Friday Parent Blast

February 7, 2020

Attendance Line—720-886–8895

T.E.A.M. class is looking for newspapers!
If you have any newspapers at home, bring them into
PRE so that our 5th graders can add it to our compost
bins. The compost bins are creating soil for our
school from the fruit and veggie scraps that have
already been collected. Bonus if they are cut and/or
shredded! Have your student bring them to the
T.E.A.M. room (202). Thank you for your help!

Wish Week - February 10-14th!
Pine Ridge Elementary will be participating in Coin
Fundraising now through Tuesday, February 11th.

Online Donation Link: This year, we have a link where
anyone is able to donate online as well. The window for
online donation is now until Friday, February 14th!

Candy Gram Sales
Candy Grams on sale February 5-12th 7:30-8:00 am
Delivered on February 14th
$1 Each

No School
Monday, February 17th &
Tuesday, February 18th
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]

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

Dion’s Pizza Restaurant Spirit Night—February 19th
25750 E Arapahoe Rd, Aurora, CO 80016
Our Restaurant Spirit Night is Wednesday, February 19th at Dion’s Pizza from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Watch for the coming flyers to be sent home! Pine Ridge earns money from the 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.

$1.85

Pine Ridge Serves Breakfast Every Morning
7:30-8:00 am
Make sure your child starts the school day with a nutritious breakfast in order to learn, grow and develop to their fullest potential.

Please visit our website at [CHERRYCREEKSCHOOLS.ORG](http://CHERRYCREEKSCHOOLS.ORG) to view our menus.
Also, a reminder if your child qualifies for FREE lunch they also receive FREE breakfast!!
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
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/pineridgeptco/
Email: preptco@pineridgeptco.com
Website: https://sites.google.com/site/pineridgeelementaryptco

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!

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.

Valentines Spirit Wear

Give a "treat" to family members this Valentine's Day by showing your school spirit! Enjoy this 10% "SWEET" coupon good only until 2/14/2020.
**Bids & Blue Jeans Annual Auction**

**Saturday, February 29, 2020 6 - 10 p.m.**

Our “Bids & Blue Jeans” Auction will be on Saturday, February 29th from 6 - 10 p.m. Hosted at 2 Penguins Tap and Grill, it is going to be an entertaining night out supporting our school. Date Night attire!

**Event Schedule: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Mix and Mingle with Teachers**
7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Food, Drinks, Dancing, and Live Auction

Tickets are $55 per person. The ticket purchase deadline is Friday, February 14th. If you purchase your tickets to the Auction by January 31st, you will receive an EXTRA chance to win an Apple Watch!

We partnered with YMCA, who will host a Kids Night to help with those who need childcare. Kids age 2 (potty trained) through 12 are eligible. The Kids Night will be offered from 6 - 10 p.m. at the Wheatlands Clubhouse and will include dinner, arts, crafts, games, and a movie. Cost is $15 per child. Please see the attached link and know they are only able to take the first registered 50 children: [http://bit.ly/37UzZtt](http://bit.ly/37UzZtt).

Please go to our event website preauction20.givesmart.com for more exciting details and ticket purchases. This will be a great evening of laid back fun, games and a special opportunity to support our school!

If you are unable to attend the event, you are still able to participate in the Silent Online Auction. There are many cool experiences for your family and for students such as being Principal for the Day or attending a tour of the PRE basement!

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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.

**The Traditional Clip Program** – You can earn cash for your school by clipping the Official Box Tops for Education logo from the packages of purchased participating products.

1) **Check the expiration dates on your Box Tops.** Throw out expired Box Tops, they can’t be accepted.

2) **Clip ‘em or rip ‘em.** Box Tops don’t have to be cut perfectly, but should be cut reasonably close to the dashed line. Just be sure the expired date is visible.

3) **Put your Box Tops in a baggie.**

4) **Send the baggie of Box Tops to your child’s teacher.**

**Collection Date:** The week before break (March 9 -13, 2020)

Thanks for helping our school!
An Innovative Look at Nutrition: The Way to the Brain
is Through the Stomach
Tue, Feb 4th, 2020
9:15 – 11:15a
14603 E Fremont Ave
Centennial, CO
and an evening presentation
Tue, Feb 11th, 2020
6:30 – 8:30p
14603 E Fremont Ave
Centennial, CO

Fueling the Brain...Emotionally and Physically through Proper Nutrition

- How do I know what foods are best for my body?
- How do I build a healthy, lasting relationship with food?
- What foods improve brain health in my children?
- What foods decrease inflammation, and risk for brain related conditions such as Alzheimer's?
- Do I need supplements for balanced nutrition?

Learn to optimize your body and brain with food!

- Learn to make confident choices and build a lasting relationship with food
- Learn which positive, lifestyle-focused foods to promote in your home
- Learn how diet and exercise can improve body and brain health

About our speaker

Anna Schwartz, MS, RDN. Ms. Schwartz is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist at Paramount Health Directions in Cherry Creek. She works with clients of all ages to improve health and relationships with food, and develop sustainable lifestyle skills. She specializes in nutritional counseling, weight management, and disordered eating patterns, and has experience in both adult and pediatric large acute care hospitals, as well as outpatient clinics. Ms. Schwartz graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Christian University with a BS in Dietetics and a MS in Nutrition.

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!

- March 3rd (AM) & 10th (PM). Money Doesn't Grow on Trees! Creating Financially Responsible Kids with Craig Kaley, founder of Moneyletics
- April 7th (AM) & 14th (PM). Parenting by Temperment: Discovering What Makes Your Kid Tick with Wendy Gossett, author, founder of PeopleWorks Co
- Annual Brunch, April 28th. (AM) The Minds of Boys and Girls; (PM) Saving Our Sons with Dr. Michael Gurian, NYT best-selling author, gender expert, brain researcher, Co-founder of the Gurian Institute

Visit www.PINccsd.org for Podcasts and Meeting Highlights
FEBRUARY 13, 2020

You Are Invited: Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC):

Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children Panel
This panel’s goal is to facilitate interactions children with special needs and their parents might encounter in the healthcare and educational environments. The panel will share techniques that have been helpful to them as providers, navigators, parents and educators. Comments and questions are welcomed but be aware the panel will not be able to answer questions on specific personal health information.

Coffee at 9:00 a.m.
We will provide regular coffee from Equal Grounds before the meeting. Equal Grounds is a coffee shop run by students with developmental disabilities in the Transition Program.

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

When: Thursday, February 13, 2020
9:30-11:30 a.m.
Coffee at 9:00 a.m.

New Location:
Freemont Building
Room 164
14603 E Freemont Ave.
Centennial, CO 80112

Upcoming Events:
March 12, 2020
Police and Safety

April 16, 2020
Golden Heart Awards

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SEAC)

Kimberly A. Avalos
720.554.4408
kavalos@cherrycreekschools.org
# CAFECITOS!

Un evento para escuchar las voces de las familias que hablan español de las escuelas de Cherry Creek

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5:30 - 7:30 PM

*habrá cuidado de niños cuidado de niños proporcionado*

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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
CCSD Food and Nutrition Services Department wins accolades during review by state officials

The Cherry Creek School District’s Food and Nutrition Department is always ready for a review. From department directors to chefs working in kitchens across the district’s 108 square miles, those in charge of connecting more than 55,000 students with healthy, nutritious and tasty food are always striving for excellence. Whether it’s creating menus that include a variety of grain-rich meals and fresh fruits and vegetables or it’s rising before dawn to make sure all of the baked goods are ready for the breakfast run, Food and Nutrition professionals in CCSD set the bar high.

The department’s dedication to quality hasn’t gone unnoticed by the Colorado Department of Education. The CCSD Food and Nutrition Department recently underwent an administrative review by CDE’s Office of School Nutrition yielded high praise and impressive results. Indeed, the state’s administrative review, which is conducted every three years, encompassed visits to eight schools across the district and resulted in commendations regarding everything from menu design to food procurement.

That’s no small feat for a department that includes more than 60 full-service kitchens and that last year served about 3.2 million lunches and about 1 million breakfasts. According to Director of Food and Nutrition Services Kim Kilgore, the positive feedback from the CDE reflects a broader philosophy in every kitchen and every cafeteria across the district. “This kind of quality didn’t just happen over the past two months, as we were preparing for the review. These are measures we take every day at every school across the district,” Kilgore said. The department’s dedication reflects the Operational Excellence component of Cherry Creek Future Forward, the district’s roadmap for maintaining excellence well into the future. “This is our job. All of us work to instill the importance of making a difference every single day. It’s the culmination of always keeping the student in mind.”

That dedication was clear to the reviewers who visited cafeterias at Arrowhead Elementary, Canyon Creek Elementary, Challenge School, Cottonwood Creek Elementary, Highline Community Elementary, Laredo Middle, Overland High and Summit Elementary. At every school, reviewers praised kitchen managers and staff alike. They offered no suggestions for improvements in the operations at any of the schools, and they were impressed by signage, menu diversity and customer service.

Brandon Durio, the district’s Executive Chef, said the glowing reviews are a result of a shared commitment from the very top levels of the operation. Even as district chefs and bakers work to adhere to nutrition standards, they also work to offer students a variety of appealing flavor profiles and dishes. For the CCSD FNS Department, the everyday work of feeding thousands of students involves plenty of craft and artistry. “We are always focused on our customer service, and we’re always ready for a review,” Durio said. “We are so happy to welcome every single student to eat in one of our cafeterias. Our staff makes us proud, and they do so on a daily basis.”

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Saturday, February 29, 2020

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  http://applyto.cherrycreekschools.org/workspace/
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:
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.
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 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 **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!

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