

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=MmpFbGJMbm1rNE5lVHNJMmNENU14dz09

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
 - o 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:

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0	Co-President	Brittney Starcher	presidentmvpto@gmail.com
0	Vice-president	Jasmine Macon	vicepresidentmvpto@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.



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** <u>and</u> 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



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.

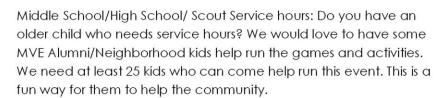
Candy Donations: Please consider donating a bag of candy to this event. Candy Donations will be collect from Oct 1st—28th. Just send it with your kiddo or drop it off at the

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front desk.

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.





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

October 2023

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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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.

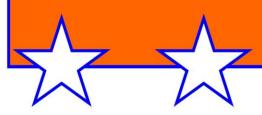


Save the Date: Veterans Day November 9, 2023

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





FALL BREAK

OCTOBER 16-20 2023

Magical science, art, learning and

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





OR VISIT

STUDIOSPORTRAITS.PREORDERPHOTOS.COM

ORDER UP TO 3 DAYS
AFTER PICTURE DAY

ACCESS CODE:

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Website: \$TUDIOSCO_PRO Donver Metre: (203)550-4466

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!





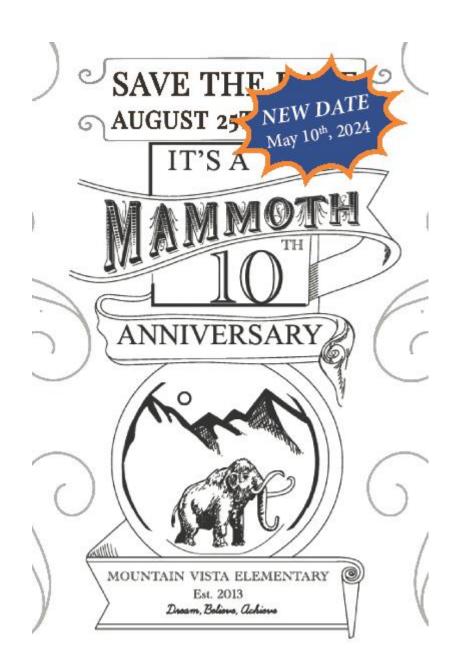






Art to Remember keepsakes are the perfect gift for any occasion!







You are invited: <u>Special Education</u> Advisory Committee (SEAC)

October 12, 2023 9:30-11:30am @ <u>SARC</u>

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.

<u>Where</u>: 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: <u>Special Education</u> <u>Advisory Committee (SEAC)</u>

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 have children on IEPs and 504s

<u>When</u>: Thursday October 26, 2023 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Cherry Creek Innovation Campus (CCIC)

8000 S Chambers Rd Centennial, CO 80112

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OCTOBER DONATION DRIVE

RECOGNIZING THE

DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE

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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



Gluten-free

Culturally Diverse Items Appreciated!

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













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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.





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

Anxiety Depression Trauma Self-esteem Grief/loss Change and more Bullying Academic stress

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

Sign up Give permission for your child or teen to see a Hazel therapist

Therapy referral Refer your child to therapy by contacting Hazel

First therapy session Hazel matches your child with a therapist and schedules an appointment

Weekly therapy sessions at home Over video, the therapist helps your child cope with what they're feeling

Therapy completion Your child has achieved their therapy goals and is discharged from the therapy program

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.