



September 29, 2023

24 Hour Attendance Line: 720-886-2795

October 1 – 31	EHS Feeder Donation Drive (flyer enclosed)
October 7	STEAM-a-palooza, CCIC
October 10	Spirit Day
October 10	Community Night, Chipotle
October 11	Picture Re-takes with Studio 5 (flyer enclosed)
October 14 – 22	Fall Break
October 25	PTO Community Meeting, 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
October 27	Progress Reports
October 28	Monster Mash, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
October 30 – November 3	Book Fair (hours enclosed)
October 30 – November 3	Conferences
November 3	NO SCHOOL, Non-contact Day

Hello Mountain Vista Elementary Families,

Just like that, we're turning the corner to the month of October! September has been an exciting month filled with new friendships, renewed friendships, fun events, and lots of learning. Mountain Vista is a great place to be!

I want to begin by sharing a heartfelt thank you for your support in our Stompede Fun Run. This year's Fun Run was a tremendous success, and it wouldn't have been possible without your enthusiastic support and generous contributions. Your participation has raised vital funds that will directly benefit our students and their educational experiences. I want to extend a special thanks to our Parent Teacher Organization for all of their hard work in making this event come to life! Thank you for making this event such a resounding success!

Additionally, I want to share information about the changes in reading instruction taking place at Mountain Vista Elementary, and in Cherry Creek School District, due to the Science of Reading. The Science of Reading is

a body of research that has significantly deepened our understanding of how reading develops and how children learn to read. It is based on scientific evidence gathered from numerous studies in the fields of cognitive psychology, linguistics, and neuroscience. It specifically places a strong emphasis on building strong foundational skills through phonics. Other components that are emphasized are fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. By focusing on these critical reading skills, we are equipping our students with the tools they need to become confident and proficient readers.

Our teachers are well-prepared and knowledgeable of this research and are implementing best practices to meet student needs. We continue to work in our collaborative teams to discuss the following four Professional Learning Community (PLC) questions:

- 1. What do we want all students to know and be able to do?
- 2. How will we know if they learn it?
- 3. How will we respond when some students do not learn?
- 4. How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient?

As a model PLC school, we are utilizing this research in order to design learning opportunities, discuss student progress towards standards, evaluate our teaching methods, and collaborate on ways we can improve our practice in order to meet the needs of **every student, every day**. You can continue to expect our teachers to inform you of your child’s reading growth, abilities, and next steps.

As we settle into the new school year, I want to emphasize the crucial role that regular attendance plays in your child's academic success. Every day of learning matters, and daily, on time attendance is directly linked to improved academic achievement. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends school regularly and arrives on time. Our tardy bell rings at 8:00.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming October Count Day, which is scheduled for October 2nd. This day is particularly important, as it determines our school's funding for the year based on the number of students in attendance. Your child's presence on this day directly impacts our ability to provide quality education and resources. We appreciate your cooperation and support in ensuring a strong turnout on October 2nd.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to our staff or administration. We value your partnership and look forward to another fantastic month of learning and growth at MVE!

Dream. Believe. Achieve.

Warm regards,
Megan Carkhuff
Principal

UPDATES

10th anniversary rescheduled

- We have rescheduled our 10th anniversary party to 5/10/24 from 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars. Hoping for sunny skies!

Traffic Updates

- Please remember we are a school zone, and traffic expectations are tighter. We appreciate you wanting to get your students to school on time, but please remember to drive safely. We want all our families, drivers, walkers, bikers to feel safe traveling to and from school. This includes:
 - Obeying speed limit laws, and school zone speed limits
 - Waiting to drive through a crosswalk until all pedestrians are safely on the sidewalk
 - Waiting for a crossing guard to indicate it is safe to walk across the crosswalk
 - Remaining stopped when the crosswalk lights are flashing
- We have heard that police may be coming to observe traffic as part of the adding more crosswalks/stop signs on Tibet.

PTO Contacts

- Have questions for PTO or about fundraisers you can reach out to PTO at:

◦ Co-President	Christa Keller	presidentmvpto@gmail.com
◦ Co-President	Brittney Starcher	presidentmvpto@gmail.com
◦ Vice-president	Jasmine Macon	vicepresidentmvpto@gmail.com
◦ Secretary	Ashley Cooke	secretarymvpto@gmail.com
◦ Treasurer	Gina Gonzalez	treasurermvpto@gmail.com
◦ Co-Treasurer	Michelle Butvilas	cotreasurermvpto@gmail.com
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◦ Past President	Valerie Haper	pastpresidentmvpto@gmail.com
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◦ Spirit Wear	Melissa Rouse	spiritwearmvpto@gmail.com
◦ Passive Income	Melissa Rouse	picmvpto@gmail@gmail.com
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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

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!

Mountain Vista Elementary School

October 2023



PTO COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

MVE Stompede

Thank you for supporting our school and helping make The Stompede a success. We raised 99.5% of our goal to help our school \$44,739. All of our students who wanted to participate in the Foam party had the opportunity to. Top earners and class prizes are happening the next couple weeks.



Thank you to all of the volunteers who came, lent a hand and cheered on the kids we couldn't have done it without you!

Monster Mash Saturday October 28th 2-5pm

The MVE Monster Mash will be here before we know it, We will have food trucks, carnival games, bounce houses, haunted house, photo booth and trunk or treat.

Candy Donations: Please consider donating a bag of candy to this event. Candy Donations will be collect from Oct 1st-28th. Just send it with your kiddo or drop it off at the front desk.

Sign up link _____>



Trunk or Treat: We are looking for 20+ families/ organizations/businesses to decorate a trunk. Candy will be provided and a there will be prize for best trunk.

Sign up link _____>



Middle School/High School/ Scout Service hours: Do you have an older child who needs service hours? We would love to have some MVE Alumni/Neighborhood kids help run the games and activities. We need at least 25 kids who can come help run this event. This is a fun way for them to help the community.

5th Grade Families interested in helping with the Haunted House: Contact Danielle Duffy @ dkayc_86@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

October

- 10 Spirit day/
Community Night
Chipotle
- 11 Picture Retakes
- 15-21 Fall Break
- 25 Community Meeting
6:00pm MVE Library
- 28 Monster Mash 2-5pm
- 30-2 Parent/Teacher
Conferences

PTO Board Members

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Christa Keller

Brittney Starcher

PresidentMVPTO@gmail.com

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If you have any pictures from the STOMPEDE ,
Email it to YearbookTeamMVPTO@gmail.com
and it may end up in the yearbook!



Canned food Drive

We will be collecting canned food to help fill EHS feeder local food banks. These donations will stay within the Eagle Crest feeder school food bank network.

Non perishable food and toiletries will be collected through November 2nd. Please consider bringing items to Monster Mash.



Save the Date: Veterans Day

November 9, 2023

Veterans and Active Duty Service Members are invited to Mountain Vista for a celebration honoring their service.

Students are encouraged to send in digital images of Veterans in their families to hang on our Wall of Honor.

More details to be coming home shortly



King Soopers Community Rewards Program

Once logged into their King Soopers or City Market account they can search for Mountain Vista Elementary PTO either by name or NP391 and then click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a loyalty card.

PTO App

Receive updates on school events, get quick links to the lunch menu, access staff contact list and get important push notifications from the PTO app



For updates and reminders on the happenings at MVE,
Follow our Facebook Page at:
<https://www.facebook.com/mountainvistaccsdpto>



MVE STOMP CAMP

FALL BREAK

OCTOBER 16-20 2023

Magical
science, art,
learning and
fun

Come create some magic!

Field Trip to
History Colorado
on Tuesday

Questions, Contact:

Kristy Petrocco

Director

kdwyer-petrocco

@cherrycreekschools.org



PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Mountain Vista Elementary School
Retakes: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

"IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE CHILDHOOD WAVES GOODBYE"

ORDER YOUR PHOTOS TODAY

CLICK HERE

OR VISIT

STUDIO5PORTRAITS.PREORDERPHOTOS.COM

**ORDER UP TO 3 DAYS
AFTER PICTURE DAY**

ACCESS CODE:

H93WE6



N. Front Range:
(970) 674-0620

Website:
STUDIO5CO.PRO

Denver Metro:
(303) 550-4486

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.



SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 25TH

NEW DATE
May 10th, 2024

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MAMMOTH

10TH

ANNIVERSARY



MOUNTAIN VISTA ELEMENTARY

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

October 12, 2023
9:30-11:30am @ SARC

IEP 101

Please join us for a presentation covering IEP basics, followed by a breakout session where you can choose to talk to CCSD special education liaisons about your student's IEP.

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

When: Thursday,
October 12, 2023
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Where:
Student
Achievement
Resource Center
(SARC Building)

14188 E Briarwood Av
Centennial, CO 80112

Upcoming Events:

October 26, 2023
5:30-7:30pm
@ CCIC Building

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

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

SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Alissa Beck
720.886.7047
abeck5@cherrycreekschools.org



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

October 26, 2023
5:30-7:30pm

Tour the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC)

Please join us for an evening tour of the Cherry Creek Innovation Campus. Learn about the different pathways available to high school and adult students, and the Special Education services offered.

Who: CCSD
parents, guardians,
and caregivers who
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OCTOBER DONATION DRIVE

RECOGNIZING THE DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

EAGLECREST FEEDER AREA

Antelope Ridge ~ Aspen Crossing ~ Dakota Valley ~
Mountain Vista ~ Peakview ~ Timberline ~
Thunder Ridge ~ Sky Vista ~ Eaglecrest
and
Cherry Creek Innovation Campus

Full-sized Toiletries & Household Goods

Soap/Body Wash
Shampoo & Conditioner
Body Lotion
Deodorant
Menstrual Products
Diapers and Wipes
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Toothbrush/Toothpaste
Utensils/Can Opener



Snacks

**** Individually Packaged ****

Crackers
Granola, protein, breakfast bars
Applesauce & Fruit pouches
Fruit Snacks
Nuts and Trail Mix
Cup o' Noodles
Easy Mac
Crackers & Peanut Butter Packs
Crackers & Cheese Packs
Juice Drinks/Boxes



Culturally
Diverse Items
Appreciated!

Consider
Gluten-free
Options!

Kitchen Staples

- Dry Cereal
- Peanut Butter, Nut Butters, Jelly
- Rice
- Dried Beans
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Pasta & Sauce
- Canned/Dried Soup
- Bread/Roll Mixes
- Boxed meal kits/Skillet meals
- Ground Coffee
- Tea - all varieties
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Boxed baking mixes - cakes, cookies, etc.
- Baking items - flour, sugar, etc.
- Basic spices/herbs
- Cooking Oil
- Baby Formula



Items support CCSD School Resource Pantries



Donations to Pantries
Cherry Creek Schools



Scan to make a
monetary
donation!

Donations accepted at schools listed above

October 1 - 31

CCSF
Cherry Creek Schools
Foundation



Learn more and sign up today:
my.hazel.co/cherrycreekschools

Request a therapy appointment for your child by
calling Hazel Health at 1-800-76-HAZEL (42935)



Timely access to virtual appointments with licensed therapists

With Hazel Health, your child can get the
mental health support they need,
at no cost to you.



Dedicated to Excellence
Cherry Creek Schools



During weekly therapy sessions,
Hazel Health therapists help
students understand and cope
with what they're feeling

Anxiety

Depression

Trauma

Self-esteem

Change

Grief/loss

Bullying

Academic stress

and more

Services are available at home **Monday
to Friday** between 7am-7pm local time

- 1 Sign up**
Give permission for your child
or teen to see a Hazel therapist
- 2 Therapy referral**
Refer your child to therapy by contacting Hazel
- 3 First therapy session**
Hazel matches your child with a therapist
and schedules an appointment
- 4 Weekly therapy sessions at home**
Over video, the therapist helps your child cope
with what they're feeling
- 5 Therapy completion**
Your child has achieved their therapy goals
and is discharged from the therapy program
- 6 Care coordination**
If needed, Hazel helps connect your family
with long-term services in your community



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.

