools.org
Susie Keppers skeppers@cherrycreekschools.org
Kylie Stoll kstoll@cherrycreekschools.org
LIBRARY NEWS

Library check-out for the 2020-2021 school year will start on Monday, August 31st. Please have your child bring back any/all library books to school so that they can continue to check-out books when they come in for their assigned library time. Thank you.

Julie Millunzi
Library/Tech
720-886-2769
Please join us in supporting MVE with this year’s Boosterthon Fundraiser! This year’s event will look different than the previous years with new safety guidelines.

First, we will start the event with a digital Pep Rally for students to view in their cohort/classroom. This video introduces students to how pledges can support our school and introduces the program. The theme of this year’s event is Sports City Now, which profiles real life student athletes using character.

Instead of a Fun Run outdoors, Boosterthon will host a “Dance Fit”. This interactive video will lead students in a dance party while social distancing in their classroom.

A few other changes, prizes will be handed out all at once, after the event concludes. Students will be able to receive sweepstake entries this year; not just for getting pledges, but also for sharing their page.

We know that these are uncertain times and finances and situations may have changed for many of our families, during the past eight months. Last year, this event raised more than $30,000 for our school. We realize this year we might not match that number, and that is ok! We appreciate anything students and families are able to raise in order to support our wonderful school.

Please look for more information to be sent home soon. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the PTO.
“Chalk” About a Great Start to the School Year!

Mountain Vista PTO sponsored an amazing, welcome back surprise for the MVE students and staff on Monday, August 24th. PTO volunteers put their handwriting and art skills to the test as the sidewalks and entry ways into the building were “chalk” full of inspirational messages and pictures of well-loved characters, as well as amazing balloon arches “popping” with bursts of Mammoth blue and orange colors! Thank you to our family volunteers for your time and energy in providing MVE students and staff with the glorious welcome back they all deserve!

Students were able to enter the building through this amazing arch of Mammoth colored balloons! (left)

Parents and a creative grandma volunteer decorate the 1st and 4th grade entrance with amazing chalk art! (right)

A parent volunteer works on drawing a Mammoth out of chalk to welcome the students back to school! (above)

Amazon Smile

Sign up for Amazon Smile and a percentage of all your purchases will come back to our school! Search “Amazon Smile” to learn how. The group/nonprofit charity name you will want to support is Cherry Creek School District Parent Teacher Community Council inc An. Thank you!

BOX TOP Collection

Please keep scanning those receipts and sending in any leftover physical Box Tops that you collect for Mountain Vista! Also check out the app for how you can allocate to your specific classroom.

For updates and reminders on the happenings at MVE, follow our Facebook Page at: https://www.facebook.com/mountainvistaccdpto or search for Mountain Vista PTO
# Mountain Vista Elementary

**Spirit Wear Order Form**

**Your Information**

Parent Name: ______________________  Email: ______________________
Phone: ______________________

Student Name: ______________________  Teacher: ______________________

## 2020-2021 Apparel

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Questions? Email SpiritWearMVPTO@gmail.com

**Payment Options:**
- **Checks payable to MVPEO**
- **Pay online:** Paypal.me/MountainVistaPTO

**For Office Use Only**

Date Received: ____________________  Paid Via: ____________________
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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
Highjacked: 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 (Illumify Media Global, 2019) and Denver-based mental health therapist and consultant with nearly four decades of experience working with children and families.

For an automatic discount purchasing his book (code PIN2020) - go to: https://checkout.square.site/buy/CKRBUBE7XJFMLOZ4IC47VFON

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100% ON-LINE STUDENTS
GET BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR THE WHOLE WEEK!
EACH MONDAY AT ANY GCSD MIDDLE SCHOOL
DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP AT FRONT ENTRANCE
STUDENT’S NAME AND ID# REQUIRED
7:15 A.M. - 8:30 A.M. OR 11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

K-5 STUDENTS
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AVAILABLE DAILY
FOR ALL K-5 STUDENTS LEARNING IN-PERSON

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL
GET BREAKFAST AND LUNCH FOR 3 DAYS!
EACH MONDAY AT ANY GCSD HIGH SCHOOL
DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP AT FRONT ENTRANCE
STUDENT’S NAME AND ID# REQUIRED
7:15 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. OR 2:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

CASH NOT ACCEPTED AT MOBILE SITES
PLEASE DEPOSIT FUNDS INTO YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT AT
FAMILY.TITANK12.COM