Friday Parent Blast
February 28, 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 TODAY!!!

Parent Teacher Conferences
Monday March 2nd—March 6th

No School
March 5th–March 6th
On days that the temperature feels less than 20 degrees (accounting for wind chill), we will allow the students to have Indoor Line Up in the main hall of the building. This is a change as we will have the students from the mobiles in the main building. If you are dropping off before 7:40 and it is less than 20 degrees, please drop off at the main entrance as all other doors are kept closed until 7:40 am.

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

Kids Heart Challenge — We exceeded our goal! —Thank you so much!

Here is an update on what we accomplished towards our $10,000 goal:

◊ **134** Students have registered online and pledged a healthy habit!!
◊ **$12,249.29** has been raised online to help fund life-saving research!
◊ **52** students earned their opportunity to SHOOT HOOPS ON THE COURT at a Denver Nuggets Game – WOW!!!
◊ **31** Students will get to SLIME someone on event day!!

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!
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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**Online Bidding Open Now!**

**Bidding ends Sat. @ 9:30pm**

[Preauction20.givesmart.com](https://Preauction20.givesmart.com)

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**Chick-fil-A Restaurant Spirit Night— Wednesday, March 11th — 24400 E Smoky Hill Rd, Aurora**

Restaurant Spirit Night is Wednesday, March 11th at Chick-fil-A **all day** from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Watch for the coming flyers to be sent home! Pine Ridge earns money from sales.

*NOTE: A printed flyer must be presented or mention Pine Ridge when ordering. Pine Ridge doesn’t receive any sales if neither of these actions are done.*

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**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](#)
March Spirit Wear
Spring is finally here this month! Take up your own "challenge" to get out exercising and enjoy the warmer weather with 15% off Spirit Wear Challenge T-Shirts during the entire month of March! 
https://www.pineridgespiritwear.com/

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.

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 and select Pine Ridge Elementary PTO as the charity you support! Every time you shop on Smile.Amazon.com (it will look like the regular 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!

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, your 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.
Closures and Full Days

Teacher Work-Days

Thursday, March 5th  
*In-house Day – Bring your own electronic device! Remember a lunch and 2 snacks*

Friday, March 6th  
*In-house Day – Bring a white shirt or socks to tie-dye! Remember a lunch and 2 snacks*

Spring Break

Monday, March 16th  
*In-house Day – Bring your own sleeping bag and/or small tent for camping-themed day! Remember a lunch and 2 snacks*

Tuesday, March 17th  
*Field Trip – Butterfly Pavilion 8a-2p Remember a lunch and 2 snacks*

Wednesday, March 18th  
*In-house Day – Earth Day! Remember a lunch and 2 snacks*

Thursday, Thursday, March 19th  
*Field Trip – Downtown Aquarium 9a-2p. Remember a lunch and 2 snacks*

Friday, March 20th  
*In-house Day – Weather Day! Remember a lunch and 2 snacks*

Summer Camp

Summer is right around the corner with the last day of school being May 22nd! Join us for Summer Camp Info Night on Thursday, April 16th from 6p-7p.

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Melissa Martinez  
Director  
Panther Cove  
720-886-8842

Daily Rates

Full Day $33.00
Before School $8.50
After Care 4:30pm - $12.00
After Care 6:00pm $14.00

Hours of Operation

6:30am-7:50am
2:45pm-6:00pm
Fun Family Activities in March

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> – Discovery Zone Low-Sensory Morning @ Denver Museum of Nature & Science

Sat./Sun. March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - *Rocky Mountain Train Show* at the Denver Mart

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – *Denver Art Museum Free Day*  
Girls and Science @ Denver Museum of Nature and Science—Meet women in STEAM careers  
Mystic Mermaids Under the Sea Breakfast@Downtown Aquarium

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> - *Colorado Mammoth 5:00p Home Game*

Sat./Sun. March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> - *Science Family Overnight @ Denver Museum of Nature & Science*

Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – St. Patrick’s Day Parade LoDo Denver

Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – *Carnival of the Animals – Colorado Symphony Orchestra*

Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – AARP Free Day at the Kirkland Museum

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – *Denver Botanic Gardens Free Day*

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – *Colorado Symphony Orchestra – Disney’s Fantasia*

Weather Delays and Closures

*When schools are closed:*

Before and After School Daycare Programs are cancelled.  
All activities in district facilities are cancelled.  
In-district sports events and team practices are postponed.

*When schools are on a delayed start:*

Elementary School bus pickup is delayed 60 minutes.  
School starts at 9:00 a.m.  
Dismissal times will be the same as usual for all grades and schools.  
Before and After-School Daycare programs will operate on a normal schedule.

Parent Reminders

**Snack Attack!**  
Please make sure your students have at least one snack for After Care.  It is a long day for them and they get hangry! We only provide a small snack on the one-offs when they forget their own.

**Closing Time**  
We know that traffic in CO is getting crazy! Since our License is only valid until 6pm, please be sure to pick up your child(ren) no later than 6pm.
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
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:

Simply Sushi
Street Suck Bubble Waffles
Denver Taco Truck

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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.
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Questions?
Email us at: jobfair@cherrycreekschools.org
An Equal Opportunity Employer

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/
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
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
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
Join us at the **COLFAHX 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!

**Davita Charity Partners Program**

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