



Mammoth Tracks

22200 East Radcliff Parkway | Centennial, Colorado 80015 | 720.886.2700

November 19, 2021

24 Hour Attendance Line: 720-886-2795

Upcoming Events

November 21	Turkey Trot, MVE black top, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
November 24	Non-contact day, no school
November 25, 26	Thanksgiving Break
November 29	Vision Screening, grades K-5
December 2	P.A.S.S. Meeting, MVE Library, 6:00 p.m.
December 9	Audiology Screening, grades 3, 4, 5
December 9	Choir Performance, gym, 6:00 p.m.
December 10	MVE Spelling Bee, 8:20 a.m.
December 13	Vision Re-screening, grades K-5
December 14	Spirit Day (wear blue and orange)
December 14	Community Night at Dion's
December 17	Reward Day, Cozy Sock Day
December 18 – January 3	Winter Break, no school (<i>return January 4</i>)

Dear Mountain Vista Families,

November certainly has come and gone in the blink of an eye! The colder weather is approaching, and the busyness of the season is upon us. I want to take a moment to pause and reflect on a few of the many things I am grateful for at MVE.

To begin, I want to send a special thank you to our wonderful PTO members, community volunteers and families that made our Monster Mash and Veterans Day events such wonderful successes. Both events had huge participation, and we are thankful for all of the hard work that went into making these events special for our students, families and community members. The time to celebrate together, honor the sacrifices of our Veterans, and connect with one another was so memorable.

In addition, I'd like to thank you 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.

Furthermore, I want to extend an enormous thank you to our educators. I want to acknowledge how hard they are working to create a "normal" school year for our children, while we are still very much in the midst of a pandemic. Their strength, perseverance, and determination to provide the very best for **every child, every day** is nothing short of astounding. If you have a moment, sending your child's teacher(s) a quick note of

gratitude would be greatly appreciated. I know that even the smallest note of gratitude can make a teacher's day!

Finally, I want to inform you about an important change to our MVE family. Our nurse, Alissa Stevens, has chosen to move on from the walls of Mountain Vista to support our greater district. This was a difficult personal decision for her, but she felt it would best meet the needs of her family. Fortunately, we are lucky enough to be gaining Amanda (Mandy) Jackson from Journey and Outback Preschool! Mandy has been serving as a CCSD preschool nurse for the past 2 years and has also served as an itinerant nurse at Mountain Vista many times. Prior to serving CCSD, she worked in the high-risk labor and delivery unit for 9 years. She is extremely knowledgeable and highly qualified to best meet the health and safety needs of our students. We are so fortunate to have her join the Mammoth family, and we are thankful for her!

I am extremely grateful for our community and honored to serve you. Thank you for your belief in me and in Mountain Vista. Together, we are doing great things for the next generation!

Dream. Believe. Achieve.

With gratitude,

Megan Carkhuff
Principal

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LIBRARY NEWS:

I wanted to send a huge thank you to all the MVE Community for your continued support of our Scholastic Fall Book Fair. It was so great to see you and to welcome new families to our community. The excitement was certainly priceless. I look forward to seeing you all at our next Scholastic Book Fair in the Spring! We made \$13,686.39 which gives us \$6,820.16 in Scholastic dollars profit. This money is used to purchase books for the library, bookrooms, classrooms and to replace any damaged books.

Thank you all for your support of reading!

Mrs. Millunzi

LOOKING FOR CROSSWALK SUPPORT!



If you haven't noticed, we have a few new crosswalks in the area! Woohoo! Safety is our number one priority, and we're looking to hire crossing guards for each of our new locations. All crossing guard positions are 2 hours a day (1 hour AM and 1 hour PM), Monday through Friday. Please contact Megan Carkhuff, mcarkhuff@cherrycreekschools.org,

if you are interested!

PARA-EDUCATOR POSITION OPEN AT MVE!

If you are interested in working with our children, we are currently hiring for a Para-Educator for our Severe Needs (ILC) Program. This position is 7 hours a day, Monday through Friday. Please contact Megan Carkhuff, mcarkhuff@cherrycreekschools.org, if you are interested!

RECESS AND WEATHER

Winter is upon us and temperatures are cooling. If it is 20 degrees or above, we will be going outside for recess. Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM??

The students and I have already started our travels to South America! We are discovering and creating art based on the Amazon River, tropical rainforests/animals, and natives from Peru. Be sure to be on the lookout for some of these AMAZING new creations on display from our Asia and South America units:

- Mrs. Ash's Kindie artists - "Lines in our Names"
- Mr. Palumbo's 1st graders - "Kusama Cats"
- Mrs. Barnes' 2nd graders - "Llamas in the Andes"
- Mrs. Vasilauskas' and Hills' 3rd graders - "Koi Fish"
- Mrs. Zelic's 4th graders - "Along the Amazon"
- Mrs. Christian's 5th grade artists - "Terracotta Warriors"

Katy Rowland
Art Teacher

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 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**



MVE TOY DRIVE

NOVEMBER 16TH - NOVEMBER 30TH

Please help The Marine Toys for Tots Program by donating a **NEW**, unwrapped toy. Your child can donate a toy anytime until November 30th. All toys will be donated to families in need in the Denver Metro Area. This event is sponsored by the **MVE Student Council**



We will be collecting toys at the MVE Turkey Trot on November 21st from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. Please consider bringing a toy to donate!

Mountain Vista Elementary School

November 2021



Upcoming Events

December

14 - School Spirit Day & Community/Restaurant Night @ Dion's Pizza

15—PTO Community meeting 6:30pm

17—Reward Day: Cozy Day

20-31—No School—Winter Break

Spirit Day/ Community Night:

Tuesday, December 14th !

Wear your spirit wear/school colors and show off our Mammoth Pride for MVE's Spirit Day. Then attend Community Night at Dion's located at: 25750 E Arapahoe Rd, Aurora, CO 80016.



See upcoming flyers in folders for more details.

Mountain Vista Elementary

Download our Web App for Free. See Instructions @ MVPTO.org

UPDATED DESIGN!!



Reward Day: Friday, December 17th! Cozy Day - dress ready for lounging in comfort:

think pajamas, blankets, stuffed animals, or any other cozy clothes. Be comfortable and have fun!

Note: School dress code applies.

PTO Board Members

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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 FOR EDUCATION

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

Mountain Vista Elementary

Download our Mobile App for Free!
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UPDATED DESIGN!!



CCSD PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR PIN EVENT IN DECEMBER:

RESILIENCE THROUGH THE CYCLE OF HOPE

Join Tricia Downing, Member of Team USA 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio, as she shares her courageous return to the competitive sport she loves and almost lost, and how you can find hope when life brings you unpredictable challenges.

Tricia will inspire us through her story, including:

- > *When it comes to change, are you a victim or a warrior?*
- > *How can you reframe your situation when life gets difficult?*
- > *Can you become comfortable in your "dis"comfort zone?*
- > *How does hope play a part in our actions and reactions?*



Tuesday, December 7th, 9:15-11:00 am

9:20 am - CCSD Welcome

9:30 am - Tricia Downing, Resilience through the Cycle of Hope

10:30 am - Q&A

Event Location: 14603 E Fremont Ave, Centennial CO 80112
Enter on south side of the CCSD building at the main entrance

always
free

all are
welcome



Tricia Downing, speaker, author and athlete at Redefining Able. As an avid cyclist, she drove across the country for what amounted to eighteen races in twenty-three days when her life took a detour. After a collision on a Colorado road, she instantly became paralyzed from the chest down. She was challenged to relearn everything, including her new normal. To Tricia, disability hasn't been a life sentence. Instead, her wheelchair has given her the wings to pursue her passions, from sports to writing and making a difference in her community.



Save the Date: January 11, 2022 - 7:00 pm (online via zoom)

Internet Security: Finding Balance and Maintaining Boundaries, with Katie Greer

PIN: INFORMING, INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING PARENTS FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS!
MISSED THE LIVE PRESENTATION? RECORDINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE PIN WEBSITE: PINC.CSD.ORG



YOU'RE INVITED!

TO FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICES

WEEKLY HIRING EVENT

WALK IN WEDNESDAYS

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Student Nutrition Center

14270 E. Briarwood Ave

Centennial, CO 80112



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Kitchen Worker and Relief Worker

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