



October 27, 2023
24 Hour Attendance Line: 720-886-2795

October 30 – November 3	Book Fair (hours enclosed)
October 30 – November 3	Conferences
November 3	NO SCHOOL, Non-contact Day
November 9	Veterans Day Celebration, 8:30 a.m.
November 9	P.A.S.S., MVE Library, 5:00 p.m.
November 14	Spirit Day
November 14	Community Night, Bad Daddy's
November 14	Hearing screening for grades 2/3/5
November 15	PTO Community Meeting + Accountability, MVE Library + Zoom, 6:00 p.m.
	Join Zoom Meeting
	https://cherrycreekschools-org.zoom.us/j/4816391983?pwd=MmpFbGJMbm1rNE5lVHNMmNENU14dz09
	Meeting ID: 481 639 1983
	Passcode: mve
November 18	Turkey Trot, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break (return November 27)

Dear Mountain Vista Families,

I hope this message finds you well as we welcome the beauty of October and the season of fall. It is a pleasure to write to you as we return from our well-deserved Fall Break and prepare for the exciting events ahead.

To begin, I want to ask a favor. At Mountain Vista Elementary, our mission is to work together to ensure academic and social emotional growth for every student, every day. We believe that strong relationships between the school, parents, and the community are vital to achieving this goal. To ensure that we are continually making progress in this important aspect of our mission, we kindly request your valuable feedback. Your input will help us monitor our progress on our core value of relationships and improve our efforts to create a positive and inclusive school environment. We invite you to take a few moments to complete our brief survey by [clicking on the link here](#). Your insights are integral to our ongoing journey of providing the best possible education for your children. Thank you for your continued partnership in our shared mission, and we value your feedback!

Believe it or not, trimester one is complete, and it is already time to celebrate the progress and growth of our students. **Your students' first trimester progress reports will be sent home electronically via email today, October 27,** and I am pleased to invite all of our wonderful families to join us for our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences next week (October 30 - November 3). Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have questions or if you need assistance signing up for a conference.

Conferences are an excellent opportunity for you to connect with your child's teacher and gain valuable insights into their learning journey. You can expect your child's teacher to share details regarding your student's academic and social/emotional successes and next steps during your meeting. This is also a great time to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. Please make every effort to find a time when you can attend. Your partnership and attendance at conferences showcases the value and commitment you have to your child's education.

Finally, on November 9, we will be celebrating and honoring Veterans Day. At Mountain Vista Elementary, we hold a deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by our veterans and active-duty military personnel. We want to thank the many active members of the military and Veterans within our community by welcoming them to Mountain Vista for classroom visits and our traditional "Walk of Honor". If you or any members of your family are active military members or Veterans, we would love to have you join us! Please RSVP by email to our PTO Events Coordinator at eventsmvpto@gmail.com. Thank you for your service to our country!

It is truly an honor to be a part of a community who focuses on **every child, every day.**

Dream. Believe. Achieve.

In partnership,

Megan Carkhuff
Principal

BOOK FAIR

Monday, October 30	2:45 - 7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 31	2:45 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, November 1	1:45 – 5:00 PM
Thursday, November 2	10:45 AM - 12:15 PM + 2:45 – 7:00 PM
Friday, November 3	8:00 - 10:30 AM

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM

I will be sending off the student's artwork to "Art to Remember" this week. You will be receiving an order form on or before 11/13. You will have the opportunity to make any orders online at this time until the deadline of 11/22.

The students have been busy creating artwork for the upcoming "Art to Remember" fundraiser including, sunflowers, fish, and self-portraits. We are now shifting gears and learning about VALUE and how artists use this technique in their artwork to create lights and darks and give the illusion of 3-dimensional form.

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

- Mrs. Jamison's Kindie artists - "Lines"
- Ms. Stoll's Kindie artists - "Pete the Cat"
- Mrs. Storto's 1st graders - "Crankensteins"
- Mrs. Barnes' 2nd graders - "Balloon Dogs" inspired by Jeff Koons
- Mrs. Vasilauskas' 3rd graders - "Jellyfish"
- Ms. Meissner's 4th graders - "Shaking Dogs" inspired by Iris Scott

Ms. Rowland
Art Teacher

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!

Please scan the code
to access our
parent/guardian
survey!



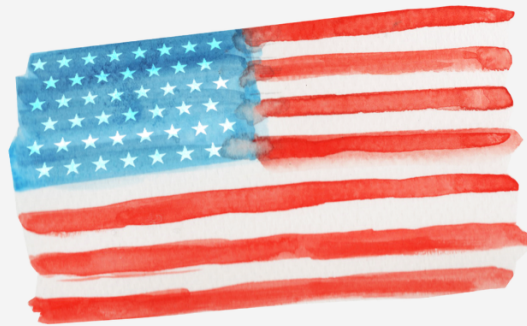
We value your
feedback!



MOUNTAIN VISTA ELEMENTARY

★ VETERANS DAY ★

CELEBRATION



We invite the families of all veterans and active military in our community for a gathering at Mountain Vista in honor of their brave service.



WE WOULD LIKE TO HONOR ALL OF OUR VETERANS ON OUR WALL OF HONOR. PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ALONG WITH YOUR RSVP: NAME OF VETERAN, BRANCH OF MILITARY, YEARS OF SERVICE, AND A PHOTOGRAPH.

NOV

9

2023

22200 E. RADCLIFF PKWY

DONUTS AND DRINKS WILL BE SERVED!
RSVP WITH QR



THURS

8:30

A.M.



Dear Mountain Vista Families:

We are excited to announce that our GOTR Mountain Vista team will be running our final 5K race on **Sunday, November 12th** with all 30 of our amazing girls. We are so incredibly proud of our girls and their hard work during this season. The girls have increased their running stamina while also improving their social and emotional development through the lessons and experiences with others. We look forward to celebrating this amazing accomplishment!

Girls on the Run 5K

- **Date:** Sunday, November 12, 2023
- **Where:** Empower Field (Mile High Stadium)
1701 Bryant Street
Denver, CO. 80204
- **Times:** Coaches arrive at 8:30 AM, Girls arrive at 9:00 AM, Race starts at 10:00 AM

Coach Vasilasuskas
Coach Poscover
Coach Berger
Coach Stoll

GIRLS ON THE RUN IS SO MUCH FUN!



MVE PTO NEWS

November 2023



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

10/28 MONSTER MASH
10/30-11/2 PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES
11/3 NO SCHOOL
11/9 VETEREN'S DAY CELEBRATION
11/4 SPIRIT DAY/COMM. NIGHT: BAD DADDY'S
11/15 COMMUNITY MEETING: LIBRARY 6:00
11/18 TURKEY TROT
11/22-24 NO SCHOOL



MONSTER MASH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH
2:00-5:00 PM

Spend the afternoon with our MVE Community at this free event for students, families and school staff!

Enjoy the 5th grade **Haunted House**, **games** outside, a **Trunk-or-Treat**, and **Food Trucks**!

Come dressed in costume and ready to have a **Spooktacular** time! Please, no pretend weapons of any kind. Thank you!

PLEASE DONATE!



FOOD DRIVE

WE WILL BE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE **FOOD** AND **TOILETRIES** FOR FAMILIES WITHIN THE EAGLE CREST FEEDER-SCHOOL AREA FOOD BANKS.

PLEASE CONSIDER BRINGING ITEMS TO THE **MONSTER MASH** OR TO **SCHOOL** BY NOV. 2ND.



MVE PTO NEWS

PAGE 2



WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT!

*Thank You
Volunteers!*

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

SEND PICS TO:

YEARBOOKTEAMMVPTO@GMAIL.COM



TURKEY TROT

SATURDAY, NOV. 18TH

1:00-3:00PM

LOCATION: MVE & SURROUNDING
NEIGHBORHOODS!

~ALL **FAMILIES** AND **ABILITIES** INVITED FOR A FUN
& RELAXED TROT THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY!

~COOKIES, WATER & **REFRESHMENTS** AT THE
END!

~PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING AN **UNWRAPPED
HOLIDAY GIFT** FOR CHILDREN IN NEED AT THE
RUN.

VETERANS DAY

**THANK YOU
***FOR YOUR
SERVICE**

CELEBRATION:

THURS, NOV. 9TH, 8:30 AM

SEE FLYER

MVE PTO BOARD MEMBERS

PRESIDENT/CO-PRESIDENT

CHRISTA KELLER &
BRITTNEY STARCHER
PRESIDENTMVPTO@GMAIL.COM

SECRETARY

ASHLEY COOKE
SECRETARYMVPTO@GMAIL.COM

FUNDRAISING

MEGAN HAAS
FUNDRAISINGMVPTO@GMAIL.COM

VICE-PRESIDENT

JASMINE MACON
VICEPRESIDENTMVPTO@GMAIL.COM

TREASURER

GINA GONZALEZ
TREASURERMVPTO@GMAIL.COM

COMMUNICATIONS

AMANDA TIPPETS
COMMUNICATIONSMVPTO@GMAIL.COM

PAST PRESIDENT

VALERIE HARPER
PASTPRESIDENTMVPTO@GMAIL.COM

CO-TREASURER

MICHELLE BUTVILAS
COTREASURERMVPTO@GMAIL.COM

EVENTS

SHANTEL GALLEGOS
EVENTSMVPTO@GMAIL.COM





Come learn math
K-2 Tuesdays and 3-5
Thursdays from 3-4 in
After Care starting
11/7. Space is limited



Email Kristy
at kdwyer-petrocco@cherrycreekschools.org
for more information



**CRAZY
8S
MATH
CLUB**



Attention Parents!



Our school is participating in a creative fundraiser with Art to Remember that allows you to purchase keepsake products customized with your child's art.

Right now, children are busy creating colorful, fun artwork, and soon you will receive a personalized order form.

Here's what you can expect:

- ★Over 50 keepsake products featuring your child's artwork
- ★Many of the products are less than \$15
- ★A percentage of every order goes right back to our school
- ★Safe, secure online ordering at ArtToRemember.com.

(You can even share your order code with other family members and invite them to place an order!)

- ★Satisfaction guaranteed!



Art to Remember keepsakes are the perfect gift for any occasion!

*Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this program.



Food and Nutrition Services Information

2023-2024

Meals and Snack Choices

All students in *Cherry Creek School District* will have access to free healthy, nutritious school meals beginning in the 2023-24 school year thanks to the Healthy School Meals for All program approved by Colorado voters.

Our District is very excited to participate in the program! Here is some additional information and a few important reminders about what this means for our schools and families.

- **Please fill out the new combined Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Family Economic Data Survey.** While meals will be provided for free to all Cherry Creek students through Healthy School Meals for All, it's important for us to continue gathering this information to receive full access to available federal funds that support nutritional programs at your school.

Please complete this form during registration for the 2023-24 school year. By providing this information, you will help our district access all available funds to cover the cost of meals, and other nutritional programs for students. Plus, families who fill out the form may qualify to receive discounted school fees, class materials, bus passes, utility support and more!

- All household income information provided through this form is strictly confidential and protected by law. Only one form is required for all children in the household. Immigration, migrant, citizenship or refugee status is not required when completing the form.

All a la carte items we sell, must meet strict USDA guidelines called “Smart Snacks”.

Smart Snacks have limits on sugar, sodium, calories and fat. For more information about USDA Smart Snacks, [visit this link](#). Students must have money on their account to buy Smart Snacks and seconds, they cannot go into the negative.

We encourage parents to choose what is best for their students when making choices about purchasing Smart Snacks. Some parents choose to talk to their children about what snacks they are allowed to buy and which ones they are not. Other parents allow their children to make their own choices. And some parents place restrictions on their students' accounts based on how much they can spend on snacks. Restrictions can be placed on your student's account through your login with [Linq Connect](#). If you have not used your account, you can [create one here](#).

A la carte menus are available at every school in the lunch line and online through the district Food and Nutrition Services site. To visit our website, [click here](#) and then click on A La Carte to view the choices at Elementary, Middle School and High School.



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

November 9, 2023
9:30-11:30am @ SARC

Assistive Technology

Parents/attendees will be introduced to and experience a variety of assistive technology tools used by CCSD students in special education to support communication and academic access and growth.

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

When: Thursday,
November 9, 2023
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Where:
Student
Achievement
Resource Center
(SARC Building)

14188 E Briarwood Av
Centennial, CO 80112

Upcoming Events:

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

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

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

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.