



# Mammoth Tracks

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**February 25, 2022**

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

## Upcoming Events

February 25	Progress Reports go home
February 28 – March 3	Conferences
February 28 – March 3	Book Fair
March 1	Pastries for Parents, gym, gym, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
March 2	MVE Night Out at Skate City ( <i>flyer enclosed</i> )
March 3 and 4	NO SCHOOL, non-contact days
March 5	CCSD Chess Tournament ( <i>flyer enclosed</i> )
March 8	<b>Spirit Day</b>
March 8	Community Night, Panera + Mod Pizza
March 11	Reward Day, <i>Neon/Dark Color Day</i>
March 12 – 20	Spring Break, no school
March 23	PTO Community Meeting, MVE Library, 6:30 p.m.
March 29	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Performance, MVE Gym, 2:00 and 6:15 p.m.
March 31	Picture Day with Studio 5, class + individual pictures
April 7	P.A.S.S. Meeting, Library, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Dear Mountain Vista Families,

Welcome to the third trimester of the year! Whether it feels like it or not, Spring is right around the corner! I love this time of year when students have hit their stride, and we're seeing so much growth and progress. I am so thankful for the continued collaboration and dedication of our amazing teachers. We have certainly noticed and felt the challenges of the past few years' effects on students and yet, our mission of supporting **every child, every day** remains unwavering. We are doing great things together!

On that note, parent teacher conferences begin next week, February 28 - March 3. Our students and teachers have been working hard towards mastery of our essential standards and are excited to share their growth with you! Attending conferences is an important step to show your children you value their education and support what they are learning at school. Teachers value the time to be able to meet with you and show you the progress your child/children have made during the school year. Please make every possible effort to find a conference time that you are able to attend. If you're having any issues signing up for a conference, please contact your child's teacher.

On another note, it is with great pleasure that I announce that Mr. Jim Rodgers was chosen as the Mountain Vista Elementary's 2021-2022 Educator of the Year! Mr. Rodgers and 15 other teachers from Mountain Vista were nominated by our community. While these nominations are certainly an honor, they are not a surprise

to me. We are fortunate to have a staff of extremely high caliber teachers within this building. Thank you for your nominations and kind words and congratulations to Mr. Rodgers for representing MVE with this great honor!

Finally, I would like to welcome the addition of a crossing guard to the east side of the building on Tibet Street. We are continuing to monitor and adjust to best meet the safety needs of our students and families. At this time, we are closing the east side staff parking lot after 7:30 a.m. and allowing students to walk through the lot until an additional crossing guard is hired for the bus loop. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we help students arrive and dismiss safely. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out!

**Dream. Believe. Achieve.**

Megan Carkhuff  
Principal

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### **LIBRARY NEWS**

It's Scholastic Book Fair Time! This year's Spring Book Fair will be held in person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor in the Library! I look forward to seeing all of the MVE parents and students for this special time of year. Here are the dates for the upcoming Book Fair along with the times:

Monday, February 28th: 2:45 – 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, March 1st: 2:45 – 7:00 PM  
Wednesday, March 2nd: 1:45 – 5:00 PM  
Thursday, March 3rd: 7:30 – 10:00 AM

Thank you for your continued support.

Happy Reading,  
Julie Millunzi  
Mountain Vista Elementary – Librarian  
[jmillunzi@cherrycreekschools.org](mailto:jmillunzi@cherrycreekschools.org)

### **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Student Council sponsors & members wanted to thank our amazing MVE community for their participation in our annual SOUPer Bowl food drive. We also want to send a special shout out to Stephanie Bollaro and her team of volunteers who spent many hours behind the scenes counting, boxing, and organizing donations.

This year, we had a lofty goal of 20,000 items in less time than we have had the past few years. Our wonderful community went above and beyond. We were able to reach 27,484 items, which weighed 7,400 pounds!

Our top 3 classes this year were:

- #1 Mr. Rodgers' class with 2,952 donations
- #2 Ms. Stoll's class with 2,468 donations
- #3 Ms. Patterson's class with 2,242 donations

WOW! We can't express enough gratitude to every person who helped make this a success! Thank you SO much for the impact you made on our community.

Mrs. Crabb & Mrs. Zelic  
Student Council Advisors

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM??**

### **Author/Artist Visit:**

I am so excited to be announcing a visit from Hannah Salyer, the author/illustrator of “**Packs: Strength in Numbers**”, our CCSD READS book of the year. She will be coming to Mountain Vista on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to present three assemblies. There will be more communication sent out about this event soon.

### **ARTWORK AROUND MVE!**

Be sure to be on the lookout for these AMAZING new creations on display throughout our building from our Australia unit and art studio class:

- Mrs. Storto's 1<sup>st</sup> graders - “Koala Paintings”
- Mrs. Larson's 2<sup>nd</sup> graders - “Animal Silhouettes”
- Ms. Stoll's 5<sup>th</sup> graders - “Stunning Sea Turtles”
- 3/4/5 Art Studio Students - “Tip of the Iceberg Paintings”

Our next stop in the art room will be Europe, and the art we create will be inspired by German Gnomes, the Queens Guards, and Double-Decker buses. Some classes will be continuing to finish-up their clay projects and this, unfortunately, means that not every class will visit each continent. I got a little too ambitious in my planning 😊

### **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ART STUDIO**

I will be sending out a sign-up genius on **March 11<sup>th</sup>** through Schoology for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade to participate in an after-school art class. Please do not commit your child if they are not interested or cannot make the 4 classes. We will be meeting after school until 3:30 on *Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>*. We will be creating an “Angry Like A Tiger” painting, inspired from the book “Ravi's Roar” by Tom Percival.

## **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, teacher's name and the reason for the 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**

## It's time for 5th Grade Tributes!



Parents, soon our 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be moving on to middle school!

Each year we gather baby photos and short “love letters” to these students as a way to send them off with encouragement and fun in our Mountain Vista Yearbook.

Please use the link below to submit your tribute by: **March 1, 2022**

<https://forms.gle/QAA8Q7RUafTZNyc26>

Thank you,

Mountain Vista Yearbook Team  
yearbookteammvpto@gmail.com



**PTO Community Newsletter**



**Spirit Day/ Community Night: Tuesday, March 8th !**

Wear your spirit wear/school colors and show off our Mammoth Pride for MVE's Spirit Day. Then attend Community Night at either **Panera** located at: 23950 E Smoky Hill Rd, Aurora, CO 80016 and **MOD** located at 23890 E Smoky Hill Rd, Aurora, CO 80016. See upcoming flyers in folders for more details.



**Reward Day: Friday, March 11th!**

**Neon/Dark Day** - Wear your brightest neon attire to show school spirit. The lights will be out part of the day to conserve energy!



Did you take any good remote learning pics?  
Email it to [YearbookTeamMVPTO@gmail.com](mailto:YearbookTeamMVPTO@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Events**

**March**

- 1- Pastries for Parents
- 2—MVE Night Out @ Skate City
- 8—School Spirit Day & Community/Restaurant Night @ Panera & MOD Pizza
- 10—Reward Day: Neon/Dark Day
- 14-18—Spring Break—no school
- 23—PTO Community meeting

**PTO Board Members**

**President**  
Valerie Harper  
[PresidentMVPTO@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentMVPTO@gmail.com)

**Vice President**  
Natalia Romero  
[VicePresidentMVPTO@gmail.com](mailto:VicePresidentMVPTO@gmail.com)

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Megan Martin  
[fundraisingmvpto@gmail.com](mailto:fundraisingmvpto@gmail.com)

**Events - OPEN**

**Spirit Wear Coordinator (s) - OPEN**

**amazon smile** **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 TOPS FOR EDUCATION** **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.

**f** For updates on the happenings at MVE, Follow our Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/mountainvistaccsdpto> or search for Mountain Vista PTO



## PTO Community Newsletter



Get Your Dream Basement Today

Are you tired of your current basement? Is your basement unfinished and unusable? Then it's time for you to get the basement you have always dreamed of with DCH Construction LLC! Our team of highly skilled workers are all experts in basements and can help you achieve the home you've always wanted.

DCH Construction LLC has been the team for basement finishing Aurora, CO has relied on for over 20 years. That's because we put our customer's goals first, and aren't afraid to take on ambitious projects.

Call us today at (720) 823-5258

[Info@dchconstructionllc.com](mailto:Info@dchconstructionllc.com)



### garlockORTHODONTICS

Our orthodontic specialist, Dr. David T. Garlock, dedicates himself to helping you achieve the healthy, radiant smile that you deserve. We invite children, teens and adults in the Aurora, Centennial, Parker and the Southeast Denver area to come see us and enjoy the personal, individualized care and experience that Garlock Orthodontics offers. To us, you're more than a patient with a set of pearly whites.

Call us today at 303.627.6217

[david@garlockortho.com](mailto:david@garlockortho.com)

**Thank you STOMP Supporters!!!**



PTO Community Newsletter

**Free** **GAZY** **Night**  
SKATES

# Mountain Vista Elementary

**Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**6-8pm**

**Admission \$7.00**  
(skate rental \$3.00)

Bring your friend and family for a GREAT private skate night event, just for the students, staff, family, and friends from the school!

*See you at Skate City!*

**We hope to see you there!!!**



## PTO Community Newsletter



### MVE PTO Executive Board Positions

#### Communications Coordinator—2 year term

- Responsible for any communications from the PTO to the community and staff about PTO events and other related PTO communications
- Creates the monthly newsletter and social media posts
- Responds to emails and messages
- Aids in creating and distributing PTO flyers

#### Community Event Coordinator(s) - can be 2 people—2 year term

- Oversees and coordinates the PTO activities
- May appoint chairpersons to special committees
- Assist in recruiting volunteers

#### Co-Treasurer—2 year term

- Assists Treasurer with receiving, depositing, and dispersing PTO funds
- Assists Treasurer with maintain accurate financial records
- Assists Treasurer with monthly financial statements
- Takes over as Treasurer with Treasurer term complete

#### Spirit Wear Coordinator(s) – ideally more than 1 person

- Choosing a vendor to supply MVE Wear
- Maintain inventory and sales
- Design sales flyers and order forms
- Design MVE spirit wear
- Determine sales opportunities and solicit volunteers to help staff Spirit Wear sales during these events
- Reports to Executive Board

#### Yearbook Coordinator(s) – ideally more than 1 person

- Takes pictures during events as well as requests photos from parents, teachers, and staff
- Organizes photos for uploading into the online yearbook platform
- Chooses a yearbook theme
- Creates all yearbook pages within the theme chosen
- Works with Studio5 to get yearbook flyers for the online sale
- Distributes yearbooks to students who placed orders.
- Reports to Executive Board

**Consider joining the Mountain Vista PTO today!!!**





**DON'T MISS OUR HYBRID EVENT MARCH 1**

## **JOY - IT'S ABOUT TIME**

*Speaker and educator Kim Bevill will lead us in a fun practice that will spark renewed passion, purpose & energy.*

- > Happy people are more productive, healthy, active & save more money.
- > What if you could train yourself to be happy...would you do it?
- > Daily actions, especially gratitude, can elevate your outlook on life.



### **The Hunt for Happiness**

**Tuesday, March 1**

**9:15-10:45 am**

Choose Your Venue:  
Online via Zoom or In-person  
at 14603 E. Fremont Ave., Centennial

Visit [www.PINcsd.org](http://www.PINcsd.org) or use [this zoom link](#)

*Kim Bevill is a motivational speaker, author, adjunct university instructor and former high school teacher. She was blessed with the talent of storytelling at a young age, and after honing her ability to engage reluctant audiences in high school, now conducts workshops to inspire greatness using neuroscience to empower people.*



**Save the Date: April 5, Vaping and Other Addictions**  
**Dr. Evan Stepp, Pulmonologist at National Jewish Health**

**PIN: INFORMING, INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING PARENTS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS!**  
MISSED THE LIVE PRESENTATION? RECORDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE PIN WEBSITE: [PINCSAD.ORG](http://PINCSAD.ORG)

# **CHERRY CREEK DISTRICT CHESS TOURNAMENT**

## **Saturday, March 5, 2022**

**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 26, 2022. 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, 303-770-8896, [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 5 due to inclement weather,  
the Tournament will take place on Sunday, March 6th (same times).**

**Masks are required for all players and parents while in the building.**

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



# CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT Kindergarten Roundup 2022

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2022 - 2023 school year starts February 1, 2022

(Students currently attending a CCSD preschool do NOT need to re-enroll.)

**Non-Resident applications will be available online starting April 1, 2022. Online pre-enrollment is required!** Please visit our website for more information. <http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Admissions>

*Please use any computer or smartphone to complete the online CCSD Student Enrollment Forms.*

District Admissions: 5416 S. Riviera Way Aurora (Picadilly St & Riviera Way)

<b>Step 1</b>	Go to <a href="http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Admissions">http://www.cherrycreekschools.org/Admissions</a> and create a <b>PowerSchool Enrollment</b> account to enroll a new student into CCSD.
<b>Step 2</b>	Enter the information requested and attach the required documentation. Be sure to click on <b>SUBMIT</b> when complete.
<b>Step 3</b>	You will receive an email that your paperwork was successfully <b>submitted</b> . You will receive another email after your student has been <b>fully enrolled</b> .

**All enrollment requests will be processed in the order they were received. Please allow a few days during our busy enrollment times.**

For more information, please visit our website at: [www.cherrycreekschools.org](http://www.cherrycreekschools.org) > Admissions > Student Registration



### Documents Required for Enrollment:

- 1. Birth Certificate:** Student must be 5 years old on or before 10/1/2022.
- 2. Immunization Records**
- 3. Proof of residency:** Current Xcel Energy bill (visit our website for additional options)
- 4. Photo ID of parent / guardian**