



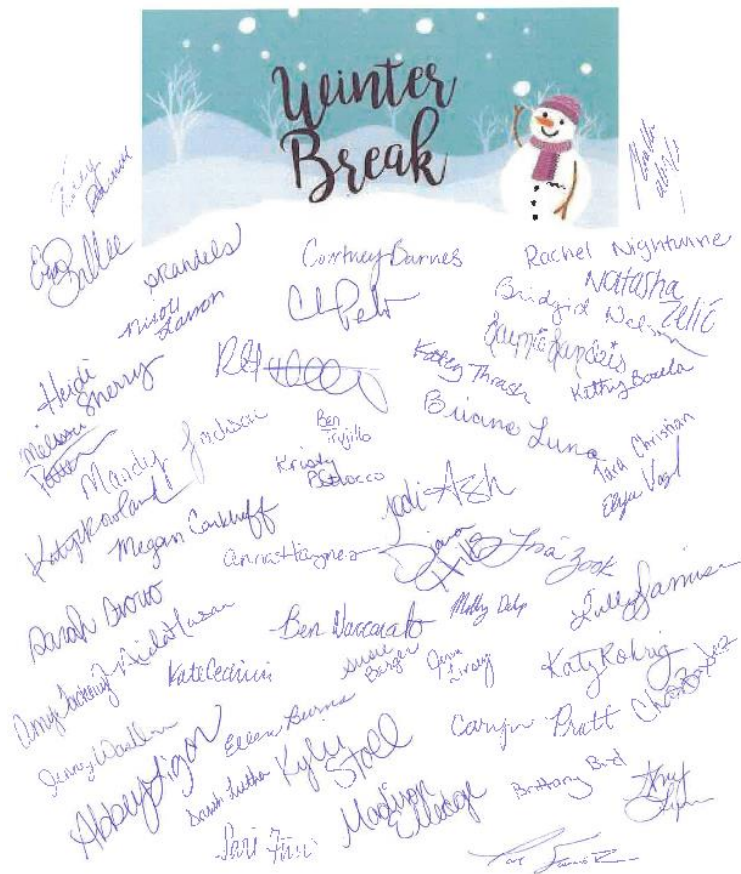
# Mammoth Tracks

22200 East Radcliff Parkway | Centennial, Colorado 80015 | 720.886.2700

**December 22, 2023**

**24 Hour Attendance Line: 720-886-2795**

December 23 – January 8	Winter Break (return on Tuesday, January 9, 2024)
January	School Board Appreciation Month
January 11	P.A.S.S. Meeting, Library, 5:00 p.m.
January 15	NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 16	<b>Spirit Day</b>
January 16	Community Night, Noodles & Co. and Panda Express
January 17	PTO Community Meeting, MVE Library + Zoom, 6:00 p.m. Join Zoom Meeting <a href="https://cherrycreekschools-org.zoom.us/j/4816391983?pwd=MmpFbGJMbm1rNE5lVHJmNENU14dz09">https://cherrycreekschools-org.zoom.us/j/4816391983?pwd=MmpFbGJMbm1rNE5lVHJmNENU14dz09</a> Meeting ID: 481 639 1983 Passcode: mve
January 26	PTO Snowball Dance, Sky Vista MS
February 1	MVE P.A.S.S. meeting, Library, 5:00 p.m.
February 6 – 16	Student Council sponsored Souper Bowl food drive to benefit SECOR



## UPDATES

**Morning Arrival:** Please remember that students should not be dropped off before 7:45 a.m. as there is no supervision provided at the west entrance of the building prior to the doors opening. If your child eats breakfast, they can enter through the main doors as early as 7:30 a.m.

**Traffic Update:** We are seeing an increase in risks to students' and families' safety on Tibet Street due to cars making U-Turns. To keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not use a U-Turn on Tibet Street. Thank you!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM

New artwork hanging in our halls:

Mrs. Ash's Kindies - "Polar Bears and Reindeer"

Mrs. Jamison's Kindies - "Snow Day Collages"

Mrs. Luna's 1<sup>st</sup> graders - "Gingerbread Houses"

Mrs. Larson's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders - "Chalk Roadrunners"

Mrs. Hills' 3<sup>rd</sup> graders - "Chalk Landscapes"

Ms. Rowland

Art Teacher

krowland4@cherrycreekschools.org

## SCHOOL CHOICE 2024-2025

The School Choice application process for the 2024-2025 school year is open. Applications are considered based on lottery and space availability. For families here at Mountain Vista, if you have a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student that is considered a Legacy student from the boundary change, you do not need to fill out a School Choice application for these students. Please see the districts School Choice webpage for the application link and detailed information if you have questions.

<https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1769>

Kindergarten Round up is coming... Online Kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year will begin February 1, 2023.

<https://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Page/1771>



## ARRIVAL/DISMISSAL/ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

Please remember that we have a soft start beginning at 7:45 a.m., and school starts promptly at 8:00 a.m. Do not drop your students off any earlier than 7:45 a.m. as there is no supervision outside the entry doors before then. Keep in mind that frequent tardiness and early dismissals lead to missed instruction and can affect your student's ability to successfully meet grade level standards and take part in the school community. If you are calling to excuse an absence for your child, we advise you to use the attendance line (720-886-2795) and not the main office line. If you need to pick up your child prior to dismissal, you must do so no later than 2:25 p.m. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) and 1:25 p.m. on Wednesdays. Thank you for your partnership and cooperation in supporting our students.

## **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, **720-886-2795**. Please include following information with your message:

- **Student's first and last name (please spell)**
- **Teacher name and grade**
- **Reason for the absence.**
- **Your name**
- **Contact phone number**
- **Brief description of symptoms**

Thank you for your partnership as we work to keep our students and staff healthy.



## **ILLNESS REMINDER FOR PARENTS**

All students must be fever-free (fever = 100.4\* or higher) without fever-reducing medication for **24 hours** *and* feeling well enough to participate in school.

They also must stay home until it has been **24 hours** since their last episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea *and* eating and drinking before returning to school.

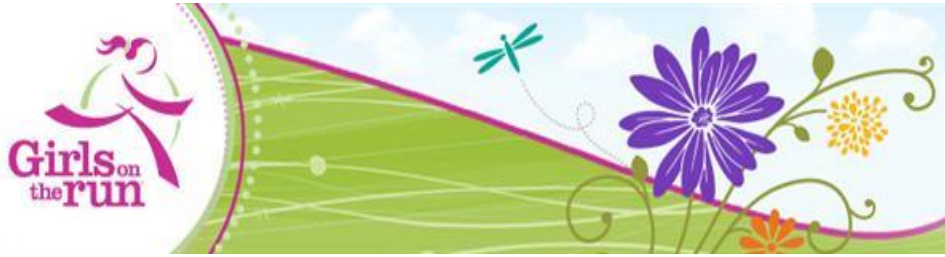
If you have questions, please feel free to contact our school nurse:

Mandy Jackson BSN, RN 720-886-2704

[ajackson4@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:ajackson4@cherrycreekschools.org)

Thank you for helping Mountain Vista Elementary

keep our students and staff healthy!



Mountain Vista's Girls on the Run team concluded our Fall season with their community impact project. The team of 30 girls and 4 coaches partnered with The Colorado Pet Pantry to bring in donations specifically for family pets. So far in 2023, they have helped feed 9 million meals OR 150,000 pets for a full month throughout the state of Colorado. The ultimate goal is to be able to help keep pets in their homes and in the loving arms they know. Our GOTR team's donations were able to help assist people during hardships and keep pets out of shelters. In addition to our donations, The Colorado Pet Pantry came to Mountain Vista and gave a presentation to show our girls the impact and difference they made in the lives of their community.

We are so proud of all of our girls this season! This program has not only enhanced their physical activity but also helped develop and improve the girls' social, psychological, and physical competencies to successfully navigate life experiences. Our Mammoths worked hard to conquer a 5K at Empower Field at the end of our season and have learned through our curriculum how to improve their competence, confidence, connection, character, caring, and contribution.

We look forward to next season, where Girls on the Run is so much fun!

### **GOTR Coaches**

**Susie Berger**

**Rebekah Poscover**

**Kylie Stoll**

**Sarah Vasilauskas**





**Mountain Vista's Girls on the Run Team**

A decorative border surrounds the central text box, featuring various school-related items: a chalkboard with 'ABC' at the top left, a pair of glasses at the top center, a book at the top right, a magnifying glass on the left side, a paint palette on the left side, a backpack on the left side, a spiral notebook on the left side, a pencil on the left side, a ruler on the right side, an open book on the right side, a magnifying glass on the right side, and a pencil on the right side.

## **5th Grade Tribute Time!**

Parents, soon our 5th graders will be moving on to middle school!

Please send in one “throwback” photo of your 5th grader from when they were younger, and include a short and sweet note of encouragement or acknowledgment of their hard work throughout the years. Please only one tribute per family!

Please submit all tributes to [yearbookteammvpto@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookteammvpto@gmail.com) by Friday, February 2nd!

**THANK YOU!**

If you have any questions email: [sfinn2@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:sfinn2@cherrycreekschools.org) OR [yearbookteammvpto@gmail.com](mailto:yearbookteammvpto@gmail.com)





# MVE PTO NEWS

January 2024

## SNOWBALL DANCE

### JANUARY CALENDAR

1/9 RETURN TO SCHOOL (TUESDAY)

1/16 SPIRIT DAY & COMMUNITY NIGHT @  
PANDA EXPRESS AND NOODLES & CO

1/17 PTO COMMUNITY MTG. 6:00, LIBRARY

1/26 SNOWBALL DANCE

Mark your  
calendar!

### SNOWBALL FAMILY DANCE FRIDAY, JAN. 26TH

Come enjoy an evening in a winter wonderland! The location will be Sky Vista Middle School!

All MVE students are invited to this free event! Please bring your family members and your dance shoes! Dress in your fanciest winter outfits!

Refreshments will be served! Look for more information to come shortly!

## VOLUNTEERS needed

### WE NEED YOUR HELP

THE SNOWBALL FAMILY DANCE IS A FUN EVENT FOR EVERYONE! PLEASE LOOK FOR THE UPCOMING SIGN-UP GENIUS AND VOLUNTEER FOR AN HOUR OR TWO!

WE WILL NEED HELP SETTING UP & DECORATING, ALONG WITH TAKE-DOWN! MANY HANDS GO A LONG WAY!



# MVE PTO NEWS

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO ATTENDED THE TURKEY TROT! THE WEATHER HELD OUT AND OUR MVE ATHLETES TACKLED THE COURSE (AND HILL!) WITH GUSTO! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED A TOY TO HELP THOSE IN NEED!

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BY SHOPPING AT KING SOOPERS



King Soopers Reward Program is here for Mountain Vista Elementary PTO!!

You can support the school with every purchase when you use your KS loyalty card. Setup is easy and only takes 3 simple steps! Link it once and you are done!!

1. Sign into your account at [kingsoopers.com](http://kingsoopers.com)
2. Go to my account and scroll down and select Community Rewards and search for your organization by name or use MVE code NP291
3. Click Save or Enroll

MVE will receive a percentage of the community program funds every time you use your loyalty card at checkout at no cost to you!!

**LINK YOUR CARD TODAY!!!**

As always, thank you for your support, we greatly appreciate it! If you have any questions, please email Melissa at [picmvpto@gmail.com](mailto:picmvpto@gmail.com)



IF YOU HAVE **PICTURES** FROM ONE OF MVE'S EVENTS, THEY COULD BE USED IN THE **YEARBOOK!**

SEND PICS TO:

[YEARBOOKTEAMMVPTO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YEARBOOKTEAMMVPTO@GMAIL.COM)



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH**  
**PTO COMMUNITY MEETING! 6PM**

# PTO MEETING



### MVE PTO BOARD MEMBERS

#### PRESIDENT/CO-PRESIDENT

CHRISTA KELLER &  
BRITTNEY STARCHER  
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#### CO-TREASURER

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CHERRY CREEK SCHOOLS VIRTUAL

# AVID INFO NIGHTS

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AVID  
COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS  
ELECTIVE PROGRAM

HEAR FROM CURRENT AVID STUDENTS AND  
TEACHERS • AVID STUDENT DATA • QUESTIONS  
AND ANSWERS

TIME:  
5:30-6:30

THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY  
**1**

MIDDLE SCHOOL  
NIGHT

TEAMS LINK

TIME:  
5:30-6:30

TUESDAY  
FEBRUARY  
**6**

HIGH SCHOOL  
NIGHT



SCAN ME

Contact Emmanuel Garza at : [Egarza2@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:Egarza2@cherrycreekschools.org) or  
720-554-5076 for questions

# **CHERRY CREEK DISTRICT CHESS TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday, March 2, 2024**

**Enroll early...tournament will be limited to the first 200 students who sign up**

**DIVISIONS:** Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Middle School (6-8), and High School (9-12). Similar age groups may be combined. Students must attend a school in the Cherry Creek School District to play. This is a non-rated tournament. USCF rules will apply.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$30.00 per child. Money and registration **MUST** be received by Saturday, February 25, 2023. There will be no on-site registration. **No confirmation letters will be sent.**

**TIMES:** Check in is 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. The Players Meeting is at 8:30 a.m. (All competitors must attend). Round 1 begins at 9:00 am. Each round will take approximately one hour. There will be no scheduled lunch break and no food will be provided. Players should bring their own sack lunch and snacks to eat in between rounds. This is a 5-round, non-elimination tournament - players should plan to participate in all five rounds. The tournament should end around 3:00-3:30.

**TIME CONTROL:** Time control is G/30 (30 minutes, per player, per game). A clock may be placed on games still in progress 40 minutes after the round start time, with each player getting 10 minutes. Most of the children are not experienced with chess clocks. We will explain how to use the clock to the children, as needed.

**PRIZES:** In each division, the top finishers will be awarded trophies. Participation awards will be given to non-trophy winners. Awards ceremony will follow the final round and will occur mid-late afternoon, after Round 5 is completed. Ties for trophies will be broken with the following tie-break systems: 1. Modified Median 2. Solkoff 3. Cumulative.

**LOCATION:** Overland High School, 12400 E. Jewel Ave; Aurora (Enter west side of Overland High School off Jewel Ave. (just east of Peoria St.), go south to the rear of Overland HS and park. Enter Overland HS from the south entrance.

**SUPERVISION:** Good behavior of all participants is expected. All players 12 years old and younger must have a parent/guardian present for the entire tournament. While parents are not allowed in the competition area once a round begins, parents are required to supervise their children between each round. If it becomes clear a child does not have supervision between rounds, he/she will forfeit the opportunity to compete further and will be asked to leave.

**QUESTIONS:** Todd Bardwick, 303-770-6696, [tbardwick@yahoo.com](mailto:tbardwick@yahoo.com)

Mail checks and the attached entry form to: Cherry Creek Chess  
1 Red Fox Lane  
Englewood, CO 80111

**Lunch will not be provided.** Bring snacks, beverages, and lunch for your child. Every child needs adult supervision for the entire tournament. Parents are not to drop off their children for the day and leave them unattended.

**No confirmation letters will be sent. If your registration arrives after 200 players are registered, you will be notified at the phone number listed on your entry form.** Checks will be deposited after the tournament.

For any last minute tournament updates, please refer to the Cherry Creek District Website > Programs and Services > Gifted and Talented Services > Chess Tournament

**If the district cancels activities/events on March 2 due to inclement weather,  
the Tournament will take place on Sunday, March 3rd (same times).**

**PLEASE SAVE THIS PAGE FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION**

# 2024 CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT CHESS TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ MALE \_\_\_\_\_ FEMALE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ (PRINT \_\_\_\_\_ CLEARLY)

USCF RATING \_\_\_\_\_

(For pairing purposes only. If you do not have a rating or don't know what a rating is, leave blank.)

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a check for **\$30.00** made out to **Cherry Creek School District** and  
mail with this entry form to: **Cherry Creek Chess**  
1 Red Fox Lane  
Englewood, CO  
80111

**Entries must be received by February 24, 2024**

PAIRING NO. _____			RATING _____		
Round No.	COLOR		Opponent No.	Circle if unplayed	
	W	B		SCORE	
				GAME	TOTAL
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

**SIGN UP EARLY!**

**TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 200 STUDENTS**

Photos will be taken at this event for potential coverage on the Cherry Creek School District website. If you do not want your child's photo published, please contact Todd Bardwick on tournament day.



## Upcoming dates included



You are invited: [Special Education Advisory Committee \(SEAC\)](#)

**December 14, 2023  
9:30-11:30am @  
Fremont Building**

**Transition Program &  
Parent Coffee**

The CCSD Transition Program's staff and students will give a brief presentation followed by a tour of the facility. Parents will have some time to enjoy coffee from their coffee cart and connect with others.

**Who: CCSD  
parents, guardians,  
and caregivers who  
have children on  
IEPs and 504s**

**When: Thursday,  
December 14,  
2023 9:30-11:30  
a.m.**

**Where:  
Fremont  
Building**

**14603 E. Fremont Ave.  
Centennial, CO 80112**

### Upcoming Events:

**January 11, 2024  
9:30-11:30am  
@ SARC Building**

**February 8, 2024  
9:30-11:30am  
@ Fremont Building**

**March 14, 2024  
9:30-11:30am  
@ SARC Building**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE (SEAC)**

**Alissa Beck  
720.886.7047  
abeck5@cherrycreekschools.org**



## PIN 2023-'24 Presentation Calendar

Join us for an exciting year of dynamic speakers!

**14603 E. Fremont Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112**

Presentations are the first Tuesday of the month from 9:15-11:00 a.m.

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**Sept. 5 – 9:15 a.m.**

Love & Logic: Dealing with the Unique Challenges of Parenting Today

*Jim Fay, founder of Love & Logic*

**Oct. 2 – 7:00 p.m. AND Oct. 3 – 9:15 a.m.**

At Your Wit's End? Helping Kids Cope with Frustration and Challenges

*Janine Halloran, LMHC, licensed mental health counselor, author*

**Dec. 5 – 9:15 a.m. ONLINE ONLY**

There is Hope! Inoculating Kids Against Addiction

*Jessica Lahey, author of The Gift of Failure and The Addiction Inoculation*

**Feb. 6 – 9:15 a.m.**

Money Doesn't Grow on Trees: Raising Financially Savvy Kids

*Craig Kaley, founder of Moneyletics*

**March. 5 – 9:15 a.m.**

Homework Help: Keeping Your Sanity while Empowering Your Child

*Andrea Pitman and Dani Gugel, the Nectar Group*

**April. 2 – 9:15 a.m.**

**LOCATION CHANGE: 14188 E. Briarwood Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112**

It's all in the Brain: Helping Kids Take Control of Life through

Good Decision Making and Problem Solving

*Patricia Gorman Barry, Ph.D., founder of BrainWise*

Visit [www.PINccsd.org](http://www.PINccsd.org) for podcasts of past presentations.