



November 17, 2023

24 Hour Attendance Line: 720-886-2795

November 18	Turkey Trot, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
November 22- 26	Thanksgiving Break (<i>return on Monday, November 27</i>)
December 5	MVE Night Out at Skate City
December 6	MVE Choir, Holiday Performance, 6:00 p.m.
December 13	<i>Spirit Day</i>
December 13	Community Night, Dion's Pizza
December 14	MVE P.A.S.S., Library, 5:00 p.m.
December 15	MVE Spelling Bee, Library, 8:20 a.m.
December 20	PTO Community Meeting, MVE Library + Zoom, 6:00 p.m.
Join Zoom Meeting	
https://cherrycreekschools-org.zoom.us/j/4816391983?pwd=MmpFbGJMbm1rNE5lVHJmNENU14dz09	
Meeting ID: 481 639 1983	
Passcode: mve	
December 23 – January 8	Winter Break (<i>return on Tuesday, January 9, 2024</i>)

Dear Mountain Vista Families,

November's short, cold days are upon us! As we enter the new month, a spirit of gratitude fills the air, and it's a pleasure to extend my heartfelt thanks to our wonderful Mountain Vista community. This month, we focus our appreciation on several key groups who contribute immensely to the well-being and success of our school.

During this year's Veterans Day celebration, we had the opportunity to express our deep gratitude to the brave men and women who have served and continue to serve in the military. In partnership with our PTO, we hosted a special celebration to recognize and honor the heroes within our community. Students had the opportunity to learn about the sacrifices and experiences made by our veterans and gain a further sense of appreciation and gratitude for their acts of service. It was a wonderful showcase of gratitude!

Our MVE community is a vibrant tapestry of support and encouragement. I want to extend my gratitude to our involved and dedicated Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), our Parents for Academically Successful Students (P.A.S.S.) committee, and all parents who contribute their time, talents, and resources to enrich the educational experience for our students. Your involvement is invaluable, and we are thankful for the strong partnership we share.

Our outstanding educators are the heart of Mountain Vista. Their passion, commitment, and unwavering dedication create an environment where every child can thrive. Their knowledge, perseverance, and determination to provide the very best for **every child, every day** is nothing short of astounding. During this month, take a moment to express your gratitude to our teachers and support staff who work tirelessly to make our school a place of growth and learning.

And finally, I'd like to thank you, parents and guardians, for your partnership and participation with fall conferences. We know it takes a village to raise our children, and I am grateful for your continued commitment and support in your child's education. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to sit alongside you.

I am extremely grateful for our community and honored to serve you. Thank you for your belief in me and for your support as a Mountain Vista family. I hope that you will also find time to share what you are grateful for with those you love this season. As we continue to share together, we continue to make our community a better place.

Dream. Believe. Achieve.

With gratitude,
Megan Carkhuff
Principal

UPDATES

Weather policy: We go out when the weather is 20 degrees and warmer. Be sure to dress appropriately.

Playground:

The playground is not available for open play after school. Before and After Care has the playground reserved from 2:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Parking:

As you may have seen, the construction has been done for the crosswalk on Tibet. Thank you for working with our crossing guards to cross safely at the crosswalk.

Community members and the county have reached out to the school with concerns about families parking on Tibet. **No Parking signs have now been placed on both sides of the street. Please be aware that the Sheriff's office plans to begin enforcing these parking restrictions.** If you are a PreK parent, please remember there are specific parking spots in the main parking lot in front of the school.

New Security Measures:

Please note that we will soon have an additional security measure in place at the main entrance. This district-wide addition will now require parents/guardians/visitors to scan their own IDs in the vestibule prior to entering the building. We expect this measure to be in place after the new year.

Openings:

We have open positions. Interested in joining the MVE team? We are looking for a myriad of para supports. Reach out to Ms. Carkhuff (mcarkhuff@cherrycreekschools.org) if interested.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM

Instructions for your child's "Art to Remember" orders went home earlier this week, and you have until November 22nd to order. This is a great opportunity to purchase customized products for family and friends. It also provides funds to purchase amazing supplies for the art room. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Be sure to be on the lookout for some of these AMAZING new pieces of artwork on display:

- Mrs. Livsey and Ligon's 1st graders - "Rainbow Fish"
- Mr. Palumbo's 1st graders - "Mr. Tiger Goes Wild"
- Mr. Alonzo's 3rd graders - "Pattern Trees"
- Mrs. Tacheny's 4th graders - "The Day You Begin"
- Ms. Finn and Poscover's 5th graders - "Self-Portraits"
- Mr. Rodger's 5th graders - "Self Portraits"

Ms. Rowland
Art Teacher
krowland4@cherrycreekschools.org

LOST AND FOUND

Please check Lost and Found for missing items. After December 1, any unclaimed items will be donated.



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

Thank you for helping Mountain Vista Elementary

keep our students and staff healthy!

November 6, 2023

Hello MVE families. This letter is to remind you the importance of regular and punctual patterns of attendance for your elementary student. We do not want your child to fall behind and miss important classroom time. We do understand that children pick up and share viruses sometimes resulting in the need to stay home, but they should return as soon as possible. We encourage you to send your child to school even with a runny nose or a mild cough. In CCSD, the truancy process begins when a student has missed 10 days of school.

Did you know...

Showing up on time every day is important to your child's success and learning from preschool forward.

Missing 10% of school (1 or 2 days every week) can make it harder to:

- Gain early reading and math skills
- Build relationships
- Develop good attendance habits

What you can do...

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack backpack the night before
- Try to schedule non-urgent medical and dental appointments and extended trips when school is not in session
- If your child seems anxious about school, talk to the teacher, school counselor, or administrator for ideas and support



Send me to school if ...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough but no other symptoms

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours

I have been fever-free (fever = 100.4* or higher) without fever-reducing medication for 24 hours, and I am feeling well enough to participate in school

Your participation in this process is valuable. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

The Mountain Vista Elementary Staff



MVE PTO NEWS

December 2023



TURKEY TROT

DECEMBER CALENDAR

12/5 MVE SKATE CITY NIGHT!
12/13 SPIRIT DAY/COMM. NIGHT: DION'S PIZZA
12/20 PTO COMM. MEETING, 6:00 MVE LIBRARY
12/25 WINTER BREAK BEGINS
1/9/2024 RETURN FROM WINTER BREAK



TURKEY TROT

SATURDAY, NOV. 18TH
1:00-3:00PM

Calling all runners & walkers! Come join our MVE community as we trot a course around our neighborhoods!

Meet at the back of the school at 1:00.

Please bring an unwrapped gift to donate to a child in need within our community.

Water & refreshments served after!



THANK YOU FAMILIES!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES WHO SUPPORTED THE FOOD DRIVE FOR THE EAGLECREST AREA! WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY!

THANK YOU TO THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THE MONSTER MASH SUCH A FUN EVENT!



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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SENT IN PHOTOS, INVITED A SERVICE MEMBER, AND HELPED MAKE IT A GREAT EVENT. THE STUDENTS AND STAFF LOVED SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT AND GRATITUDE DURING THE PARADE! THANK YOU VETERANS!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL BY SHOPPING AT KING SOOPERS



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

We're supporting our school with every purchase when you shop at King Soopers and, being a card member, you'll also get a lot of other benefits!

1. Shop for groceries and other necessities at King Soopers.
2. Earn up to 5% cash back on all purchases.
3. Get up to 10% off on all purchases.
4. Get up to 10% off on all purchases.

Visit kingsoopers.com to learn more about the program and how to get started.

LINK YOUR CARD TODAY!!!

As always, thank you for your support and for making our school a better place.



IF YOU HAVE **PICTURES** FROM ONE OF MVE'S EVENTS, THEY COULD BE USED IN THE **YEARBOOK!**
SEND PICS TO:
YEARBOOKTEAMMVPTO@GMAIL.COM



WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20TH, 6:00
MVE LIBRARY



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Orders Due Soon

It's Not Too Late!

There is still time to purchase wonderful keepsakes featuring your child's artwork while supporting our school. Go to **ArtToRemember.com** to place your order today.



Thank you for supporting
art education at our school!

Mountain Vista Elementary
2023-2024

YEARBOOK COVER CHALLENGE

**Turn into
your
classroom
teacher
by
Monday,
Nov. 27th**

Guidelines:

- ✓ 8.5 x 11 white computer paper
- ✓ Bright and bold colors!
- ✓ Winner will get a FREE yearbook!
- ✓ Get creative & have fun!

For More Information
yearbookteammvpto@gmail.com
OR Miss Finn sfinn2@cherrycreekschools.org



Don't miss our Dec. 5 presentation - **ONLINE ONLY**



There is Hope!

Inoculating Kids Against Addiction

Concerned about the dangers of substance use?
Wondering if your child may have risk factors
associated with addiction? Join PIN to hear
award-winning author, Jessica Lahey, discuss:

- **Why adolescents are so vulnerable**
- **Ways to change thinking and behavior**
- **Strategies for preventing childhood substance abuse at home**

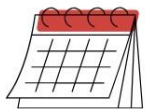


Tuesday Dec 5, 9:15 - 11am

*** ONLINE ONLY ***

Visit www.PINccsd.org for Zoom link

Jessica Lahey is the author of both *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed* (a New York Times bestseller) and *The Addiction Inoculation: Raising Healthy Kids in a Culture of Dependence*. For 20 years, Jess has taught about adolescent addiction and has written about parenting and child welfare for The Washington Post, The Atlantic, and the New York Times.



Save the Date: Feb. 6 with Craig Kaley, founder of Moneyletics - 9:15 a.m.

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

PIN: Informing, Inspiring and Empowering Parents for more than 45 years

Missed the live presentation? Recordings will be available at PINccsd.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.

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 for podcasts of past presentations.