Friday Parent Blast
February 21, 2020

Attendance Line—720-886-8895

Yearbook Order Link
$20 per full color book
ONLINE ONLY
Must purchase by Tuesday, March 16th

Report cards will be sent home on February 28th

Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday March 2nd—March 6th

No School
March 5th –March 6th
Congratulations to our nominees for Teacher of the Year:

- Catrina White
- Kristen Larson
- Caitlin Clark
- Dawn Green
- Leslie Watkins
- Ashley Alonzo
- Holly Reifman
- Brenda Ramthun
- Melissa Snyder
- Amy Beth Schulz
- Dana Boyd
- Christina Romero

The selected nominee from PRE for Future Forward Educator of the Year is **Dawn Green**!

**Congratulations to Meredith Hodges for receiving the All Star Award!**

Meredith exemplifies the CCSD vision of “Dedicated to Excellence” as well as Workforce Excellence, one of three strategic priorities in Cherry Creek Future Forward, the district’s plan for maintaining excellence well into the future.

**DONATIONS WANTED:**

STEAM will gladly take any unwanted yarn, craft string, and extra large shoe boxes off your hands for some upcoming projects. Thanks So Much!
Get Ready for Cherry Creek Reads

Grab a new book or an old favorite and get ready to read! The Cherry Creek School District will celebrate the joy of reading during Cherry Creek Reads, coming up March 9-13. [More Information]

WELLNESS ROOM

We have a Wellness Room available to students and staff. It can be used to meditate as a class, practice mindfulness, and do yoga.

Kids Heart Challenge

[Sign Up Link] and information on our goals!

Please also see the attached flier for the Nuggets game and information on how to be eligible to shoot around on the Nuggets court following the game!

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Does your child have an overdue book? Lost book? Have a question about the library? Feel free to direct all your library related inquiries to Ashley Hyypa. Email her at ahyypa@cherrycreekschools.org or leave her a voicemail at 720-886-8845.

Happy Reading!
Calling All Pine Ridge Jungle Elephants, Tigers, and Bookworms!

Our Jungle Scholastic Book Fair is almost here! Please join your fellow Panthers for three days of rip-roaring fun and get books to enjoy over Spring Break next month. A portion of the sales goes to help purchase new books for our PRE Library.

**When:** Monday, March 2nd to Wednesday, March 4th, 2020
- Mon 3/2 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Tues 3/3 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Wed 3/4 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Where:** Pine Ridge Elementary School Library

[Volunteer Sign up]

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**Box Tops for Education** – Help support Pine Ridge education programs by buying General Mills products!

**How to Earn Cash via Receipts and the App or Mobile Website**

1) **Download the App and/or Access the Mobile Website.** Search Box Tops for Education in the app store of your mobile device. In lieu of the App, you can choose to access the Box Tops for Education Mobile Website via your smartphone or tablet.

2) **Register for an Account.** Search for Pine Ridge by name, city, or zip code.

3) **Shop.** Keep your receipt!

4) **Redeem your Receipt.** Redeem the Box Tops for Education earnings from your purchase by scanning your full receipt with the App or Mobile Website **within 14 days** of your data of purchase as indicated on the receipt.

[Online Bidding Starts February 24th!]

To participate in the online silent auction, please visit: [preauction20.givesmart.com]
PTCO (Parent Teacher Community Organization) Meeting

We welcome everyone’s participation: Parents, Teachers, and the Community.

**Please join us for the next PTCO General Board Meeting:**

**Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m. — Library**

Other Upcoming PTCO General Meeting for 2020:


**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/pineridgeptco](https://www.facebook.com/pineridgeptco)

**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/pineridgeptco/](https://www.instagram.com/pineridgeptco/)

**Email:** preptco@pineridgeptco.com

**Website:** [https://sites.google.com/site/pineridgeelemptco](https://sites.google.com/site/pineridgeelemptco)

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**Amazon Gives**

Are you shopping on Amazon for everyday essentials or that little something for yourself or others? Before you checkout your cart, switch over to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) and select Pine Ridge Elementary PTO as the charity you support! Every time you shop on [Smile.Amazon.com](https://Smile.Amazon.com) (it will look like the regular [amazon.com](https://amazon.com) website), Pine Ridge Elementary PTCO will receive a percentage of your total from Amazon at no charge to you! Thanks for supporting our school, fellow Panthers!

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**King Soopers Community Rewards**

Pine Ridge PTCO has an easy ongoing fundraiser with King Soopers that helps support our school. All you need to do is present your King Soopers loyalty card whenever you shop. Please log into your King Soopers loyalty account, and under Community Rewards, select Pine Ridge Elementary PTCO (#LT282) and enroll.

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**February Spirit Wear**

Get ready with an early Spring look while staying toasty warm with a 10% coupon off with code FEB20P on Rainbow Hoodies (item #1162Y, W1162) this month. Now, get free shipping on all online orders over $50 at [https://www.pineridgespiritwear.com/](https://www.pineridgespiritwear.com/).
A Cherry Creek Robotics Competition

80+ K-8 Teams competing in WLRC, Vex IQ & Jr. FLL

Special Demonstrations by High School Robotics Teams

SATURDAY, February 29, 2020
West Middle School  9 AM- 3 PM

Questions?
RoboCon@cherrycreekschools.org

Food available for purchase from:

Cherry Creek Schools Foundation

Dedicated to Excellence
Cherry Creek Schools

STEM & INNOVATION
CTHS Presents

7th Annual CREATE Expo

February 29, 2020
8am - Noon

All K - 5th Graders Welcome!

Enjoy a morning of creative thinking, hands-on, STEAM focused learning activities

Register now at http://www.ccsdcreate.com
CHERRY CREEK DISTRICT CHESS TOURNAMENT
Saturday, February 29, 2020

Enroll early...tournament will be limited to the first 200 students who sign up

DIVISIONS: Grades K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Middle School (6-8), and High School (9-12). Similar age groups may be combined. Students must attend a school in the Cherry Creek School District to play. This is a non-rated tournament. USCF rules will apply.

ENTRY FEE: $20.00 per child. Money and registration MUST be received by Saturday, February 22, 2020. There will be no on-site registration. No confirmation letters will be sent.

TIMES: Check in is 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. The Players Meeting is at 8:30 a.m. (All competitors must attend). Round 1 begins at 9:00 am. Each round will take approximately one hour. There will be no scheduled lunch break and no food will be provided. Players should bring their own sack lunch and snacks to eat in between rounds. This is a 5-round, non-elimination tournament - players should plan to participate in all five rounds. The tournament should end around 3:00-3:30.

TIME CONTROL: Time control is G/30 (30 minutes, per player, per game). A clock may be placed on games still in progress 40 minutes after the round start time, with each player getting 10 minutes. Most of the children are not experienced with chess clocks. We will explain how to use the clock to the children, as needed.

PRIZES: In each division, the top finishers will be awarded trophies. Participation awards will be given to non-trophy winners. Awards ceremony will follow the final round and will occur mid-late afternoon, after Round 5 is completed. Ties for trophies will be broken with the following tie-break systems: 1. Modified Median 2. Solkoff 3. Cumulative.

LOCATION: Overland High School, 12400 E. Jewel Ave; Aurora (Enter west side of Overland High School off Jewel Ave. (just east of Peoria St.), go south to the rear of Overland HS and park. Enter Overland HS from the south entrance.

SUPERVISION: Good behavior of all participants is expected. All players 12 years old and younger must have a parent/guardian present for the entire tournament. While parents are not allowed in the competition area once a round begins, parents are required to supervise their children between each round. If it becomes clear a child does not have supervision between rounds, he/she will forfeit the opportunity to compete further and will be asked to leave.

QUESTIONS: Todd Bardwick, 303-770-6696, tbardwick@yahoo.com

Mail checks and the attached entry form to: Cherry Creek Chess
1 Red Fox Lane
Englewood, CO 80111

Lunch will not be provided. Bring snacks, beverages, and lunch for your child. Every child needs adult supervision for the entire tournament. Parents are not to drop off their children for the day and leave them unattended.

No confirmation letters will be sent. If your registration arrives after 200 players are registered, you will be notified at the phone number listed on your entry form. Checks will be deposited after the tournament.

For any last minute tournament updates, please refer to the Cherry Creek District Website > Programs and Services > Gifted and Talented Services > Chess Tournament

If the district cancels activities/events on February 29 due to inclement weather, the Tournament will take place on Sunday, March 1st (same times).

PLEASE SAVE THIS PAGE FOR YOUR OWN INFORMATION
2020 CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT CHESS TOURNAMENT
REGISTRATION FORM

NAME___________________________________________________

ADDRESS_________________________________________________

CITY ______________________________ ZIP CODE_________________

HOME PHONE____________________ ALTERNATE PHONE_______________

SCHOOL________________________ GRADE___ MALE___FEMALE___

PARENT’S NAME_________________________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS (PRINT CLEARLY) __________________________________

USCF RATING _____________
(For pairing purposes only. If you do not have a rating or don’t know what a rating is, leave blank.)

Parent/Guardian Signature_________________________________________

Please attach a check for $20.00 made out to Cherry Creek School District and mail with this entry form to: Cherry Creek Chess
1 Red Fox Lane
Englewood, CO 80111

Entries must be received by February 22, 2020

SIGN UP EARLY!
TOURNAMENT IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 200 STUDENTS

Photos will be taken at this event for potential coverage on the Cherry Creek School District website. If you do not want your child’s photo published, please contact Todd Bardwick on tournament day.
CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAREER FAIR
Saturday, February 29, 2020

LICENSSED

SPECIALIZED SERVICES

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

TRANSPORTATION

Onsite Interviews 8AM – 2PM
Fremont Building
14603 E Fremont Ave
Centennial, CO 80112

- Sign up at:
  http://cherrycreekschools.org/jobfair

- Fill out an application online at:
  http://applyto.cherrycreekschools.org/workspace/

Questions?
Email us at:
jobfair@cherrycreekschools.org

An Equal Opportunity Employer
Money Doesn’t Grow on Trees! Creating Financially Responsible Kids

Tue, Mar 3rd, 2020
9:15 – 11:15a
14603 E Fremont Ave
Centennial, CO

and an evening presentation

Tue, Mar 10th, 2020
6:30 – 8:30p
14603 E Fremont Ave
Centennial, CO

Are you preparing your kids for a strong financial future?

- Understanding how to manage money reduces financial stress on kids as they enter adulthood.
- Parents are key to teaching their kids money management as a lifetime skill.
- Do you want to equip your family for lifelong success in their relationships?

Learn how to financially empower your kids

- Understand the learning formula for kids and money
- Learn to set a real-life environment for your kids to practice money skills
- Manage your kid’s expenses by involving them in the process
- Develop the habit in your kids of “paying themselves first”
- Learn the importance of parents in the role of money coach

About our speaker

Craig Kaley is an accomplished IT professional and executive leader who holds a degree in engineering and an MBA in finance. Inspired by raising three kids in Douglas County, Colorado that all grew to be financially strong using his Moneyletics program, he became an entrepreneur focused on helping parents raise financially fit kids. He coaches and trains parents in Colorado and throughout the U.S on this topic. He is also the author of an award-winning book titled Money Athletics: Your Game Plan to A Financially Fit Tween.

Parents, educators, and community members are welcome and encouraged to attend PIN’s FREE presentations. No need to RSVP—just come!

Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar!

Dr. Michael Gurian, New York Times Best Selling Author, with two presentations:

- **Tue Apr 28th, 2020, 8:45–11:30am (Annual Brunch).** The Minds of Boys & Girls
- **Tue Apr 28th, 2020, 6:30–8:30pm.** Saving Our Boys

Visit [www.PINccsd.org](http://www.PINccsd.org) for Podcasts and Meeting Highlights
Cherry Creek School District's Menu of Events for National School Breakfast Week: March 9th-13

- Monday: Berry Blast Bar for breakfast
- Tuesday: Chicken & Biscuit for Lunch
- Wednesday: Coloring Contest
- Thursday: Chili w/Cinnamon Swirl Saucers for Lunch
- Friday: Breakfast for Lunch Served with Cosmic Blueberry Syrup

Pick up a coloring page to be displayed for random prizes!!

This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider
The Denver Nuggets thank you for supporting the American Heart Association!

Thank you so much for participating in your school’s Kids Heart Challenge! Did you know you’re supporting a cause that helps kids and adults beat heart disease and stroke, the No.1 and No. 5 killers in America? Your donations do SO much good for families all over America and right here in Colorado!

- Your gift helps fund lifesaving research! Over $13,000,000 was funded in CO last year alone!
- Your gift helps train lifesavers all over the country how to perform CPR.
- Your gift helps raise awareness and makes you a part of the movement for longer, healthier lives.

To say thank you, students raising a minimum of $50 will receive:

*Specially* priced tickets to the following games:

*Tickets starting at $20 each

March 27, 2020 vs. San Antonio Spurs

March 30, 2020 vs. Oklahoma City Thunder

April 3, 2020 vs. Chicago Bulls

Once donations are turned in, you will receive a certificate with details on how to get your Denver Nuggets tickets!

All qualifying students who purchase tickets through the AHA offer will be able to shoot around on the Nuggets court following the game they attend!

Please visit [www.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge](http://www.heart.org/kidsheartchallenge) and search your child's school to get started! Please make donation checks payable to the American Heart Association.

For more information, call Aaron Maldonado at 303.405.1334
Cherry Creek School District
Community Night with the Colorado Avalanche

COLORADO AVALANCHE
VS
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING

Monday, February 17th • 7:00PM • Pepsi Center

TICKETS START AT $23
Pricing Subject to change

TO ORDER TICKETS:
https://Avalanche.KSETickets.com/CHERRYCREEKSPRING

Each ticket includes a $5 donation to the Cherry Creek School District

Can’t Make the Game Above? Come to the Back Up!
Wednesday, February 26th – 6:00 PM
Colorado Avalanche vs. Buffalo Sabres
USE THE LINK ABOVE TO ORDER TICKETS!

For questions please contact Erin Croce with the Colorado Avalanche at 303.405.6138 or email Erin.Croce@TeamKSE.com
Join us at the **COLFAX MARATHON**

The Colfax Marathon 15th anniversary will be huge, and we’re part of it! It’s a great year to run with special events all week!

Run, get fit, have fun, and raise money and awareness for us.

- Enter the race of your choice *(Run the Marathon, Half Marathon, 10 Miler, Relay, OR run or walk the 5K)*
- 100% of the money we raise is ours
- Stay for great food and entertainment at the post-race festival

What you need to do...

1. During the registration process, choose us as your favorite charity on the dropdown menu.
2. Already registered? You can edit your registration to choose us as your favorite charity.
3. Have fun!

May 16-17, 2020 • Register now at www.runcolfax.org